



# First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

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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Striking of the Hour

Prelude ..... *Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
RICHARD W. GIESEKE

Welcome & Call to Worship ..... Geneva 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**

\*Hymn ..... *Joy to the World*



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -  
her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness  
and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
and heaven and na - ture sing,  
and  
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
heaven and na - ture sing,

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 our midst, 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 Lord grant 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.**

Children's Sermon..... Geneva Baxley  
(As we sing *Jesus Loves Me*, children 3 to 8 are dismissed to Sonshine Club)

Epistle Lesson..... Colossians 3:12-17

\*Hymn..... *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep-ing; shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of the gos-pel true.

Swift are wing-ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring-ing, ti-dings bring-ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais-es voic-ing greet the mor - row:



Sermon..... Christmas Long Ago  
Dr. John Sheppard

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 ..... *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
RUTH E. MACKIE

\*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.*

Carol ..... *All Hail to God's Anointed*



1 All hail to God's a - nointed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 All rul - ers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.

All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.

to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in your sight.  
 and righ-teous-ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 Your rule is still in - creas - ing; your rule is with-out end.

Benediction

Postlude..... *The Snow Lay on the Ground*  
 SUSAN C. CARSON

\*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](http://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](mailto:bandbert@gmail.com). We hope you will join us.

*MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!*

**Rise**  
**AGAINST HUNGER**

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**At 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Masks required**