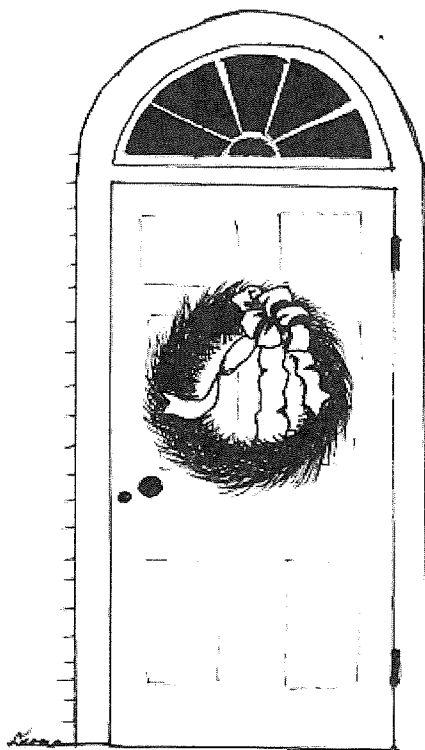


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent
Ten O'Clock

Liturgical Color: Purple

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

*Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland
Of the Father's Love Begotten*

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arr. Hyatt

***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 ending,

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

Leader: Let us worship the King, our Everlasting Father.

***HYMN #293**

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Christmas Joy Offering

Jim McCord

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Frank and Sally Brown

*What Shall We Name Him?
Everlasting Father*

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father of the nations, you have sent us guidance and comfort through the scriptures, the prophets, and the Christian tradition. Yet, we fail to listen for your voice. As a father has compassion for his children, you show us goodness and mercy. And in return, we show you selfishness and pride. Forgive our foolish ways. Help us to hear you and follow you. Open our hearts to your advent, and grant us peace. (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

God comes into our midst longing for communion with us. In the grace, mercy, and everlasting love of our Father, we are forgiven. Let us now share in communion with God and one another. Amen.

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

***HYMN #9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Veni Emmanuel

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament: Psalm 103: 6-14

Gospel: Matthew 12: 46-50

SERMON *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Rev. Sanders

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.

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.

SHARING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY

Meditation on 'Puer Nobis'

Sobaje

*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

*HYMN #13

Prepare the Way

Bereden Vag For Herran

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE

Danish Amen

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat

Dandrieu

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

...leave to serve."

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 Tom and Trisha Anderson.

The Christmas Joy Offering makes it possible for Presbyterian racial-ethnic schools to prepare more leaders in our PC(USA) churches and communities. This offering also supports current and retired PC(USA) church workers/pastors who face challenging life circumstances. Envelopes are available in your bulletin to give to this much needed special offering.

2018 Offering Envelops are available on the patio. Please pick yours up today.

Chrismon Tree Gifts: Please remember the boys and girls (ages 4-11) at Jane Edwards Elementary with unwrapped "Socks & Undies" to place under the Chrismon Tree each Sunday in Advent and Christmas.

Pastor's Bible Study will take a break for the Christmas Season and resume on January 17th. **There will be no Bible Study on Dec. 20th.**

Fresh Express, which is fresh produce for island residents, returns this Thursday, December 21st from 1-5PM in our church parking lot. Bring a reusable bag and come get some free produce! Contact Margaret McCord ((843-766-3234) if you can help with the distribution.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 6PM.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each Tuesday at 10AM in the church library. Prayer Shawls are the physical presence of peace, of comfort, of joy, and of love, given to someone facing a life crisis, or recovering from a serious illness, someone in mourning, or even as an expression of celebration for some happy life event, such as the arrival of a baby. They are gifts from the heart. Join us!

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 Bagnal, 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 Leshar (Stan and Linda Manus), Joseph Daniel Barteet, Arthur Black, Fran Holcombe, Ryan Nettles (Carla Tumbleston), Luke Herndon (Okie Murray), Will Myers (Pat Moseley), 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), Shirley Golden (Mary Floyd), and the family of Vivian Good (Weldon Burns).

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