

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

Contemporary Service

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor
Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS	Praise Band
WELCOME	Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Susan Quigley, Director of Children and Youth Ministries
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
LORD'S PRAYER	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Praise Band
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 25:31-46 ¹
THE MESSAGE	<i>Surprise, Surprise!</i> Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
PRAISE SONG	Praise Band
BLESSING	
PASSING THE PEACE	

¹Matthew 25:31-46 (CSB)

““When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

““For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?’

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will also say to those on the left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you didn’t take me in; I was naked and you didn’t clothe me, sick and in prison and you didn’t take care of me.’

“Then they too will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or without clothes, or sick, or in prison, and not help you?’

“Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Thursday and Friday, November 26, 27**

Thanksgiving Food Boxes for Veterans – THANK YOU!

For the sixth consecutive year the First Church family donated Thanksgiving turkeys and food for 45 veterans and their families! We partner with Goodwill Veterans Services as we express our gratitude to these veterans.

Advent (Zoom) Book Study

- Assistant Pastor for Outreach Woody Woodward will lead a 4-week study on Adam Hamilton's *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.
- **Begins Monday, November 23, 7 p.m.**
- **Contact Woody (207-831-0888; woodywoodward@gmail.com) to get e-book information.**
- Zoom information was in Saturday eblast.

Salvation Army Angel Tree

You Make the Difference: Provide Christmas Gifts for a Needy Child

This year we are going to participate again in the Angel Tree Program with The Salvation Army. However, the process will be different. The Salvation Army will purchase the gifts. We hope to sponsor 75 children. How does it work?

1. Please mail (or put in the Sunday offering) your check made out to First Church with "Angel" in the memo line. (Suggested donation is \$100 per child or any amount you can give.)
2. **Deadline is Tuesday, December 1.**
3. Questions? Paul Anacki (941-955-0935; financial@firstsrq.com)
4. Know that you are providing Christmas gifts for a child who would otherwise go without.

Thank you for your generosity!

Upper Room Devotional Books

November-December copies are still available in the office lobby. If you are coming to in-person worship, you can pick up one for you and a friend. If you are worshipping online, contact the office to get one mailed to you and maybe for a friend also (941-9550935; dadams@firstsrq.com).

Poinsettias to Honor or Remember a Loved One

Go to our events page ~ <https://www.firstsrq.com/events/> ~ to order your poinsettia (\$10 per plant).

Deadline to order is Monday, Decemeber 7.

Children's Sunday School

Kids, welcome back to Sunday School Sunday, December 6! Please contact Susan Quigley at squigley@firstsrq.com for details. Preregistration required.