



First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
January 9, 2022
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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Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

**For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.**

**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

*Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;*

**your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**

*Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,*

**because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

*A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.*

**They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

*Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright,
west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!

Prayer of Confession

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light.
(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 Patri

*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.*

Children's Sermon.....Geneva Baxley

Music OfferingIn Bethlehem a Newborn Boy
Vic Varner, Music Director HECKLOTS
Jordan Plair, Organist
Meredith Halopoff, Cantor

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Prophecy Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon.....**When You're In Over Your Head**
Dr. Patrick Perryman

*Hymn.....*I Will Come To You*

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
all will know my name. (to Refrain)
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain
Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Sacrament of 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of great wonders,
All creation is astounded by your works!
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 wise men 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**

*Hymn.....*Arise, Your Light Has Come*



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Benediction

Postlude

*All Who Are Able Please Stand

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, by the flower committee.

2022 FLOWER CHART: The flower chart is available in front on the table. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday morning worship service, please write your name and phone number next to the appropriate date. You may provide your own flowers, or order them from your florist of preference.

MANY THANKS to our FPC congregation for your generous gifts to help make Christmas at Bayview Nursing and Rehab Center a happy one. Bayview and your Outreach Committee send appreciation for all your kind efforts, including those who caroled!!

WASHINGTON STREET PARK SUPPERS: For the past eight years members of First Presbyterian have joined with other churches in the downtown community to provide supper in the Washington Street Park. Even during the COVID shut-downs, we were able to provide boxed meals. Our night is the fourth Friday in the month, starting at 5 pm until we get back to longer days. It's not a difficult task – we provide a meal that is prepared in advance and serve to all those who come to the park, a number that varies but rarely over 25. In the past, Sunday School classes and sometimes families have taken an evening. If this sounds like something you'd like to volunteer for, contact Lolita Watson of the Outreach Committee, bftbay@gmail.com

The Adult Bible Study Group will resume their Monday evening session on **January 10** with a weekly study of the Parables of Jesus. **Sessions are 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom currently due the surge in covid cases.** This study will conclude in March. If you cannot attend the first session on January 10 you are welcome to drop in at any session. The sessions are related to each other but each discussion works as a stand-alone so you cannot really “fall behind” as in a traditional class. To pre-enroll in the group send an email to Bert Owen at bandbert@gmail.com. We hope you will join us.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

Awakening the Spirit in us to become more compassionate.

“Perfectionism is a twenty-ton shield that we lug around, thinking it will protect us, when in fact it's the the thing that's really preventing us from taking flight.”

- Brene Brown