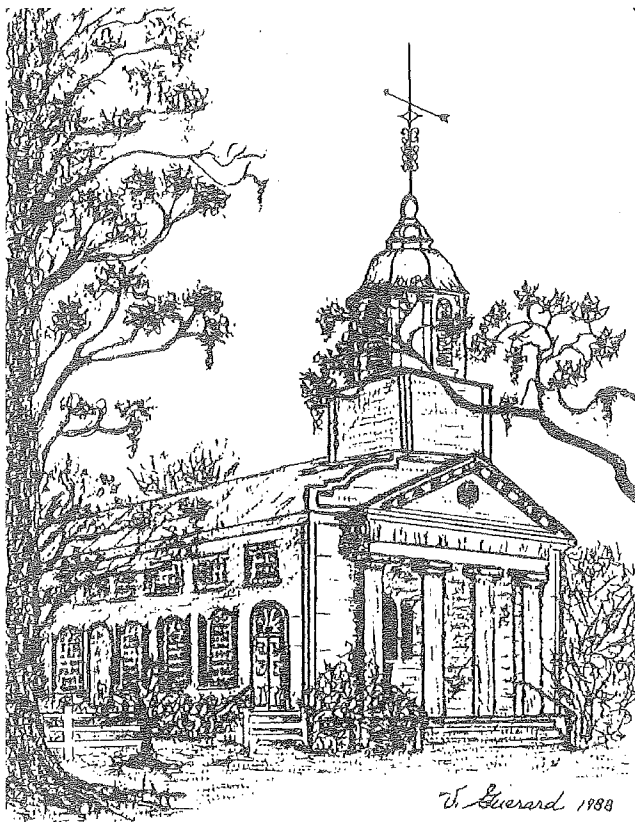


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

FOUNDED 1685
CHURCH CONSTRUCTED 1830



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 20, 2015

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 *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*
Comfort Ye My People

-Zachau
-Lasky

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: *My soul magnifies the Lord;*

People: **my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Leader: *The Mighty One has done great things.*

People: **Holy is God's name!**

***HYMN OF
PRAISE #16**

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

-Gabriel's
Message

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Betty Partenheimer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Beth and Archie Johnston

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel. (SILENT CONFESSION)

HYMN OF
RESPONSE #5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

-Verse 3

*Rank of rank the host of heaven, Spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth, From the realms of endless day,
That the power of hell may vanish, As the darkness clears away.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.
Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

-Refrain from
Hymn #23

*HYMN #38

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

-Carol

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

SERMON

Blessed

-Rev. Sanders

OUR RESPONSE

SHARING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY

Noel: Une Vierge Pucelle

-Le Begue

*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

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*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.

*HYMN #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

-Adeste Fideles

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE #9

O Come, O Come Emanuel

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VOLUNTARY

Magnificat in A

-Dandrieu

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

...leave to serve."

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

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

Please sign our registry found in your pew close to the door.

A nursery is provided in the education building next door. Following the Children's Moment, young children whose parents wish for them to go to the nursery will be escorted next door where they can be picked up after worship.

Ushers & Greeters for today are Bess Kellett and Sam Todd.

Please welcome new affiliate members Vicki and Alan George. The Georges have been wintering on Edisto for a few years, spending the warmer months in Wisconsin. They have 5 sons and 8 grandchildren. A former clergyman, Alan now enjoys classical music, pilgrimage travel and advocating for Mar Elias Educational Institution in Israel. Vicki is a retired public school educator and retired Director of Christian Education at New Richmond United Methodist Church. She enjoys reading, gardening, travel and golf.

2016 Offering Envelopes are available on the porch. Please pick yours up today.

Pastor's Bible Study takes a break for the holidays. In January, we will resume on Wednesdays, but will change our meeting time to 9:30AM.

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

Donate your greenbax to the Food Pantry! If you have greenbax accumulated from the Piggly Wiggly, please consider donating them to the food pantry. We can use them to help purchase food for the families we deliver to this Christmas. Just talk to the manager at the Hollywood PIG and designate the stamps for the Edisto Island Food Pantry. Thanks!

For the Children: We are 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 through January 3rd.

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

John Moseley, Jim Heaton, Beth Smoak, Olivia Maxon, Caroline Boineau, Betsy Thrash, Carolyn Hammond, Jake & Duck Lomas, Newton Hornsby, Linda Manus, Bill Partenheimer, Gerry Murray, Pete Blair, Bunny Perkins, Nancy Wherry, Vincent Flowers and Dottie Thomas.

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

Shelly Myers (Sandra Collins), Gordon Locatis (Elaine Freeman), Samuel DuPree Lybrand (Sam Lybrand), Don Yeargin (Tom Yeargin), Vivian and Frank Fidler (Bill and Betty Partenheimer), Sharon Eubanks (Brenda Barnes), Elizabeth Neustadt (Olivia Maxon), Les Tindal and The families of Max Craig and Austin Rhodes (Maxine Clay), Sandra Leshner (Stan & Linda Manus), Joseph Daniel Barteet, Bill Butt, Arthur Black, Fran Holcombe, Ryan Nettles (Carla and Raymond Tumbleston), Ray Fisk, Jay Johnson, Lamar Godley (Charles Hallex), Joel Mashburn (Joe Low), Mac McCord, Ann Epting, Joan Kemper, Bill Robinson, Katie Budds (Jim and Margaret McCord), Emma Oswald (Rick and Irene Ackerman), Luke Herndon (Okie Murray), Will Myers (Pat Moseley), Harold Green and Patrick Panzick (Lois Anderson), Vivian Good (Weldon Burns), The Family of John McDaniel (Linda Murray), Wilson Josey (Linda Bush), and Kirby Shealy (Bess Kellett).

Serving in the Military: Captain Erik Burg, Combat Engineers (Pete Blair), L. Corporal Albert Moriarty, Okinawa, Japan (Janet and David Ronk) and PFC Michael Smith serving in Iraq (Beth and Archie Johnston).

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