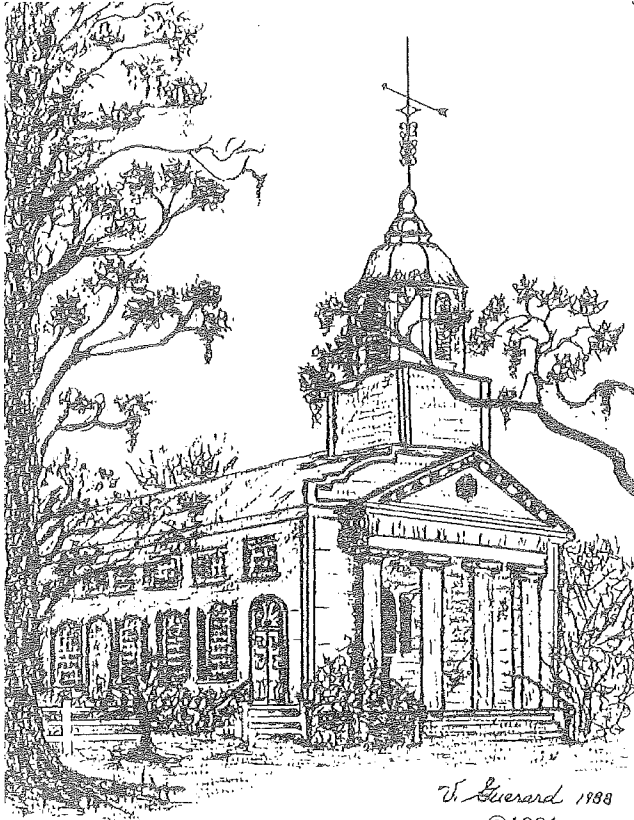


# The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

FOUNDED 1685

CHURCH CONSTRUCTED 1830



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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 24, 2015

*Christmas Eve*

Liturgical Color: White

VOLUNTARY	<i>Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her</i>	-Pachelbel
	<i>Noel Provençal</i>	-Candeille
	<i>Noel Angevin</i>	-Franck

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Luke 2:10-15)*

*Leader: Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy.*

**People: To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

*Leader: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.*

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!**

*Leader: Let us go now to Bethlehem.*

\*HYMN #49

*Once in Royal David's City*

-Irby

## WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Betty Bryan and Family

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Living God, on this holy night we gather – to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to turn away from the evil your light exposes, and share with the world our greatest joy: for to us is born a Savior. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL  
RESPONSE # 44

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
(stanza 4)

-St. Louis

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 9: 2-7

HYMN #47 (Seated)

*Still, Still, Still*

-Still, Still, Still

SECOND LESSON:

Luke 2: 1-20

\*HYMN #23

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

-Gloria

THIRD LESSON:

Psalm 96:1-9

MEDITATION:

*Sing a New Song*

-Rev. Sanders

**OFFERING TO BENEFIT THE EDISTO ISLAND FOOD PANTRY**

OFFERATORY

*Good King Wenceslas*

-Fedak

\*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 INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT**

*The minister will light her candle from the Christ candle and then light the  
candles of those serving as ushers. The ushers will then carry the light into  
the congregation. **Safety:** During the candle lighting, please be aware of  
your neighbor with the flame and the dripping of hot wax. There will be a  
box on the porch for depositing used candles.*

\*HYMN # 60 (See insert)

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

-Stille Nacht

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL  
RESPONSE #40

*Joy to the World!*  
(verse 1 only)

-Antioch

VOLUNTARY

*Noel Bells*

-arr. Hyatt

*\*Those who are able please stand.*