



First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021
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 *To Shepherds as They Watched at Night*
NICOLAS LEBEGUE

Choral Call to Worship..... *Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming*

Opening Words & Call to Worship (From Isaiah 12) Geneva Baxley

See, God has come to save.

I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord God is my strength and my song;

God has given me victory.

With joy you will drink deeply

From the fountain of salvation!

In that wonderful day you will sing:

Thank the Lord! Praise God's name!

Tell the nations what God has done.

Let them know how mighty the Lord is!

Sing to the Lord, for the wonderful things God has done.

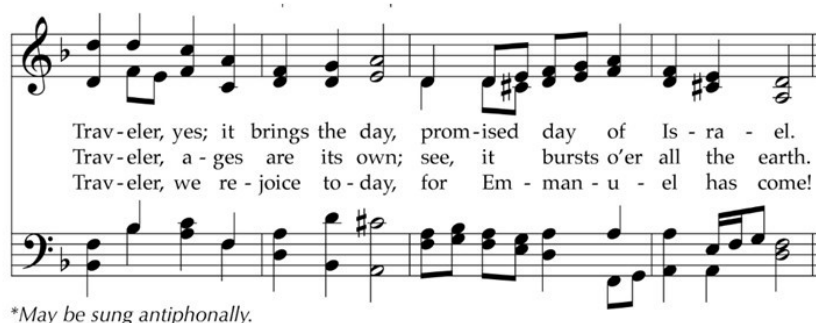
Praise God around the world.

+*Hymn..... *Watchman Tell Us*

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
Trav-eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?
Watch-man, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui - et home.



Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

(Let us continue in prayer silently)

Congregational Response Carol *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*May we who kneel before the Lord,
 Whose hearts confess our sin,
 Find peace that comes from God alone,
 As Jesus enters in.*

*Hear us, O God of grace and love,
 As humbly now we bow,
 Incline to us and wash us clean,
 Reign in our hearts right now.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Lighting the Advent Wreath Emily and Patrick Harris
 Holland & Rowan

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
 Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope.
 We light this candle for peace.
 We light this candle in joy!

To those who live as exiles from home in a dark time,
 To those enslaved as exiles due to others' oppression,
 To those who are sin's exiles from their best God-promised selves,
 The Lord speaks the joy of good news. A reading from Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; and shout, O Israel!
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you and turned your enemies away.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is with you; you shall fear disaster no more.
Say to Jerusalem: Do not fear and do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

God gives you victory as a warrior and will rejoice over you with gladness.

Let us pray:

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid,

For the LORD is my strength and my might;

God has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously!

Children's Sermon.....Dr. Patrick Perryman

(During Advent we will dismiss the children

while singing the refrain of Go Tell it on the Mountain)

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere

Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born

Anthem.....*First Nowell*

Vic Varner, *Music Director*

ARR. PAULUS

Lily Cooper, *Organist*

Epistle Lesson.....Philippians 4:4-8

Sermon**God's Peace Will Guard**

Dr. Patrick Perryman

*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

Pastoral Prayer and 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

Giving and Receiving

Offertory *There Is No Rose of Such Virtue*

STEPHEN CARACCILO

*Doxology and Litany of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Hymn..... *What Child Is This?*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

*Benediction Response Sussex Carol

Postlude..... *Magnificat*
DANDRIEU

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

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 the Advent Season.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIVITIES FEATURED THIS SUNDAY:

The wonderful ceramic nativity found under the Chrismon tree today was made in 1964 when the City of Beaufort had an Arts and Crafts Program in an old apartment complex on Pigeon Point Road where the park is now located. The pieces were poured, cleaned, fired, and then finished by the students, mostly young mothers enjoying a couple of hours away from their little ones. Once glazed this set was fired, then stained with a dark mahogany stain and fired again before being dry brushed with gold. Over time most of the gold has worn away but the rich beauty still remains. This nativity, a timeless treasure, was lovingly created over 50 years ago and being shared today by FPC's own timeless treasure, Betty Waskiewicz.

The detail of the figures, from the flowing garments to the precious little bird on Mary's knee, help create the elegant beauty of this rich pearl-white ceramic nativity which was custom made and given to Sissy and Patrick Perryman as a wedding gift by a dear friend of Sissy's parents. Over the years, Sissy and Patrick have collected other beautiful nativities from around the world but this particular one has always been a reminder of the extended family of faith that has loved them through their journey in ministry and life.

AS WE PREPARE THE 2021 STATISTICAL REPORT the 2020 Statistical Report is available for anyone who wishes to read it. Included in the folder are the statistical report dating back to 2010. The labeled file with the reports are located on a shelf to the left of the door to the Church Library.

CALLING ALL CONGREGANTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!

Join our Choir for Christmas Caroling on

Thursday, December 16 at 5:00 PM

Meet in the Bayview Manor Parking Lot

11 Todd Drive, Beaufort

You need not be a great singer to attend. Let's share the spirit of love and hope with our brothers and sisters at the Bayview Nursing Home! Questions? Call Ellie: 310-383-9245

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"Just because you have a failure, it does not mean that you are a failure.
So fail gently, gracefully, bravely." - Tamara Levitt



*You're invited
to our*

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



DECEMBER 19TH
4PM

FPC SANCTUARY

All are welcome!

In lieu of a ticket, please bring sweatpants, sweatshirt or slippers for
Bayview residents who are in need of these essentials.

POINSETTIAS WILL BE USED TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please return this completed form to the church office or place in the offering plate with \$13.00 for each one ordered. Poinsettias must be paid for in advance and may be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 19th or after the Christmas Eve services.

All orders must be received no later than Sunday, Dec. 12th

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

\$13.00

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Sweatpants,
Sweatshirts,
loungewear,
nightgowns, etc.

For the residents of Bayview Nursing Home

IMPORTANT NOTICE - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to Elect Officers and At-Large Members of the Nominating Committee to be held following worship on **Sunday, December 19.**

Candidates for Elder



AnnMarie Bowden grew up in picturesque Maine, surrounded a loving family and the rocky coastline of New England. She ventured south to attend college, earning education degrees from Clemson and UGA. After teaching in Atlanta for 10 years, she and her husband, Brad, left their city life behind them, choosing Beaufort as the place to raise their two children, Claire and Charlie. AnnMarie assisted Brad in opening the Beaufort branch of Gooding Contractors and then turned her attention back to education and helped found Riverview Charter School, where she spent the next decade focused on teaching and learning. She has served on the Youth Committee at First Presbyterian since 2013 and has had the privilege to travel with the youth on many mission trips. AnnMarie and Brad knew they found their church home at First Presbyterian the first time they heard Dr. Perryman preach, and they are eternally grateful for the love and support the church has given their family over the years.



AK Harper grew up in Macon, Georgia and has lived in Beaufort since 1996. She joined First Presbyterian Church shortly after moving to town. AK has served as a Deacon, Elder and Member of the Youth Committee. Ak has two children, Kate (16) and Henry (19). She taught special education in Beaufort County Schools for most of her career, and currently serves as Special Services Coordinator at Riverview Charter School. She enjoys shelling, boating, running, reading and spending time with family.



Donna Lee Sheetz and her husband Steve moved to Beaufort 11 years ago from Cape May, NJ. They share 3 daughters and a son who have blessed them with 11 grandchildren and recently a great grandson. From the warm greeting she received on her very first visit to FPC she knew she had found a new church family. A past Deacon, Donna Lee is a member of TNT Circle and the Bell Choir. She is a member of the PW coordinating team and has served as PW Mission Coordinator, Vice Moderator, Moderator and Nativity Committee Coordinator.



Gene Rugala is a retired Special Agent of the FBI and prior to his retirement, he was the Unit Chief of the Behavioral Analysis Unit, (BAU), made famous in the movie "Silence of the Lambs" and television series "Criminal Minds" and "Mind Hunter". He is President of Eugene A. Rugala and Associates LLC, a behavioral consulting business for the past 16 years which he runs out of his residence here in Beaufort.

Gene and his wife Edie Smith have lived at 2003 North St for almost 17 years and have been members of First Presbyterian for 4 years. At First Pres, he has been on the Outreach and the Mental Health Committee. Gene And Edie have four children spread throughout the country and 6 Grandchildren.

Gene has been on a variety of non-profit boards and commissions over the years to include Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail and Hopeful Horizon. Gene has been a past member of Beaufort County's affordable housing consortium, the city's redevelopment commission and was co-chair of the City's Short term rental task force and downtown parking committee to name a few.

Candidates for Deacon



Penny Abbott is a native of St. Simons Island, GA and a graduate from the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism. She and her husband Will moved to Beaufort from Atlanta to operate their own Hospice agency in 2010. Penny became a stay at home Mom after the birth of their first son, Wilson (7) in 2014 and they welcomed their second son Charlie (3) into the world in 2018. The Abbott family joined First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort in December of 2019 and have enjoyed participating in the multitude of family oriented activities such as VBS, Anchor Kids and Grace Circle. Penny has served on the Children's Ministries and Membership committees and is currently volunteering as one the lead teachers for Anchor Kids. She also enjoys teaching group fitness classes, spending time outdoors and anything music related. The Abbotts appreciate being welcomed into First Presbyterian with open arms and Penny is looking forward to serving as Deacon to give back in service and further enhance her relationship with God and this congregation.



Shep Caldwell grew up in Macon, GA. He graduated from Stratford Academy and then attended The University of Georgia. After graduating from UGA, he bounced around a little bit and then settled in Savannah, GA. While living in Savannah he did a good bit of work in Beaufort and always loved the town. His wife Shannan and he visited several times while they briefly lived in Charleston and ultimately decided to make Beaufort their home sooner rather than later. After visiting FPC a few times, they were drawn by the message and the family that makes up the church. They were proud to have their daughter, Marion Faye, Baptized here in 2018. He looking forward to further serving the church and the community.



Ben Coppage grew up in rural Ware County, Georgia with his loving, patient, and relentlessly devoted parents. He was blessed to be surrounded by great church families in Methodist churches in Waycross, Georgia, Clemson, and Macon, Georgia. He is grateful to have found the same at First Pres. He is constantly in awe of and inspired by his wife, Allison's, sedulous dedication to and love for her family and community, by his son, Harris's, knowledge of nature and compassion for others, and his daughter, Bette's, wit and determination. He practices law and enjoys playing music.



John Myrick is originally from Allendale, SC. He graduated from Allendale Academy and has a psychology degree from the University of South Carolina. John Married a native Beaufortonian Sandra Aimar in 1993, and they have an amazing Daughter Frances. He has been an insurance agent for 24 years and is a Certified Senior advisor and is certified in Long Term Care. He is employed by Turbeville Insurance Agency on Lady's Island. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, reading and travelling. John regularly travel's to his family's property in Ulmer, SC on the Salkehatchie river. John has previously served as a Deacon and an elder.

Candidates for Nominating Committee – At-Large Members



Wm. Swinton Anderson, Jr. was born, raised in a Baptist family and graduated from John's Island school then attended Clemson University attaining a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering, started a career at the Charleston shipyard assigned to Polaris missile submarines as a civilian.

After marriage to then Beverly Ballentine in the Batesburg Presbyterian church, joined the Second Presbyterian church in Charleston and were blessed to have two wonderful, sons.

In 1965, relocated to Spartanburg, SC for employment at Kohler Company became active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church as a Deacon and Elder plus Youth Club co-director, coaching youth teams, mobile meals, Sertoma Club.

In 2005 they moved to Distant Island, and joined First Presbyterian Church. In 2009 Beverly passed away. Two and half years later, he was blessed to meet Lynn Free thru her niece Mary Tatum (matchmaker of the first out of 100 tries) and was married at FPC by Dr. Perryman.

Switon, has been involved at FPC doing video recording of services, serving on

Property Committee, Second Helping, mission trips to West Virginia, and Mobile Meals- going for over 38 yrs.

The most rewarding experience in all the years in the church was serving on the pastor search committee which lead to the selection of Dr. Perryman to come to FPC. It was such a wonderful year working with fellow church members and had a successful ending by bring Dr. Perryman into our church family



MJ Simmons is a lifelong Presbyterian growing up in this church, and recently served as a Deacon. Born and raised in Beaufort she loves now raising her children here. She and her husband Rob have 3 children; Marion (10), Wallace (7), Julia (5).MJ works at USCB in the Osher Life Long Learning Institute and is on the board at Riverview Charter School. She loves the summer and spending time on Edisto Beach with her family. She is an avid little league baseball fan and nothing brings her more joy than watching her boys play!



Kim Cope was born in Fayetteville at Fort Bragg to an army helicopter pilot and middle school teacher, grew up in Greenville, SC where both large families (mom and dad) are from; blessed w a grandmother, aunts and uncles living within walking distance on family land. I went to Wade Hampton High school in Greenville then on to the College of Charleston and finished w an art degree from USC. I bought worked as a graphic designer there until I married Lee Cope who started his own law firm on Johns Island. We lived on very rural Wadmalaw Island and transformed from Southern Baptists into good Presbyterians, attending Rockville Presbyterian Church. Four years later we moved back to Lee's hometown of Hampton and Grace appeared. Our 3 kids are Gracie Landon (19), a sophomore at USC; Sarah Annslee (almost 13!) and Gibbs Deer (10), both of which attend Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort. We live in Seabrook and Brunson, SC. We loved FPC the first time we visited and knew it was the place for us! Lee and I are both ordained elders in the Presbyterian Church having previously attended Estill Presbyterian.