*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!

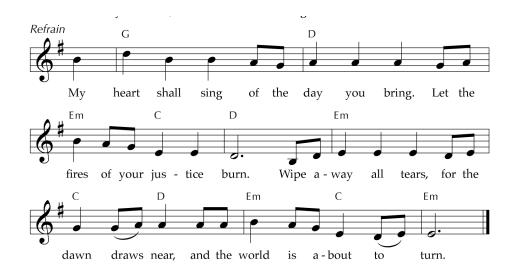
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!





*Benediction

*Benediction Response

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

OUR STAFF

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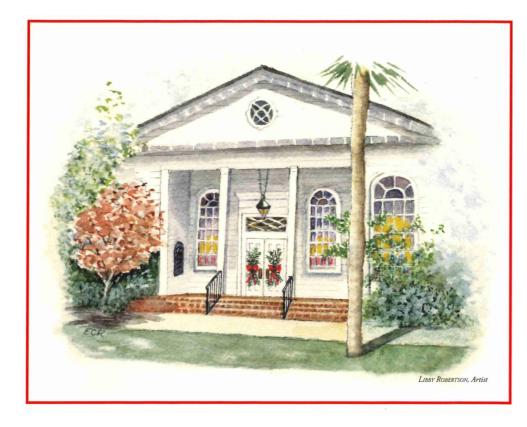
Kevin Dukes

Owen Hand

Sallie Sheppard



A Service for the Worship of God The Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023 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.

 Striking of the Hour

Choral Introit

Opening Words & Call to Worship Elder Geneva Baxley

Like those who dream, you made our song, When you gave us back our home.

Laughter filled our mouths with joy, Shouts of praise and songs employ.

Others said: "Look how God saved! Did great things the people raised.

Truly God has done great things,

Joy and laughter God did bring.

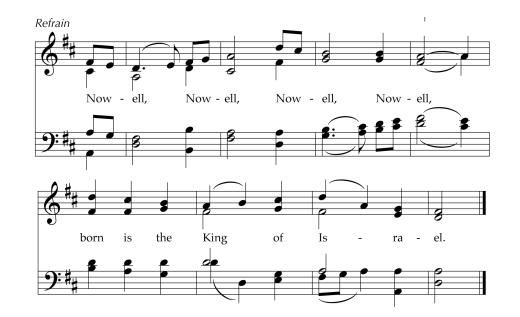
And now Lord, we ask once more, That our goodness you restore.

All of those who planted tears, Bring to joy, remove our fears.

Those who cried now let us sing, Shout for joy and praises bring. Send us forth with joyful voice,

In your grace we will rejoice!





Lighting the Advent Wreath Ashley & Hank Amundson Izzy & Henry Amundson

Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands. And make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow your holy way. (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.

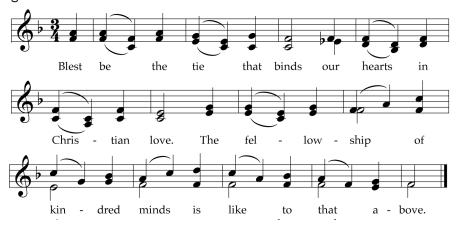
Declaration of Forgiveness

* Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Passing of the Peace



Glory to be to God in the highest

.Gloria!

VIVALDI

Et in terra pax and on earth be peace unto all

Domine fili unigenite only begotten Lord and son of God, Jesus Christ

Cum Sancto spiritu and with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the father. Amen.

Prophecy Lesson	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Sermon	What to Wear for Christmas
	Dr. Patrick Perryman

Pastoral Prayer and Our 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	The Journey to Bethlehem
•	CESAR FRANK

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.

NO MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS WEDNESDAY.



Please join us for a

Christmas Pageant

4pm Sunday, December 17th FPC Sanctuary



SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING AT BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



NO SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING



10:00 GATHER INSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY 10:15-11AM CAROLING

COME AS YOU ARE. ALL ARE WELCOME.





Poinsettias 12/10/2023 - 12/24/2023



Given By

In *Memory* of

Blair & Blakely Williams Martha & Bill Harvey

Evie & Grady Woods Becky & Rick Campbell

Meredith Nicholson

Chad, Kate, Emory & Gus Lashua

James & Marcia Pickard

Marshall & Mary Bassett

The Antinori Family

The Bowden Family
Nan & Gordon Krueger

The Baxley Family

Ware Family

Susan & Steve Meyer

Liz &. John Marvin Murdaugh

The Lubkin Family

Mary Anne Riding Williams
Helen & Brantley Harvey
& Sonny Foster

Tradd Woods Michael Patterson & Dick Campbell

Sterling Ivey & Norman Nicholson

Nancy O'Donnell, Kate's Mother & Bode, their good firend

> Janice & Arthur Bean Gloria & Wilbur Pickard

> > James Clay Bassett Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Clay Dr. Frank H Bassett III

Dr. Peter Steven Mowlajko

Claire & Richard Nault

Andrea Coulter

Granny & Pop Kellam, & Dr. Buddy "Pepah" Baxley

Kathy Neeley

Their parents Stephen & Helen Meyer B.J. & Laura Humphreys

Mrs. Maggie Murdaugh Mr. Paul Murdaugh Mr. Randolph Murdaugh III

GG & Smart Mart



Poinsettias 12/10/2023 - 12/24/2023



Given By

Linda & Richard Tunstall Leslie & Mac Mitchell

Linda & John Sheppard Owen & Patsy Hand Stovall Family Gloria H. Dodgen Tracey & Jamie Leach Stephanie & Paul Coffman Charles, Casey, Jennings, William, & Claire Tumlin Mary Sheppard Mary & John Ferguson Sally & Phil Castengera

Joe Strouse Liz Malinowski

Sharon & Wilson McElveen Jane, Kelsey, & Steve Tarrance Dana Walker Lolita Watson Eliza, Josh, Eliza & Ann Dunn

Waskiewicz Family

In Memory of

Their parents
Sterling Ivey, & Norman Nicholson
Hugh Sheppard
Their parents
Don Owen Stovall
Her husband Dudley S. Dodgen
Marion & Jimmie Leach
Their son Paul V. Coffman III
Mrs. Sherrie Tumlin

Ethel & Julius Sheppard
Brett & Joel Van Wienen
Nicole Anderson
& Brian Castengera
Nancy Strouse
Trudy Malinowski and
Lib & Montague Laffitte
Mr. & Mrs. Neal V. Aimar

Bratton Tarrance
Edith & Phil Walker
Becky & Neil Trask
Percy Robinson Smith, Jr.
(Eliza's Father)

Stan, Betty and Lee Waskiewicz



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Given By

The Bowden Family

Geneva & Luke Baxley

Patsy & Owen Hand

Ellie Laita

Sandra & John Myrick

Ware Family

Vicki & Steve Mix

Patricia Ross

Vicki & Steve Mix

Nan & Gordon Krueger

Betsi Jordan

Lisa & John Horne

Liz &. John Marvin Murdaugh

Marcia & Jim Pickard

Vicki & Steve Mix

Mary & John Ferguson

Mary & Johnny Tatum

In *Honor* of

Pam & Ray Bowden

Kate & Davis Baxley

Our Children & Grandsons

Her mother Susie Cahill

Frances D. Myrick

Elizabeth Ware, Neely Mitchum,

Meredith Ware & Jase Ware

Their grandchildren, Eliza, Ben,

Liam & Walker Her grandchildren

Their Children, Caroline, Gracyn, &

Austin

Lucy Golden

Neeley Mitchum

Their grandchildren

Our children & Buster Murdaugh

Their grandchildren

Louanne Spada

Sam & Ben Van Hise and

Allison & Kate Van Wienen

Their children and grandchildren May , Jack, Johnny, Jenny Gray, &

Christy

New Member Class Sunday, January 21st

Following Worship

12:30-2pm

Childcare available upon request

Questions & RSVP: Geneva Baxley gbaxley@firstpresbeaufort.org

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.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"You are the one thing in this world, above all other things, that you must never give up on. When I was in middle school, I was struggling with severe anxiety and depression and the help and support I received from my family and a therapist saved my life. Asking for help is the first step. You are more precious to this world than you'll ever know."- Lili Reinehart