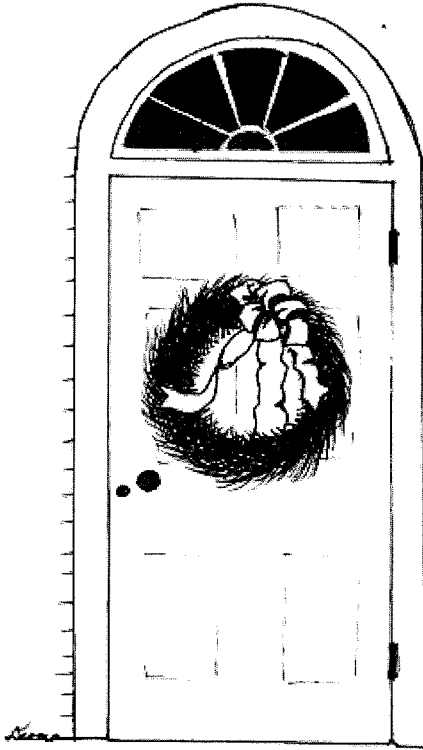


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: purple

Communion

Ten O'Clock

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

**As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.*

"Enter to worship..."

9:55 am PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Savior of the Nations Come

Zachau

Chorale and Prelude on Deck Thyself, Oh My Soul

Fedak

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the birth of our Lord.

People: With expectation and longing, we wait for Christ our King.

Leader: When we receive this child of our hope, What shall we name him?

People: He shall be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: His reign shall know no end,

People: And his people shall bow down in worship and obedience.

Leader: Let us worship the King, our Wonderful Counselor.

***HYMN #47**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Johnny and Cheryl Harrison

What Shall We name Him?

Wonderful Counselor

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are our Wonderful Counselor.

(Silent Confession)

HYMN #5 *Verse 1 of Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* -Picardy

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is our righteousness. He guides us in goodness and imparts wisdom and truth. This is the good news – in Christ we are made blameless before God. Praise God for this glorious gift!

***HYMN #23 REFRAIN** *Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

***HYMN #15** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* Llangloffan

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-10**

Old Testament: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

ADVENT READINGS AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Waiting +

Reader 1: Narrator

Congregational Response Hymn #15

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou sun so longed for, Above this shadowed sphere!*

Reader 2: Wise Man

Congregational Response

Reader 3: Poor Widow

Congregational Response

Reader 4: Old Man

Congregational Response

Reader 5: Mother

Congregational Response

Reader 6: Everyman/woman

Congregational Response

Reader 7: God

Congregational Response Hymn #15

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou sun so longed for, Above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, And ever be with Thee!*

OUR RESPONSE

***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.

SHARING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Kreutz

***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**

THE LORD'S SUPPER - INSERT

***HYMN #2**

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE# 438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Stanza 1 only

Dennis

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G minor

Carissimi

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

...leave to serve."

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Holy Communion for Advent

Invitation to the Table

You who have been fed with the bread of tears, find here the bread of life. You who have drunk the sorrows of life, find here the living water, springing forth with eternal grace. You who need to see God, find here the very presence of Christ.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

How can we thank you, O God? For your creation, for breath and life and all things good, for your steadfast promise and your faithful love, for the day is surely coming when all things will be made new. During Advent, we wait, but we do not do so passively. We watch, we pay attention, and with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent him into the world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, and certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our

very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Strengthen us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion at the Long Tables

For those on the first floor, ushers will invite you to come forward to be seated at one of the Long Tables where Elders will serve you. Please tear off a piece of bread and take a cup (red is wine, white is grape juice), by this way receiving the body and blood of Christ. Those in the balcony will be served in their place in the same manner.

If you prefer to remain in your set, please indicate to an usher who can serve you while seated.

The Closing Prayers

A prayer will be said after each seating.

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 building next door. Following the Children's Moment, 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 and Greeters for today are Rick Ackerman and Don Sanders.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is open to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In the cups, wine is red and grape juice is white. Elders serving communion today are Bill Johnston, Margaret McCord, Ann Robinson, Dottie Thomas, Buddy Watson and Allen Woods.

Alternative Christmas Giving today and December 10th.

Stop by the Mission Committee's table on the patio before and after worship on Sunday - December 3rd and December 10th - to give a donation to purchase gift cards that support our church's two mission projects, *HUG* and *Edisto Island Food Pantry*. These gift cards may be given to your family and friends as a Christmas remembrance and to demonstrate your love of service to others. (Checks are payable to Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island).

Special Offering for Thornwell Home for Children: Envelopes are inserted into your bulletin today for the Thornwell Home for Children, located in Clinton, SC. Thornwell cares for neglected, abused, and abandoned children throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Their care for the children includes giving them a loving home, feeding and clothing them, providing therapy for psychological healing and giving them spiritual healing. Some of the children learn about and experience God for the first time at Thornwell. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to Thornwell today.

Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow, Monday, December 4th, at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will stay after the meeting to make wreaths and decorate the sanctuary. Please join us!

Home Communion: If you or a loved one would like to receive Home Communion, Pastor Ashley will next be offering a time of devotion and communion in homes on Tuesday, December 5th. Please contact the church office or Ashley for more information.

Session will meet this Tuesday, December 5th, at 5PM in the E&F.

The Pastor's Bible Study will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 10AM in the E&F through December 20th. We will take a break for the Christmas Season and resume on January 17th.

Family Night Supper will be Wednesday, December 13th, in the Fellowship Hall. The Supper will include a Christmas Trivia Quiz and our hosts are Knox and Nancy Wherry. Bring a dish to share and join us!

Manse Christmas Drop-In: Celebrate Christmas with your church family at the *Annual Manse Christmas Drop-In*, Saturday, December 16th, 4-6PM or later... Family, Friends, and Neighbors are welcome. Refreshments and Goodies will be provided. Come and share the joy of the season! Hosted by the Sanders and the Presbyterian Women.

Remember In Prayer (Members/Affiliates/Friends of the Church): John Moseley, Caroline Boineau, Betsy Thrash, Jake & Duck Lomas, Newton Hornsby, Bunny Perkins, Sam Lybrand, Sam Todd, Vera Klotzberger, Shelly Rainwater, Tom Yeargin, Jim Bishop, Scott Bagnol, and Christine Howard.

Remember in Prayer (Friends, Family, and Loved Ones of Church Members): Shelly Myers (Sandra Collins), Sharon and Mike Eubanks, (Brenda Barnes), Sandra Leshner (Stan and Linda Manus), Joseph Daniel Barteet, Arthur Black, Fran Holcombe, Ryan Nettles (Carla Tumbleston), Luke Herndon (Okie Murray), Will Myers (Pat Moseley), David and Vivian Good (Weldon Burns), Mac McCord, Katie Budds (Jim and Margaret McCord), Marilyn Myers (Paula Burns), Will Pierce (Maxine Clay), Gordon Locatis (Elaine Freeman), Roane Auld (Libba Johnson), Sara Franklin (Bill Franklin), Marc Yeadon, Clare Cook Faggart (Cathy Price), Betty Robinson (Ann and Eddie Robinson), Nancy Garrett (Betty Partenheimer), Chloe Guarza, William Wowk (Bonnie Lee), Chris King, Maxcy Westmoreland (Buddy and Dianne Watson), Samuel DuPree Lybrand, Jim Lybrand (Sam Lybrand), Andie Hardy, Tom Tindall (Jo Ringer), Mott Parker, Eliza Messersmith, Candi Hawkins, John Harrison, Claircy Purinton (Bess Kellett), and Shirley Golden (Mary Floyd).

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Fidler family for their recent loss. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Betty Partenheimer's sister, Vivian Fidler, of Carrollton, GA.