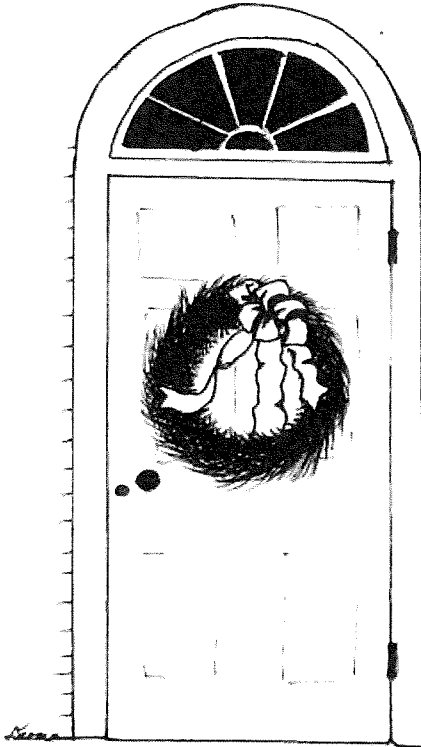


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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 16, 2018

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	<i>Allegro from Divertimento No 1 in D major K 136</i>	Mozart
	<i>Allegro from 'Water Music'</i>	Handel
	<i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 140</i>	Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: A call to worship is a call to Faith!

People: Come, let go of doubt; release useless worry; live in the light of Faith!

Leader: For with Faith, the people say,

People: "Praise be to God!"

*HYMN #58	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>	Winchester
	stanzas 1-5	Old

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

Betty Bryan

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

SONG OF	<i>The First Nowell</i>	The First Nowell
PREPARATION 56	stanza 1	

*The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE - FAITH

The People of Christmas

Jack Lindsay, Ross Sanders, and Hogan Stroman

The Shepherds

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

CHILDREN SING:

*O Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem...*

CONGREGATION SINGS:

*Come and behold him, born the King of angels,
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH AS TOLD BY:

Joseph – Hogan Stroman
Mary – Grace Judy
Shepherd – Ross Sanders
Shepherd – Cooper Greb
Wise Man – James Yelton
Wise Man – Henry Judy
Wise Man – William Judy
Star – Charlie Youmans
Angel – Jax Stroman
Angel – Harlan Darnell
Sheep – Ella Faith Parsons
Donkey – Coy Greb
Cow – Kelly Sanders

CONGREGATION SINGS:

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Strong Deliverer, bring us back to you when we wander afar. Gather us together when we scatter from one another. Deliver us from the sins that separate us from one another and from you. Nourish us with the springs of your saving grace and with your compassion, which never fails. Be our strength and shield and shepherd. In faith and thanksgiving, we pray... (Silent Confession)

**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!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*In the name of the One God, who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven.
Christ shows us the path toward just relations and gives us the faith to follow
Him. Thanks be to God!*

***HYMN #23 REFRAIN**

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*HYMN #5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:9-11

Gospel: John 10:14-16

SERMON

The Story of the Shepherd

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

(Hymnal, Page 16)

SHARING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze from 'Cantata No. 208'

Bach

*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 #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#586 *Danish Amen*

VOLUNTARY

La Rejouissance

Handel

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

...leave to serve."

Pastor Sanders can be reached at 843-252-8791 or pastorpcei@gmail.com.

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 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. Following the Children's Moment, children 6 years old and under, 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 Sally and Frank Brown.

We welcome today the Classical Charleston String Trio with Jenny Weiss (violin), Ben Weiss (viola), and Andrew Mille (cello) who will provide the instrumental music for our service today.

Children's Christmas Program: A big thank you today to the children and their families who helped share with us the story of Christmas. Thank you also to the volunteers who have helped put it all together: Linda Bush, Marc Coker, Mary Lee Evans, Morgan Greb, Chris Rogillio, and Dianne Watson.

2019 Offering Envelops are available on the patio. Please pick yours up today.

Christmas Joy Offering: Please consider a gift to the Christmas Joy special offering today. This offering supports pastors and church leaders in our denomination who are in need of critical financial assistance as well as supports Presbyterian related schools and seminaries. Envelops are in your bulletin. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

The Edisto Presbyterian Church (on Cypress Bottom Rd.) invites you to their annual Pastor Appreciation Program today at 3PM. There will be food and fellowship after the service.

Pastor's Bible Study: This Wednesday, at 10AM, we will finish our series on Songs for the Waiting as we consider *Lo How a Rose E're Blooming*, Hymn #48. All are welcome. We meet in the Sanctuary.

Fresh Express is this Thursday, December 20th, from 1-5PM. Bring a reusable bag and come get free produce. If you can help with the distribution, please contact Perrin Kreidler.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us for worship on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 6PM.

The Church Office will be closed December 24-26. Please contact Pastor Ashley via cell phone during these dates for church needs.

Sunday School: All Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall: children in the preschool area and adults near the back. The Adults kicked off a new study today, a survey of The Books of the Bible. We will be looking at the themes and overviews of each Biblical book. Next Sunday we consider Exodus and Leviticus. All are welcome.

Remember In Prayer (Members/Affiliates/Friends of the Church):
John Moseley, Betsy Thrash, Newton Hornsby, Bunny Perkins, Sam Lybrand, Sam Todd, Vera Klotzberger, Shelly Rainwater, Scott Bagnol, Rebecca Williams, Bill Franklin, Bonnie Lee, Allen Harrison, Charles Hallex, Beth Foster, George Wilkes, and Ann Atchley.

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), Luke Herndon (Okie Murray), Mac McCord, Katie Budds (Jim and Margaret McCord), Will Pierce (Maxine Clay), Roane Auld (Libba Johnson), Sara Franklin (Bill Franklin), Chris King, Maxcy Westmoreland (Buddy and Dianne Watson), Samuel DuPree Lybrand, (Sam Lybrand), Jan and Lenny Goldman (Drew Weeks), Rainey Josey and family (Linda Bush), Izzie Brooks (Irene Ackerman), Betty Robinson (Ann and Eddie Robinson), Karen Grant (Pat Moseley), Buzz Foster, John Harrison, Claircy Purinton (Bess Kellett), Leslie Pate (Glenda Pate), and Tye Armatage (Beth Vanhaastrecht), Peggy Babb (Marc and Karen Coker), Bill Cox, Sunny Johnson (Cathy Price), Maggie Moody (Mary Floyd), Martha Nan Meredith (Mary Jo Barreto), Ellie Wilson (Roy Smoak), Ben Johnson, Rob Jolin (Lois Anderson), Jeff Tindall (Jo Ringler), Mark Hamilton (Haley Stroman), Jenelle Grooms (Elaine Freeman), Joe McLaughlin (Cheryl Harrison), and Unity Presbyterian of Fort Mill (Lou Wylie).

*Our deepest Christian sympathy
to the Boineau and Clarkson families for their recent loss.
Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the passing of
Caroline Boineau, of Edisto Island, SC.*

*Our deepest Christian sympathy
to the McAlhany and Leland families for their recent loss.
Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the passing of
Pam's sister-in-law, Faye Leland, of Wadmalaw Island, SC.*