



# The Sandpiper

## TROPICAL SANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

Update December 31, 2021



*TSCC Vision: We are an inclusive, intergenerational community, building relationships, growing disciples, and loving like Jesus: loving God, loving others, with mission purpose. Our Mission as Disciples of Christ is to actively profess faith, proclaim hope and practice love within and outside of the building we gather.*

We look forward to worship with you on Sunday and throughout the week-  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30am Hybrid Worship Service- Facebook & YouTube Live

Videos are archived on FB page to view later and on TSCC YouTube, link here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYrx5-1hVfDGnjcS0j4AVXA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYrx5-1hVfDGnjcS0j4AVXA?view_as=subscriber)



Hello Church. Please join us for Sunday hybrid worship at 9:30 AM in-person safely, on Facebook for a live chat, and YouTube. Services are archived to view any time. As covid infection rates are growing rapidly, we are evaluating one week at a time. This Sunday all present will be masked and we are mindful of physical distancing.

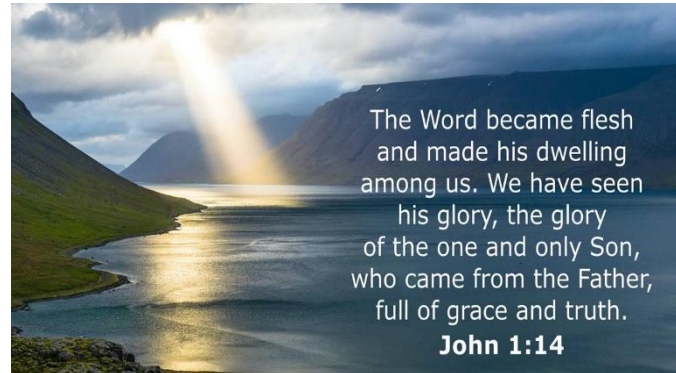
We look forward to this Sunday's time of worship and

connection as we continue through the Christmas season! Recall the Christmas season begins on Christmas day and runs through January 6, the epiphany, when the magi follow the star that reveals the Christ child. The story contains the great images of light and reflection.

What does the incarnation really mean past December 25? Nothing can stop the light from shining! This means that God's light and glory shines in, throughout, and reflects from our very being. It means that no matter where we are, or how tired or discouraged we may feel, God's light and love shines so that we can experience grace upon grace once again. The meaning of our God becoming flesh is forever and we live it; "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Let us reflect Christ's light and love out into the world and continue the 'Work of Christmas.'

May we continually find comfort in our faith and trust that it will sustain us, no matter what lies ahead. God is bringing good! We pray folks experience the amazing love of God in and through the community of Tropical Sands. We have so much to be thankful for moving forward, together.

In Christ's hope, peace, joy and love for 2022, Pastor Chris



### The Work of Christmas

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among the people,  
To make music in the heart.

**Adult Sunday School Planning:** Anyone interested in being a part of this discussion group in the new year, please contact Jack Hopson. For those interested, there will be a meeting to discuss after service on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Jack\_hopson@comcast.net

**STEWARDSHIP:** We give thanks to God, and for all of you- for your time, talents, and financial giving—all of which is our stewardship. When you participate in the variety of events and missions available, you will feel a stronger connection and engagement! Maybe there is a community need on your heart? Share this and there may be others who will help. THIS is how we serve and live our stewardship. This is also how the church community grows. We invite folks to be a part of the work we are doing for God's mission of love. All generations grow the church community! **IMPORTANT MEETINGS: Gov. Board 1/10/22; Congregation Meeting: 1/23/22.**

We receive your tithes, offerings and gifts in the black boxes, mailed in, and of course safely online. Whether you are connected in-person or virtually, thank you for your commitment to God's mission through Tropical Sands. Thank you for your regular giving to the operating fund as well as to the mortgage (covering necessary needs such as the new roof and AC units).

Online giving link: <https://bit.ly/2JKjJBj>

Generous giving is in response to God's abundant giving to us!  
Giving increases engagement which increases passion and connection.  
Contagious loving! Thank you!

**Don't just ATTEND your church - LOVE your church.  
Serve, give, invite, worship, post, join, engage, participate!**

**"Community Connection Sundays 2022"** Our Sunday children's lesson leaders, Jillian and Madison, are excited to bring their Suncoast High School project to TSCC! They have activities to affirm our connection and love as community (inspirational rock and flower garden, a family connection art mural and children's art project, raffle for the Homeless Coalition and more). They will have these activities available for us in January. What a beautiful way to start the New Year!

**Groups are active in log cabin through the week, plus the following groups meet in the main building**

info:561.622.2726. All inside groups and cabin: MASKS optional for vaccinated

**TUESDAYS:** 5:30pm- "AA-Pat You on the Back Women's meeting" open to women with a desire to stop drinking with open discussion format. Contact Sandi 561.310.5105 or just show up in the education hall, meet in youth room.

**SATURDAYS:** 10:30am- Al-Anon group meets in-person. For more information, contact Greta 561-671-9240.

Education hall, main study room.

**Log Cabin Gospel Jam- usually the first Saturday every month! This is on hold for January and will re-evaluate for February.** (Tommy and any musicians are gathering outside on the front porch and grounds. Folks can still tune in live on Facebook. 6:30 PM start. All ages are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors ☺ This is a great time of connection!)

**Senior Connection Group:** The group will plan to meet for a lunch outing in January and then will be back to every third Saturday of the month (2-4PM) in February!

PLEASE share TSCC Facebook and Instagram posts and invite friends!







We do not want to exclude anyone and we certainly join you in celebration!  
Please continue to submit any birthday/anniversary updates if desired for the  
newsletter to [info@tropicalsands.org](mailto:info@tropicalsands.org) ☺

#### **Birthdays/Anniversaries**

Richard Crain 1/3; Donna Hudon 1/22; Lila Sawyer 1/25; Dr. David Felty 1/26; Carolanne & Tom Brown 1/29;  
Betty Tate 1/31

Contact [info@tropicalsands.org](mailto:info@tropicalsands.org) if you would like to receive the weekly prayer concerns  
by email and stay up-to-date and join in prayer for the needs of our community. Leave  
message at church office: 561.622.2726

PLEASE contact Pastor Chris directly for acute pastoral care or other needs (561)371-  
8401

**Regional News:** (DOC) Florida Regional Church Latest Update-click here:  
<https://mailchi.mp/fldisciples/e-glimpse-friday-a3251472-4992418?e=8e8ee22b4b>



For information on the General DOC and for a variety of resources: <https://disciples.org/>

#### **Homeless Coalition Mission:**

We continue to support and advocate for folks without homes. Thanks to all volunteers for delivering and/or  
serving. Lack of affordable housing is the main reason for homelessness. There are wonderful success stories of  
folks without homes who participate. This is a hand up, not a hand out. Contact pastor Chris to serve with us soon  
or to learn more and invite friends to serve with us. ANY organizations can donate toward meals:  
(<https://homelesscoalitionpbc.org/donate/>) and any restaurants or caterers who can donate meals directly,  
thank you!





MASKS for ALL inside the buildings (we will evaluate weekly). Sundays, please keep masks on and distance at refreshment table and space while partaking and seated 😊

<div> <b>January 2022</b> <div>   Please FOLLOW, LIKE &amp; SHARE! </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 9:30AM Hybrid Service <b>CROS Food Collection</b> <b>Community Day</b> <b>Connection Project</b>	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>Foundation</b> <b>Neurological Disorder</b> <b>groups/caregivers in Hall (M-Th)</b> <b>10:30A-7:30P</b>	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>12:30-5:15P</b>	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>12:30-4:45P</b>	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>10:45A-6:15P</b> Lewis Center Homeless Dinner Team		Senior Connection Outing
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 9:30AM Hybrid Service <b>Community Day</b> <b>Connection Project</b> <i>Meeting for those interested in starting adult Sunday School group</i>	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>Foundation</b> <b>Neurological Disorder</b> <b>groups/caregivers in Hall (M-Th)</b> <b>10:30A-7:30P</b>	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>12:30-5:15P</b>	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>12:30-4:45P</b> Lewis Center Homeless Dinner Team	<b>Mind, Music, Movement</b> <b>10:45A-6:15P</b>	Lewis Center Homeless Dinner Team	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**Sunday Feb. 6. (Regional Meeting weekend), Rev. Betsy Goehrig will have a recorded sermon for the region.**