

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see insert)

Hymn 317 In Christ There Is No East or West



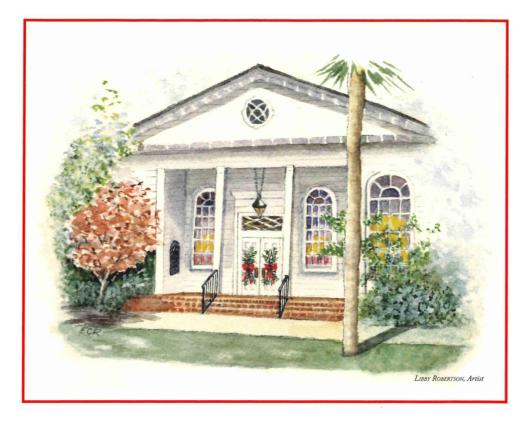
Benediction

Benediction Response

*All Who Are Able Please Stand | + Ushers Will Seat Latecomers



A Service for the Worship of God Epiphany Sunday January 7, 2024 11:00 AM



To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are lonely and need friendship,
To all who are glad and would serve their neighbors,
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,
To all who sin and need a Savior,
This church opens wide its doors
In the name of Christ and bids you welcome.

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Procession of the Magi

Opening Words & Call to Worship - from Psalm 72......Elder Geneva Baxley

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's

May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

Let the mountains bring peace to the people;

Let the hills bring righteousness.

Let the king bring justice to people who are poor;

Let him save the children of those who are needy,

But may he crush those who would oppress!

May he live while the sun endures,

And as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

Like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

Until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles

Render him tribute,

May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

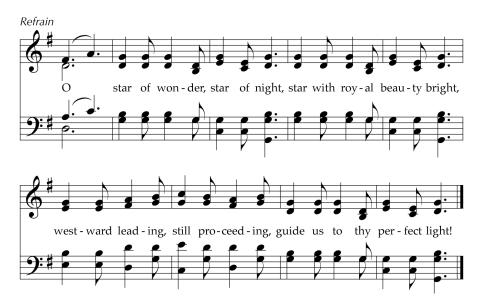
May all kings fall down before him, All nations give him service.

Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out,

The poor, and those who have no helper.

He has compassion on the weak and the needy: He saves the lives of those who are in need.





Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you claim us and call us. You support and uphold us. You save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts and disregarding your call to healing, reconciling, forgiving, and peace-making. Forgive us. Guide us. Change us. Meet us at the table again, that we might know we belong to you. (Let us continue in prayer silently.)

Congregational Response

Hear our prayer, O Lord Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

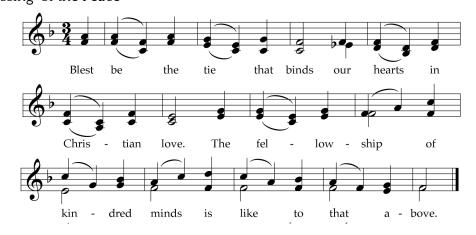
Assurance of Pardon

Gloria

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem Thou Visitest the Earth Jordan Plair, Music Director MAURICE GREENE Lily Cooper, Organist As we sing *Jesus Loves Me*, all children are welcome to come down front

Passing of the Peace



Prophecy Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

*Hymn 152What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?



Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

..Gizzy, Kizzy, and Bart Dr. Patrick Perryman

Giving and Receiving

Offertory Coventry Carol LUDWIG LENEL

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

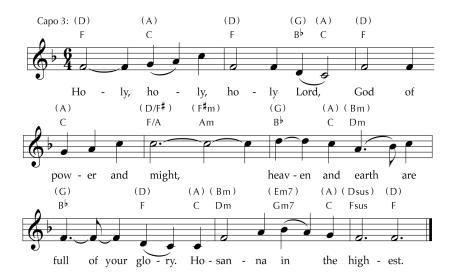
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God! You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. And so with the community of faith from every place and time – with those who know how deeply you love us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are holy, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and salvation. You sent a star to guide magi to where Christ was born; and your signs and witnesses in every age and throughout all the world have led your people from far places to your light. In his baptism and in his table fellowship, he took his place with sinners.

As we remember what Jesus has done for us, as we celebrate his life, death, and resurrection, we speak of that mystery we know as faith:

Christ has died, Christ is raised, Christ is coming again.

You long to have everything to do with us, God of wonders, and so you call us to this table of peace, hope, reconciliation. Here, in the bread and the cup transformed by your Spirit, we are reminded that there is no God but you. For, in the life of the bread, we feast on that grace which can heal a broken world. For in the sweet taste of the cup's hope, we taste those promises which we can share with all people:

Peace where there is only war,
Love where there is only evil,
Wonder where there is only despair...

For from you come all things; to you, we all would turn to follow. And when all human time and history is done, when we are gathered with our sisters and brothers in that time with you we call eternity, we will praise you forever, singing glory to you. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus teaches us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

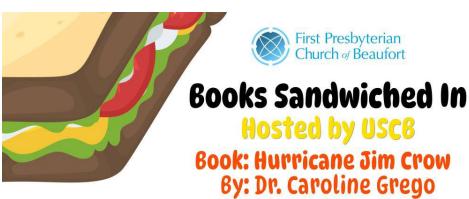
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever.
Amen

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

There are gluten free elements in the center of the table.





Presented by Grace Cordial Research Librarian

Monday, February 5th 12:00pm USCB CENTER FOR THE ARTS



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who join us for worship today. If you are without a church home, you will be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. We are glad you are here! Please like us on Facebook and visit our website at www.firstpresbeaufort.org for sermons, news, and current events.

TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN to the Glory of God and in celebration of Epiphany.

Attention Parents:



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"You are worthy of happiness and peace of mind."
- Anonymous

THE MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP'S NEW STUDY BEGINNING

David-shepherd boy, king of Israel, man after God's own heartwasn't perfect; he was just a person who had an intimate relationship with his Creator, whom he credited with his accomplishments. He wrote in Psalm 18, "It is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness. By you I can run against a troop. By my God I can leap over a wall."

You are invited to participate in The **Monday Bible Study** Group's new study beginning **January 8** with Dr. Eugene Peterson's **Leap Over a Wall.** The discussions held on Mondays from **6:00-7:30 PM** are **open to any adult**.

New and used copies of the text are available at a variety of on-line book sellers. If you have questions contact Rob Cooper (rhcoopoerjr@cooperandcompany.com), Bert Owen (bandbert@gmail.com), or Dr. Perryman.







WAR AND THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

Join us for a thought provoking dialogue led by Lieutenant Ian Clark.

Lieutenant Clark serves as the battalion chaplain to the Marines, sailors, and recruits of Fourth Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island. He is a Ph.D candidate in theological ethics at the University of Aberdeen.

Tuesday, January 23rd II:00 AM

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ALL ARE WELCOME.