Gospel Lesson	Matthew 3:1-12
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Sermon	Change Your Purpose
	Dr. Patrick Perryman

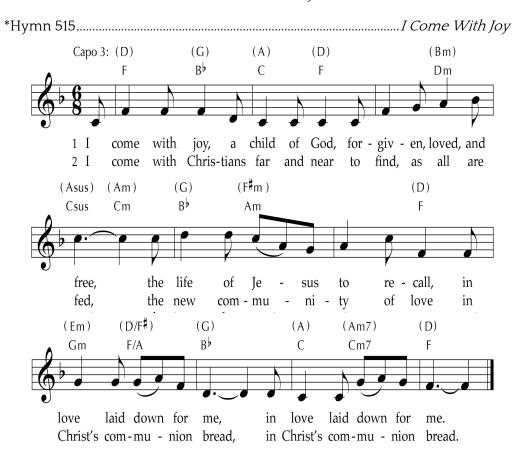
I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

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

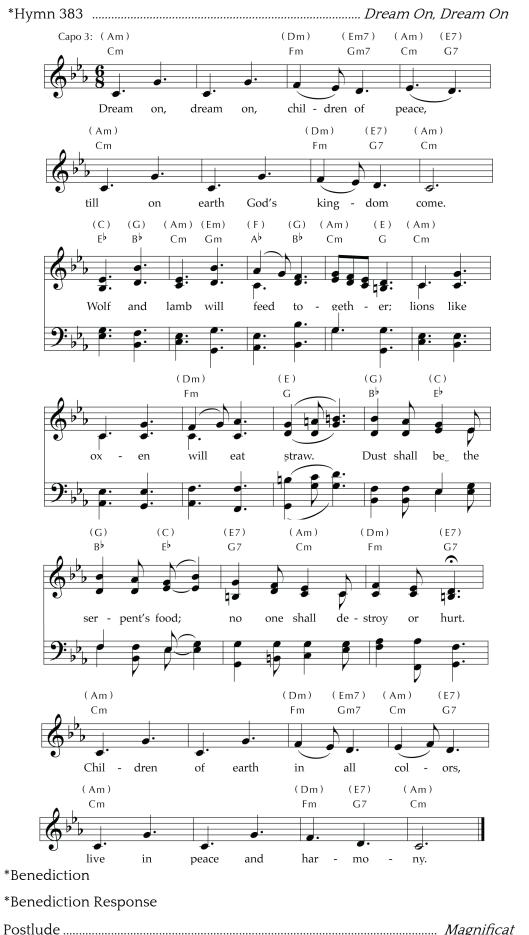
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.



This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

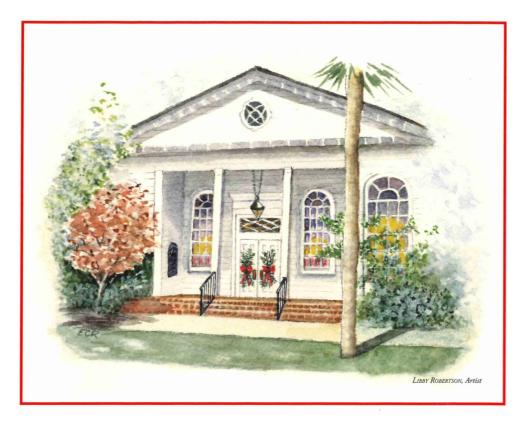
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see insert)



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



A Service for the Worship of God The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 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.



^{*}Apostles' Creed

Choral Introit

Striking of the Hour

Opening Words & Call to Worship - From Psalm 72...... Elder Geneva Baxley

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with iustice:

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people, rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;

There shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel, for you alone do wondrous deeds!

And blessed be your glorious name for ever

And may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

TUNE: INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY/ W ZLOBIE LEZY

From the family tree of Jesse, Will a branch come bearing fruit; And the Spirit of the Lord will, Rest upon him from his youth. Wise and knowing, always growing, Filled with power and fear of God: On this day he brings us truth, On this day he brings us truth!

He will judge not by how things look, Nor by that which he may hear.

For the poor he'll render justice, and the lowly may not fear.

By his power, every hour, will the wicked be devoured:

On this day we hold him dear; On this day we hold him dear!

Lamb and wolf will live together, Baby goat and leopard sleep.

Calf and lion from the same trough, at the same time they will eat

And a little child shall lead us, He's the heir to David's throne.

On this day he gives us peace; On this day he gives us peace!

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction so we take our pain and inflict it upon others. We destroy what you call good and forsake your peaceable kingdom. Help us to repent and lead us to the wisdom of your Son. Forgive us and fill us with your knowledge. Change us from the inside out in Jesus' name.

(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 Betty & Bob Holt
Betty & Bert Owen

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

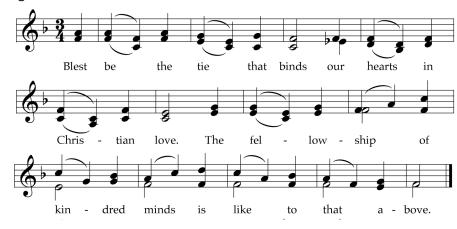
We are the followers of that root of Jesse which Isaiah spoke about. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming, Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near,"... and "bear fruit worthy of repentance"

We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel—God is With Us—is still our fervent prayer.

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

Passing of the Peace



Prophecy Lesson......Isaiah 11:1-10

*Hymn 163Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice



- 1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des ert still,
- 2 "Bear the fruit re pen-tance sows: lives of jus tice, truth, and love.
- 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal-va tion near,



call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will: Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove. and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul. Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor: So we dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,



Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol. then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store." till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.



While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1–12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

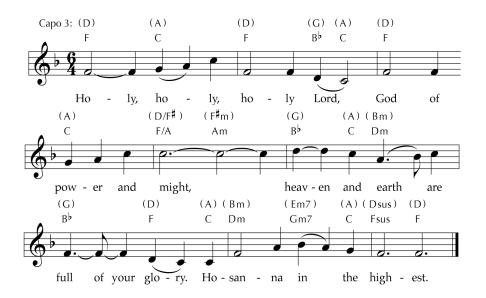
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You call all people to follow your paths of justice and peace, beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. In the light of your holy Word we look for the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, or learn war anymore. Therefore, with the entire company of heaven, and with your people on earth who live in this hope, we join in praising you:



Holy are you and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, for he is Emmanuel, God with us. Fulfilling the expectations of the prophets he healed the blind and lame, cleansed the lepers, opened the ears of the deaf, raised the dead, and brought good news to the poor. Through the life, death, and resurrection you manifest your new covenant with your children, and through the church of his disciples you give testimony to the power of your salvation for the world.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you as we share this holy meal, remember Christ's dying and rising, and pray: Come Lord *Iesus!*

> Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and your gifts—this bread, this cup, these people—Christ's body and blood, given in love for the world. Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord. Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. We pray you receive the prayer Jesus taught us:

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

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer



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.

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 flowers at the front of the sanctuary are in celebration of the marriage between Jillian Griswold and Alton Phillips.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"Your value doesn't decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth." - Unknown

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 \$15.00 for each one ordered. Poinsettias must be paid for in advance and may be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 18th or after the Christmas Eve services.

All orders must be received no later than Sunday, Dec. 11th

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM \$15.00

GIVEN BY: _____

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Attention Parents:





wreath making live music cookie decorating chili Santa

The home of Dr. Bobby Bell 302 Federal Street







Friday, December 9th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch hosted by Geneva & M&M circles

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the children of local church, Pabellion de pa Libertad Church.



Please RSVP by December 4th to Kathy Hodges Hodgesks@yahoo.com

\$12 for circle members. All others, please be our guest!

Childcare available upon request