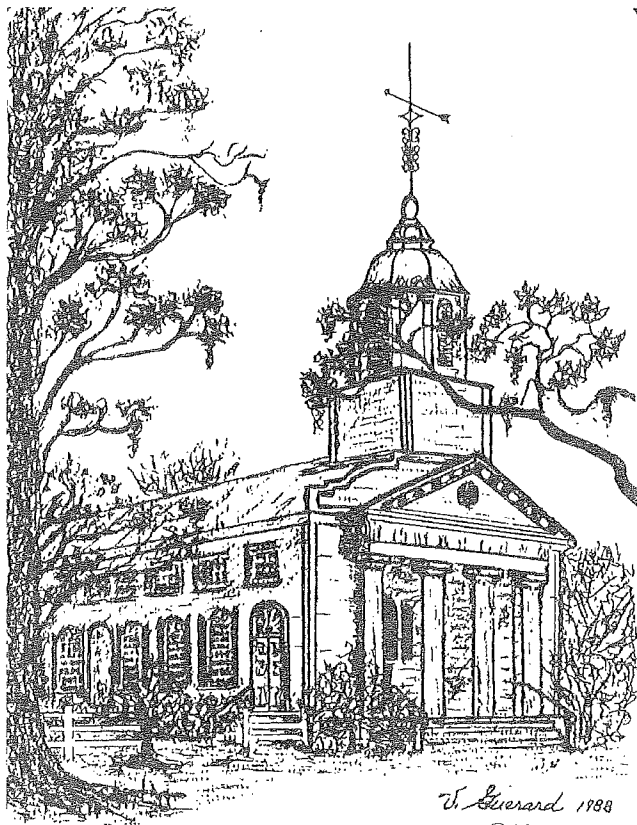


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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The Mission Statement of The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island:
In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ, we commit to
learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.

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The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

December 21, 2014

4th Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Ten O'Clock

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

“Enter to worship...

9:55 am PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

-Kauffmann

Noel: Une Vierge Pucelle

-Le Begue

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Greetings, God's beloved ones, God is with you this day.

People: Let us sing of God's steadfast love and tell of God's mercy.

Leader: Favored ones, God calls us to worship and to ponder.

People: Let us, with all the heavens and the earth, declare God's wonders.

Leader: Servants of God, the Holy One is present with us, now and always.

People: Let us tell of God's faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN OF**

PRAISE #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

-Hyfrydol

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

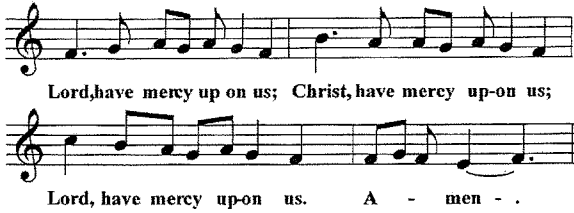
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Brenda Barnes, Dee Moseley and Pat Moseley

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of surprises, we pretend not to hear your messengers calling our names. We look away, sure that there must be a mistake, for we are afraid to believe that you would trust us to bear you into the world. We are just ordinary people trying to get by. We wish you would choose someone else. Have mercy on us, O Most High. Help us to believe with Mary. Send your

Spirit upon us, that we may indeed live for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (SILENT CONFESSION)



Lord, have mercy up on us; Christ, have mercy up-on us;
Lord, have mercy up-on us. A - men - .

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Eternal Word took flesh among us by the grace of God. That grace extends to us even now, even here, as we wait for the Advent of Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. And may God prepare your hearts for his coming again that we may receive his joy and his kingdom. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***HYMN #5** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* -Picardy

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-16
Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38

SERMON *Here Am I* -Rev. Ashley Sanders

OUR RESPONSE

SHARING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY *Zu Bethlehm geboren* -Walcha

***RESPONSE #592**

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**

***AFFIRMATION OF
FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal, Page 14)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation of Candidates

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation and Welcome

***HYMN #464**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

-Hymn to Joy

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE #438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

-Dennis

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat

-Dandrieu

(Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary and then depart - with hope and joy.)

...leave to serve."

****Those that are able please stand.***

Visitors & Guests: It is a special joy to have you worship with us at the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island this morning. We welcome you to join us each Sunday in our Education Building for a light breakfast and fellowship at 8:30AM followed by Sunday School at 9AM, and Worship at 10AM.

Please sign our registry found on the side of your pew close to the door.

A nursery and Children's Church are provided in the Education building next door. Following the Children's Moment, children will be escorted to Children's Church where they can be picked up after worship.

Ushers & Greeters for today are Bess Kellett and Buddy Watson.

We are delighted to welcome Reverend Ashley Sanders back to our pulpit today. Ashley is a minister member of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and currently serves as a Chaplain for Hospice Care of South Carolina in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. She received her BA in Christian Education from Presbyterian College and her MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. Ashley lives with her husband and son on St. Helena Island.

Advent Wreath: Last Sunday we lit the Advent Candle for Joy reminding us of the joy the angels proclaimed when Jesus was born. Today we light the candle for Love to remind us of the love that God shares with the world through the birth of His Son.

Installation/Ordination of New Elders: Betty Bryan, Archie Johnston and Margaret McCord will be installed today for the new class of elders.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 7PM, Wednesday, December 24th. Everyone is welcome.

For the Children: We will be collecting packages of undergarments for needy children of Edisto. These items are distributed by the staff at Jane Edwards Elementary. Items most in need are: girls size 4 underpants, girls socks and leotards sizes 4-14, boys size 4 underpants, boys socks sizes 4-6 and undershirts sizes 4-14 for girls and boys. Please place donations unwrapped under the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Our Island-Wide Youth Ministry has been suspended for the next few months due to changes related to school and scheduling. We will however, be planning occasional special events which will be open to all youth from 6th - 12th Grade. For more information or to volunteer to assist with Special Event chaperone needs, please call Cle Sanders at 843-631-0081.

Remember in Prayer (Members/Affiliates/Friends of the Church):

Jack, Dee & John Moseley, Jim Heaton, Joyce & Larry Grimes, Beth Smoak, Olivia Maxon, Caroline Boineau, Becky Burns, Betsy Thrash, Carolyn & Richard Hammond, Bill & Nancy Long, Jake & Duck Lomas, Newton Hornsby, Bonnie Lee and Billy Hills.

Remember in Prayer (Friends, Family, and Loved Ones of Church

Members): Patrick Panzica (Lois Anderson), Shelly Myers (Sandra Collins), Gordon Locatis (Elaine Freeman), Mike Skinner (Mary Tichy), Samuel DuPree Lybrand (Sam Lybrand), Rebecca Mashburn (Joe Low), Diedra West (Linda Murray), Don Yeargin (Tom Yeargin), John Van Haas-tricht (John & Norma McAlhany), Karen Evans, Vivian and Frank Fidler (Bill & Betty Partenheimer), Rob Bullard (Bob & Beth Foster), Sandra Leshner (Stan Manus), Mac McCord, Everett Smith, Ann Epting, Joan Kemper (Jim and Margaret McCord), Bob Davis (Bess Kellett), Sharon Eubanks (Brenda Barnes), Ray Fisk, Jay Johnson (Charles Hallex), Harris Orsini, Margaret Al-benesius, Kathy Maxon, Chloe, Elizabeth Neustadt (Olivia Maxon)Deanna Barteet, Joseph Daniel Barteet, Mike Thomas, Bill Butt, Barbara Hill, Trudy Herrington (Carla and Raymond Tumbleston), Andy Johnston, (Bill John-son), and Les Tindal and family (Maxine Clay).

Serving in the Military: 1st Lieutenant Erik Burg, Fort Drum, NY (Pete Blair), and L. Corporal Albert Moriarty, Okinawa, Japan (Janet and David Ronk).

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Hammond family for their recent loss. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Richard's sister, Doris Hammond Shealy of Rock Hill, SC.