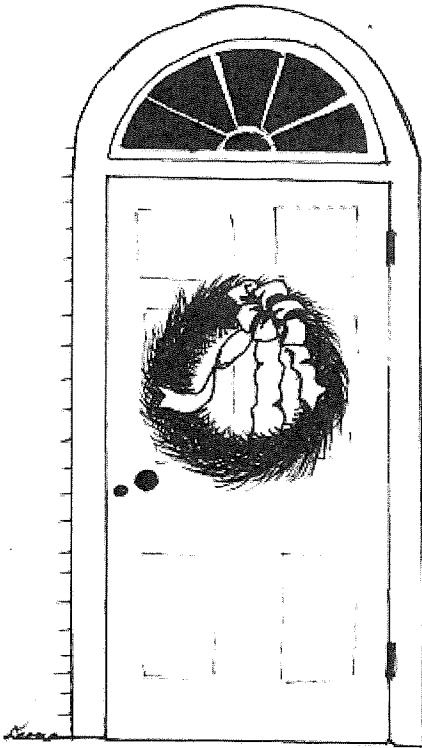


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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 24, 2017

4th 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

*Savior of the Nations, Come
Prepare the Royal Highway*

Bach
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, the Prince of Peace.

***HYMN #38**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Sanders Family

What Shall We Name Him?

Prince of Peace

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we wait for your
peace, we still seek security in ourselves. Though we know your
story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those consid-
ered 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 our Lord, the Prince of 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

Leader: God forgives all sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN #23** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: *There was no room at the inn for Mary and Joseph.*

People: **Is there room in our hearts?**

Leader: *There was wonder at the angels' announcement.*

People: **Is there wonder in our hearts?**

Leader: *There was joy in Mary's heart as she beheld her son.*

People: **Is there joy in our hearts?**

Leader: *May it be so, O God.*

People: **May it be so.**

Gospel: John 1:14-18

REFLECTION *The Incarnation*

(Adapted from "Cloth for the Cradle" from the Iona Community.)

***HYMN #27** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* Tempus Adest Floridum

OUR RESPONSE

LITANY OF THE INCARNATION

Leader: When the time was right, God sent the Son:

Women: *sent him and nourished him,*

Men: *reared him and risked him,*

Women: *filled him with laughter and tears and compassion,*

Men: *filled him with passion and love and devotion.*

Leader: Unwelcomed child, refugee and runaway,

ALL: CHRIST IS GOD'S OWN SON.

Leader: Feeder and teacher, healer and peace maker,

ALL: CHRIST IS GOD'S OWN SON.

Leader: Lover of the unlovable, toucher of the untouchable, forgiver of the unforgivable,

ALL: CHRIST IS GOD'S OWN SON.

Leader: Loved by women, feared by men, befriended by the weak, despised by the strong, deserted by his listeners, betrayed by his friends, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, writing heaven's pardon over earth's mistakes,

ALL: CHRIST IS GOD'S OWN SON.

Leader: The Word became flesh:

ALL: HE CAME AMONG US, HE WAS ONE OF US.

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

Venite Adoremus

arr. Speed

***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 #29**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Danish Amen

VOLUNTARY

Noel Variation

Balbastre

(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 Mike and Ann Atchley.

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

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 6PM.

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.

The Church Office will be closed December 25-27th and January 1st.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is taking a break on December 26th. However, in January, we will knit and crochet little babies' red hats to be given to babies born in the month of February, during American Heart Month. This project, "Little Hats, Big Hearts", is to raise awareness about Congenital Heart Defects and to empower moms to live heart-healthy lives and inspire them to take their family's heart health to their hearts. Please donate red worsted knitting yarn to help us with this new endeavor.

The Reconfiguration Committee will meet Thursday, January 4th at 9AM in the E&F.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 6th at 8AM in the E&F.

Congratulations to the Ringer family on the birth of Jo and Bob's grandson, Benjamin Clyde Ringer, born December 18th weighing 9 lbs. 6oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches!

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, Christine Howard, and Dianne Watson.

Remember in Prayer (Friends, Family, and Loved Ones of Church Members): Shelly Myers (Sandra Collins), Sharon and Mike Eubanks, (Brenda Barnes), Sandra Lesher (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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