

\*Communion Hymn 129 ..... *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;  
3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.  
with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.  
dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
To show God's love a - right she bore for us a  
En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

TEXT: German carol; stanzas 1, 2 trans. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.; stanza 3 trans. Harriet Knuth Spaeth, 1985, alt. ES IST EIN' ROS'  
MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

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

\*Hymn 121 ..... *O Little Town Bethlehem*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

TEXT: Phillips Brooks, 1868 ST. LOUIS  
MUSIC: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6  
(alternate tune: FOREST GREEN)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Postlude ..... *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
J.S. BACH

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



A Service for the Worship of God  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025  
11:00 AM



Shaffer Bailey, 2025

*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..... *O, Come, Emmanuel*  
WILBUR HELD

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

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

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

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

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

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and  
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
low - ly, lived on the earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
on to the place where he is gone.

Like “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles’ Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.  
MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

IRBY  
8.7.8.7.7.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath ..... Katie & Parker Collins  
FPC Youth

God of peace, we confess the ways that we maintain “peacefulness” at the expense of seeking justice for our neighbors and our world. We turn our eyes away from human suffering to maintain false contentment in our own hearts. We settle for compromises that harm the vulnerable, rather than risk discomfort or loss. We ask to be soothed rather than stirred up. Make us a holy and risk-taking people. Forgive and inspire us. Shape us as bold witnesses to your coming reign. We pray in the name of Jesus. (Let us continue in prayer silently)

*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.*

\* Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Anthem..... *Soon and Very Soon*  
 Jordan Plair, *Music Director* ARR. CROUCH/SCHRADER  
 Lily Cooper, Organist

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, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

\*Hymn ..... *On This Day - Isaiah 11*  
DR. PATRICK PERRYMAN  
TUNE: INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

*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!*

Sermon.....**Tomorrow... Or Today?**  
Dr. Patrick Perryman

\*Affirmation of Faith - 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

## Giving and Receiving

Offertory ..... *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits*  
MARTY HAUGEN

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings 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!*



# 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 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:*

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 Jesus!*

**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!*

*Holy God, we have seen and heard the dreams of the prophets. We have witnessed the power-defying acts of Jesus. Thank you for this abundant feast with enough for all to come and be fed. We ask that you transform these gifts of bread and cup into sustaining hope and encouragement to live a life full of prophetic imagination. With confidence, we pray the prayer you taught us to pray,*

### **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**

**There are gluten free elements in the center of the table.**

# 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 and in celebration of the hope, peace, joy, and love this advent season.

## **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 \$20.00 for each one ordered. Poinsettias must be paid for in advance and **may be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 21st or after the Christmas Eve services.**

**All orders must be received no later than Sunday, Dec. 7th**

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- ☐ Online

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### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:**

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"When everything is moving and shifting, the only way to counteract chaos is stillness. When the surface is wavy, dive deeper for quieter waters."

- Kristin Armstrong



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# DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 11/30 ADVENT BEGINS
- 12/5-7 NATIVITY CELEBRATION
- 12/12 PW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 11:30AM
- 12/13 CHRISTMAS ON THE RIVER 11AM
- 12/14 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 4PM
- 12/14 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY 5PM
- 12/21 LESSONS & CAROLS 11AM
- 12/21 BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE 5PM
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM & 7PM

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# Blue Christmas

A community service for remembrance, hope,  
comfort and inspiration



Sunday, December 21st

5pm

410 Church Street  
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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE**

# **Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 11:30AM  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Guest Speaker: Sister Canice Adams**

**St. Francis Center**

**PLEASE RSVP BY 12/4 TO**

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**Lunch hosted by Tuesday MornEng Circle**

**A DONATION OF \$10 IS SUGGESTED**





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## CHRISTMAS ON THE RIVER

Saturday, December 13th

11am-1pm

96 Old Oyster Factory Road  
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CHILI WREATH MAKING BOUNCE HOUSE MUSIC SANTA

*Please join us for a*  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
**4PM** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

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# CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

## 5PM

**FEATURING THE FPC CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

## 7PM

**FEATURING THE FPC CHANCEL CHOIR & BRASS**

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