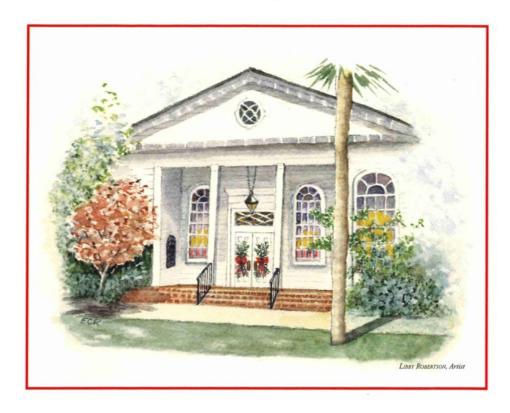


A Service for the Worship of God December 26, 2021 11:00 AM



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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Welcome & Call to WorshipGeneva Baxley Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things do I declare

Sing unto the Lord a new song and his praise from the end of the earth



Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you have come among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not fully welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in ourmidst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(We observe a time of silent personal confession.)

Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News! God has visited us, God's people! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the Lordgrant us grace to forgive ourselves and our neighbors.

The Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

*Congregational Response

O come, let us adore him, (3X)
Christ the Lord.
For he alone is worthy (3X)
Christ the Lord.



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 & 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

Giving and Receiving
Offertory

*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.



Benediction

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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through persistence." - Ovid

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.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIVITIES FEATURED THIS SUNDAY:

The beautiful nativity scene under the Chrismon tree is being shared with us by Beaufort resident Jane Culley, a friend of Marion Leach. While out shopping one day, with no thought of purchasing a nativity set, this one caught her eye and seemed to speak to her. As she went about shopping she could not get the nativity scene out of her mind. That day this lovely nativity found its way into her heart and home. We are so grateful to Jane for sharing it with us.

FPC's beloved Marion Leach, whose idea to start the Nativity Celebration as a gift to the community, collected well over 60 nativities of her own. Whether made from fine china or clay, banana leaves or gourds, repurposed fabric or metal, no matter the material, Marion had a love and appreciation for the uniqueness of each one. Today we are sharing the last nativity set purchased by Marion, one she loved from the minute she first set eyes on it. Seeing the elegant figures with the splendid Gothic mirror backdrop one can only see why it brought her such joy. May you feel the love and joy left to us by Marion.

The Adult Bible Study Group will resume their Monday evening session on January 10 with a weekly study of the Parables of Jesus. Sessions take place in the Education Building from 7:00-8:30 PM. 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.

