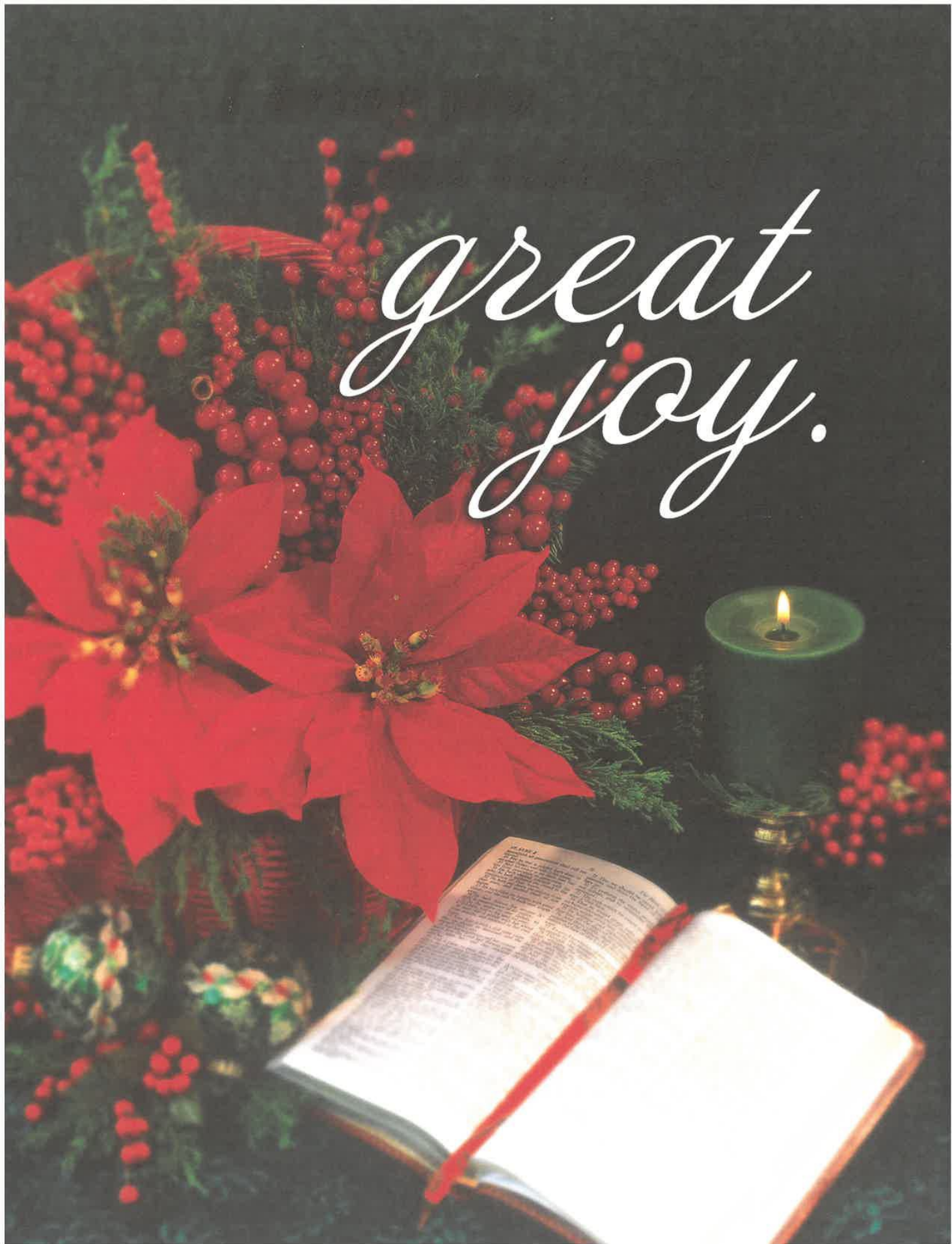


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joy.*



The word "Welcome" is written in a cursive, multi-colored font. The letters are in shades of yellow, green, blue, and purple, with a slight gradient effect.

Welcome to South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are very glad that you are here tonight to join in offering a service of worship to the Lord. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can bring each of us into a new day. We believe all people are loved with a love that has no end in Jesus Christ. Tonight, may our eyes be opened again to these truths. May we each do our part to make this a place of grace for all. May the blessings of joy and hope that can only come from the nearer presence of God fill each of our hearts. Let us worship God!

REV. FRANK CUNNINGHAM

We welcome the Rev. Frank Cunningham to SAPC. Frank will officiate at tonight's service. He is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary where he earned a Masters Degree, Divinity/Ministry. Being a minister is Frank's second career. He spent the first part of his professional life in the banking world. Frank is no stranger to South Aiken Presbyterian and has long enjoyed a personal association with our church.

Nursery & Children's Church

Children will remain in the Christmas Eve service tonight in order to more fully experience worship with their families. Worship activity bags for children are available at each entrance. Bags are divided for older children (blue handle) and younger children (purple handle). Although we encourage children to remain in the service, childcare is available. If childcare is needed, please take your child to the nursery/toddler room. The nursery/toddler room is located in another building within the SAPC complex. To find it, please exit the front (main) entrance to the sanctuary and turn left (towards Security Federal Bank). The entrance to the nursery/toddler room is around the corner in the next building. You will see the sign for the entrance at the door on the side of the building.

If you need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

PLEASE NOTE: Please silence your phone during the service. If needed, large print hymnals and sound amplification devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance in obtaining these items.

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

(Please stand, if able, when indicated by an *)

GATHERING

Pre-Service Music

Prelude

The King's Strings

Chiming of the Hour

SAPC Handbell Ensemble

Welcome & Announcements

Kelly Frontroth

Choral Introit

Love Has Come

French Melody

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

***Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Jim & Mary Bunch

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days
when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

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 is with us).

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
On them the light has shined.

***Hymn #112**

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

***Prayer of the Day** (*Unison*)

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal Page 35

**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.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read, and your praises are sung, and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us tonight. Amen.

First Lesson	Micah 5:2-5a	<i>Audrey Byrne</i>
Carol #121	O Little Town of Bethlehem	
Second Lesson	Luke 1:26-38	<i>Regan Gregory</i>
Carol #123	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	
Third Lesson	Matthew 1:18-25	<i>Breanna Burkes</i>
Carol #145	What Child Is This	
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:1-20	<i>Bishop Hare</i>
Carol #119	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	
Fifth Lesson	Matthew 1:1-12	<i>Collyn Gregory</i>
Carol #151	We Three Kings of Orient Are	

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Litany of Christ's Candle (*Responsive*)

One: God of light, in whom there is no shadow, Your gifts to us are from the very beginning of time.

All: They began with creation, when Your Spirit gave form to the chaos of energy and matter, and when Your Word brought forth light on the face of the earth.

One: They continued with our ancestors, like Sarah and Abraham, whom You blessed with a child whose descendants, as many as the stars of the sky, were to be a light to the nations.

All: At last, You sent Your light into the world in the form of a tiny child, fragile and vulnerable, Who grew up to be the very light of light, full of grace and truth, revealing Your glory on earth. We thank You, O God, that You have sent Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light. Help us receive Your gift with joy and humility. Be born among us, that we may give Christ's love to the world, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Sharing of Christ's Light (*Officers light their candles at the Christ candle*)

*Candle lighting (*The light is shared from person to person*)

*Candle Hymn #122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

*Benediction & Dismissal

*Postlude

TONIGHT'S GUEST ARTISTS

The King's Strings:

Violins - Diana Berry, Regan Gregory, Liam Culp, Savanna Dale, and David Culp

Violas - Sharde' Hawkins and Holly Revel

Cellos - James Dale and Marlee Hare

Bass - Bishop Hare



The following individuals either donated a poinsettia or made a donation to charity in honor of or in memory of someone during this Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity!

IN HONOR OF...

Our children & grandchildren. Given by Ken & Jenny Chase.
Julie Hammond. Given by Reilly Hammond.
Children & grandchildren. Given by Ken & Marilyn Hofstetter.
Jean Weeks. Given by Phil & Emily Lockard.
All who serve others, even though they may be in danger doing so. Given by Archie & Cheryl MacCrum.
The SAPC choir. Given by Dot & Felder McLaurin.
The Pastor Search Committee. Given by Dot & Felder McLaurin.

IN MEMORY OF...

Our parents – Roland & Joyce Abele and Neil Ottenfeld. Given by Chuck & Heidi Abele.
Lillian McFarland. Given by Sandy & Ron Bartlett.
John M. Blake. Given by Linda Blake, his wife, and family.
Our parents. Given by Jim & Mary Bunch.
Blair & Lorene Geisler. Given by Jerry & Karen Butler.
Millie Carroll and Gene Bagwell. Given by Flora & Jim Carroll.
Polly & Carl Simpson. Given by Joyce, David & Liam Culp.
Ellen M. Dennis. Given by her children.
Max & Mary Bennett and Natalie Filler. Given by Dave & Sharon Filler.
Smokey & Dee Dee Brooks and Ronald Frontroth. Given by Kelly, Brion & Victor Frontroth.
Ida Hammond. Given by Reilly Hammond.
Lisa Paxton Raabe (Linda's sister). Given by Linda & Steve Hook.
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ice, my parents. Given by David Ice.
Robert Wayne Taylor. Given by his family.
Those who have been taken from us this past year. Given by Archie & Cheryl MacCrum.
Pam Vaughn and Mike McLaurin. Given by Dot & Felder McLaurin.
Johnnelle Ramsey. Given by Dot & Felder McLaurin.
Marlene Morgan and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Polatty. Given by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Morgan.
Loved ones. Given by Bob & Anita Page.
The parents of Darrell & Patricia Pluff. Given by Darrell & Patricia Pluff.
Susan Poznick. Given by Jack Prugh.
Johnnelle Ramsey. Given by Clay Ramsey.
Jack Smith. Given by his family.
Roger Worpell. Given by Elsie L. Worpell.

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TONIGHT'S VOLUNTEERS

Pulpit Assistant: Kelly Frontroth

Readers: Mary & Jim Bunch, Audrey Byrne, Regan Gregory, Breanna Burkes, Bishop Hare, Collyn Gregory, McLeod Barber

Sound System: John Kelly

Ushers: Chuck & Heidi Abele, Jim & Mary Bunch

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Flowers: *Don Morgan*

Pulpit Assistant: Andrew Goslen

Sound System: (8:45) Robert Glance (11:00) Phil Lockard

Ushers: (8:45) Nichol Gregory (H), Dale Stephens (A)

(11:00) Robert Glance (H), Cheryl Glance (A)

(H) Head (A) Assistant

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