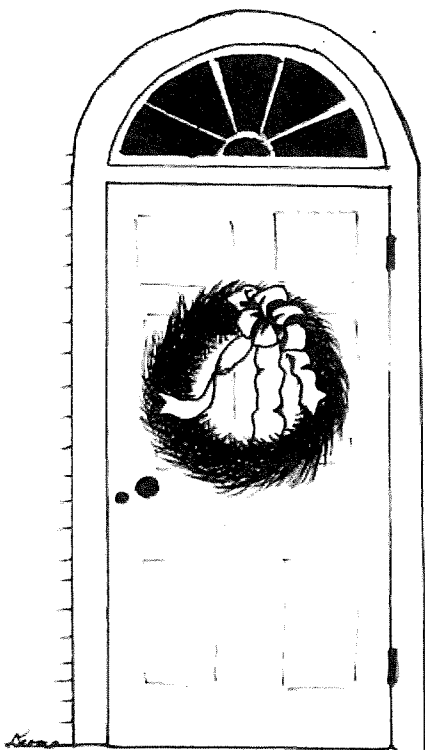


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent
Ten O'Clock

Liturgical Color: Purple

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

*God's message has always come to people through people,
because God's purpose has always been to save people.*

*This season, we encounter the people whose stories we celebrate, how their
stories touched our lives, and how they help us understand the story of faith.*

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

"Enter to worship..."

9:55 am PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

*Come now, Savior of the Gentiles
Comfort Ye My People*

Kaufmann
Fedak

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

People: Come, let us live in the light of Love.

Leader: For with Love, the people say,

People: "Praise be to God!"

***HYMN #27**

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Tempus Adest
Floridum

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

Ted Luckadoo

SONG OF

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
stanza 1

Hyfrydol

PREPARATION #376

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE
Morgan Greb

*The People of Christmas
Mary, Mother of Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's son, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered 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 Christ... (Silent Confession)

CONGREGATIONAL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* St. Louis
RESPONSE #44 (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, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed are we who believe in the fulfillment of what was spoken and promised by God. For the promised One will bring peace and liberation, even into our own hearts. May it be so!

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

*HYMN #53 *What Child Is This* Greensleeves

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

SERMON *The Story of Mary, Mother of Jesus* 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 con-

ceived 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

Zu Bethlehem geboren

Walcha

*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 #48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein' Ros'

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#586

Danish Amen

VOLUNTARY

O Come, O Come Emanuel

arr. Hyatt

(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 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 Trisha and Tom Anderson.

Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for hosting a Christmas reception last Sunday after worship!

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us for worship 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Stitch Sisters will not meet for the next two weeks. We will resume our weekly meetings on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Pastor's Bible Study is taking a break for the holiday. We'll resume January 16th with our study of World Religions.

Sunday School: All Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall with 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. 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, and George Wilkes.

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 Vanhaastreht), 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 Ringer), Mark Hamilton (Haley Stroman), Jenelle Grooms (Elaine Freeman), Joe McLaughlin (Cheryl Harrison), and Unity Presbyterian of Fort Mill (Lou Wylie).