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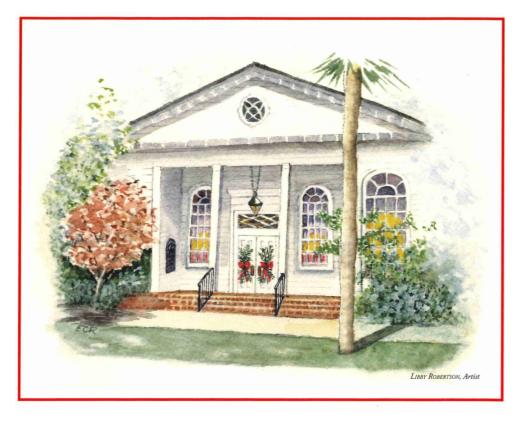
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A Service for the Worship of God The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022 11:00 AM



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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Prelude..... The Journey to Bethlehem CESAR FRANK

Choral Introit

Opening Words & Call to Worship Elder Geneva Baxley

We stand almost ready:

The promise is nearly fulfilled.

We wait with joy and nervousness:

The child is almost here.

We trust the well-loved story:

God is truly with us.



Prayer of Confession

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate your coming, but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not done enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we might be saved.

(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 Courtney & Kevin Dukes Ford and Lane Dukes

Isaiah tells us that the Lord spoke to the king and said, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as the grave or high as heaven". But when the king refused, God would not be stopped. "Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel".

God wants us to know, even when we ourselves are unsure. God wants us to experience God's presence, even when we think we can handle life on our own. God sends us signs of God's presence with us; all we need to do is keep our eyes open and look.

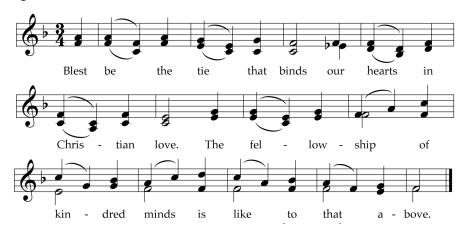
"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, 'God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.

Children's Sermon ... Geneva Baxley During, Advent as we sing the refrain from The First Nowell, all children are welcome to come down front

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

Passing of the Peace



Lessons and Carol (see insert)

Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

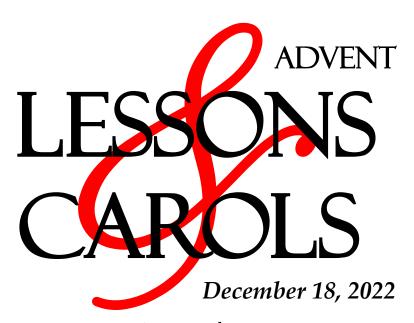
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;

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	There Is No Rose of Such Virtue
	STEPHAN CARACCIOLO

*Doxology and Prayer 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.



> Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; True Man, yet very God, now come and dwell among us, Sharing thy grace and truth.

Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-3 & Luke 4:16-21

* 102 Savior Of the Nations Come......BENSON

Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heaven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

From God's heart the Savior speeds; Back to God his pathway leads; Out to vanquish death's command, Back to reign at God's right hand. Now your manger, shining bright, Hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue
Let our faith shine ever new.

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, Virgin's son, incarnate Word! To the holy Trinity Praise we sing eternally. Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,
And usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,
But hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy,
Our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking,
Our peace eternal making.

Lessons: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6 & Matthew 4:12-17
*108 Of the Father's Love BegottenDIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega;
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

By his Word was all created; He commanded; it was done: Heaven and earth and depths of ocean, Universe of three in one, All that sees the moon's soft shining, All that breathes beneath the sun, Evermore and evermore!

O, that birth forever blessed
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

The first Nowell, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay
keeping their sheep.
on a cold winter's night
that was so deep.

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

They looked up, and saw a star.
Shining in the East
beyond them far;
And to the Earth it gave great light.
And so it continued
both day and night.

Lesson: Isaiah 42:5-9 & Luke 2:25-32

*121 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king,
And peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls
Will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-6, 8, 10 & Revelation 22:12, 16-17, 20
Sussex Carol......ARR. ROBER LAU

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring. News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad? When sin departs before his grace, Then life and health come in its place. Then all creation with joy may sing, All for to see the new born King.

All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night. Sing alleluia sing alleluia Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Now and forever more, amen. Amen, amen.



12/2 & 12/3 Annual Nativity Celebration 10am-4pm (Fellowship Hall)

12/4 Annual Nativity Celebration 9:30 - 11am (Private showing for the congregation)

12/4 Annual Nativity Celebration 12-2pm

12/9 *Presbyterian Women Christmas Luncheon 11:30am (Fellowship Hall)

12/10 Christmas at Tidewater 11am- 1pm (302 Federal Street)

12/14 Christmas Feast & Sing-a-long 5:30pm meal (Fellowship Hall) 6:15pm music (Sanctuary)

12/18 Lessons and Carols Worship Service 11am (Sanctuary)

12/18 Christmas Pageant 4pm (Sanctuary)

12/21 Caroling at Beaufort Nursing Home 3pm (11 Todd Drive)

12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm (Sanctuary)

12/25 Christmas Day Caroling 10:45am (Beaufort Memorial Hospital) More details to come.

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12/18 Middle School Christmas Party 5pm 12/19 High School Christmas Party 5pm 12/20 College Student Get Together 5pm

*RSVP

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.

THE 2021 STATISTICAL REPORT is available for review in the church library.

Join us for a CHRISTMAS PAGEANT





Poinsettias 12/18/2022 - 12/24/2022



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In *Memory* of

Dian & Diakery Williams			
Bill & Martha Harvey			
The Young Family			
Grady & Evie Woods			

Blair & Blakely Williams

David & Diana Taaffe Rick & Becky Campbell

The Lashua Family

James & Marcia Pickard

Marshall & Mary Bassett

Wilson & Sharon McElveen

The Antinori Family

The Crosby Family

The Bowden Family

David & Sally Walker

Steve & Vicki Mix

Ioe & Sara Hanna

The Kruegers

The Baxley Family

Our Loved Ones

Sonny Foster & Brantley Harvey

Laurie Gordon Ma & Grandaddy Settle

Tradd Woods

The Taaffe Parents & Vaream Parents

Our Dads

Nancy O'Donnell, Kate's Mother

Janice & Arthur Bean Gloria & Wilbur Pickard

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

Mr. & Ms. Neal Aimar

Dr. Peter Steven Mowlajko

Betti Crosby

Clair & Richard Nault Ruth Nault

Capt. Nicholas Losapio, USMC

Coral & David Temple

Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Hanna

Andrea Coulter

Thomas Kellam, Kathy Kellam, & Dr. Buddy Baxley

Neighborhood Outreach Connection



Snacks Needed: Individual cookie packs Soft granola bars Nutri-grain bars Fruit snacks

Place snacks in the Red Wagon in the Education Bldg,

God's Tithe and Offering Update		
Offering Dec. 11	\$6,349.10	
YTD Actual	\$495,559.33	
Annual Budget	\$573,239.00	

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN. DEC. 18	4:00 PM	Christmas Pageant
WED. DEC. 21		NO MENS BREAKFAST
	3:00 PM	Christmas Caroling at Beaufort Nursing Home
SAT. DEC. 24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
SUN. DEC 25	10:45 AM	Christmas Caroling at Beaufort Memorial Hospital



SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

JOIN US CHRISTMAS DAY AT BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



10:45 GATHER OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY 11:00-11:45 CAROLING

COME AS YOU ARE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Given By

Mr. & Mrs. John Marvin Murdaugh

Mary & John Ferguson

Sally Post

In *Memory* of

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

Brett & Joel VanWienen

My Parents, and Mother-in-law

Owen & Patsy Hand

Our Parents



Poinsettias 12/15/2019–12/24/2019



Given By

Patsy & Owen Hand

Rob & Sue Copper

Luke & Geneva Baxley

Co-ed Bible Study

W. Thomas Logan

The Kruegers

Mr. & Mrs. John Marvin Murdaugh

John & Mary Ferguson

Sally Post

In *Honor* of

Our Children & Grandsons

Their Children, Grandchildren, &

Their Parents

Our Children Davis & Kate

Rob Cooper

Drs. Elizabeth Logan & Eli Penn

Gam Foster

Our children Mary Marvin, Liza Grace, & Randolph Murdaugh IV

Ben & Sam VanHise & Allison & Kate VanWienen

My Children & Father –in-law





MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"There is no health without mental health; mental health is too important to be left to the professionals alone, and mental health is everyone's business."

- Vikram Patel