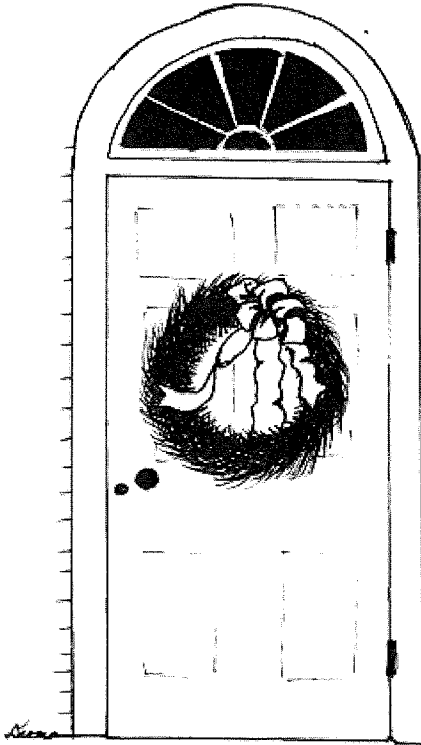


# The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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 31, 2017

1st Sunday after Christmas Day  
Ten O'Clock

Liturgical Color: White

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**

*Partita on "From Heaven Above"  
Noel Suisse*

Schack  
Daquin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 9 and 60, NRSV)

*Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,*

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

*Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness  
the peoples;*

**People: but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will  
appear over you.**

*Leader: Nations shall come to your light,*

**People: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

*Leader: The people who walked in darkness*

**People: have seen a great light;**

*Leader: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,*

**People: on them light has shined.**

*Leader: Let us celebrate the Light of the world,*

**People: for upon us has the Light shined.**

**\*HYMN #2**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hyfrydol

**WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY**

**CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us**

clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. (Silent Confession)

**HYMN #44**      *O Little Town of Bethlehem* stanza 4

*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, O Lord Emmanuel!*

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

**\*HYMN #38**      *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*      Carol CMD

#### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

##### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**New Testament: Galatians 3: 28-29, 4: 4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 2:22 - 40**

**SERMON**      *Is the BEST yet to come?*      Reverend Agan

#### **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

*Noel*

Charpentier

### \*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 #28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

In Dulci Jubilo

### \*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL  
RESPONSE# 40

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

Antioch

VOLUNTARY

*Wachet auf*

Bach

*(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 June and Bill McRoy.

**Welcome back Pastor Steve Agan to our pulpit today!** Steve has served churches in Texas, Georgia, Alabama and South Dakota. He grew up as a Southern Baptist and attended seminary at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity. While living in Birmingham, Steve served a Disciples of Christ congregation, and subsequently, joined them in ministry because of the emphasis on ecumenism and bringing peace to the world. When he moved to the Midwest, he was asked by the First Presbyterian Church of Lead, SD to serve as their minister. He accepted their call and served that church for 18 years. He retired in 2016 and with his wife, Janell, moved to Charleston to be near his two daughters: Jennifer and Lisa; his sons-in-law: Hill and Jamie; and his four awesome grandchildren: Rhys, Cate, Emme and Grace. He and Janell are enjoying the Charleston area, but not necessarily looking forward to the summers!

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

**Pastor's Bible Study** will resume on January 17th.

**The Church Office** will be closed January 1st.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry:** 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.

**Choir Practice Resumes** this Wednesday, January 3rd, at 6PM.

**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.

**The Evangelism Committee** will meet next Sunday, January 7th immediately after worship.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet on Monday, January 8th at the Manse at 10AM.

**The Session** will meet Tuesday, January 9th, at 5PM in the E&F.

**Family Night Supper** will be Wednesday, January 10th, at 6PM.

**Scott Bagnal**: Scott is currently at Veterans Victory House, 2461 Sidneys Road, Walterboro, SC 29488. His personal phone number is 843-538-3015. Visitors are welcome!

**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, 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 Leshner (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).