

# The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

December 30, 2018

Ten O'Clock AM

Liturgical Color: White

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

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

**"Enter to Worship..."**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Good King Wenceslas*

Fedak

**GREETING**

The heralds of peace are on the mountains, bringing good news: God reigns! All the ends of the earth shall see God's glory. Let us lift up our voices and break into singing: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come."

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 98)**

*Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song.*

**People: The Lord has done marvelous things.**

*Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.*

**People: Let the hills sing together for joy,  
for the Lord is with us.**

*Leader: Make a joyful noise!*

**\*OPENING HYMN #40**

*Joy to the World*

Antioch

**WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY**

Linda Manus

**CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN**

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of earth and heaven: when you brought your firstborn into the world, you sent your angel messengers, swift as the winds, and your servants, like flames of fire, to tell the glad news: Give us courage in the midst of all earth's shadows to praise you for the Light that overcomes; to sing the glory of your beloved Son, who came to live among us, full of grace and truth. **Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*No more let sins and sorrows grow. Jesus calls us to live in his light, to provide the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love. Let us turn to God for forgiveness and life.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent your Son to take away our sins: We celebrate Jesus' birth, and we ask you to change us, heal us, make us your children. Help us to praise you with our lives, for the gift of Jesus. Keep us from neglecting to honor Jesus with gifts of mercy and kindness, from failing to welcome your perfect love, from allowing lesser lights to blind us to the Light that overcomes, from forgetting the call of the needy and the cry of the world for peace. We give thanks for the love of Jesus, our friend, who lives among us...

(Silent Confession)

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

*Good Christian friends, rejoice! Jesus Christ was born to save. He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

\*HYMN # 28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

In Dulci Jubilo

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steadfast and ever loving God, you anointed Jesus with the oil of gladness and brought him into the world to reflect your glory: Give us joyful hearts that we may welcome the Word of life and come to know you through the Light that cannot be overcome. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**A READING FROM LUKE'S GOSPEL WITH CAROLS**  
congregation seated except last hymn:

Reading: Luke 2:1-7  
Hymn #49 *Once in Royal David's City* Irby

Reading: Luke 2:8-14  
Hymn #38 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Carol CMD

Reading: Luke 2:15-16  
Hymn #47 *Still, Still, Still* Still, Still, Still

Reading: Luke 2:17-20  
\*Hymn #31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Written by Stephen Fearing*

We believe that God has come to us as a little child,  
making our weakness his strength,  
securing our salvation by becoming one of us,  
blessing us with a steadfast savior,  
filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.

We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world,

giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts,  
making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,  
declaring an everlasting reign of peace,  
defeating the power of pain and suffering.

We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love,  
inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,  
transforming us as disciples to go out into the world,  
sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort,  
challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.

This we believe. This we preach.

This we seek to embody in word and deed. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

God of all creation, your angels sang a new song on the mountains ...  
For the coming of your Word to live among us,  
we give you grateful thanks.

We praise you for the victory that is yours... For the coming of the Light that cannot be overcome,  
**we give you grateful thanks.**

Give us grace to be with those in sorrow this day... For the coming of your Son, who gives us power to become your children,  
**we give you grateful thanks.**

We thank you for the life Christ's coming brings. Grant us grace to know him as one of us, and walk with him in newness of life all our days. And in one voice, accept the prayer he taught us saying,

**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* Speed

#### \*DOXOLOGY #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

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth. Praise God for all we have seen and heart. Go in peace and tell everyone you meet: Christ is born!  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #586 *Danish Amen*

VOLUNTARY *Joy to the World* Lasky

**...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 Bess Kellett and Dottie Thomas.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The Stitch Sisters will not meet this week. We will resume our weekly meetings on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the home of Betty Bryan.

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

**Men's Breakfast** is this Saturday, January 5th, at 8AM in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!

**The Presbyterian Women** will meet Monday, January 7th, at 10AM at Libba Johnson's house. All women are invited.

**Session** will meet Tuesday, January 8th, at 4PM.

**Choir** resumes Wednesday, January 9th, at 6PM.

**Sunday School:** While Reconfiguration is underway, our two adult Sunday School classes (Covenant and Grapevine) have combined into one. We meet in the front part of the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 for coffee, a breakfast snack, and fellowship, and start our discussion at 9AM. We are studying a book entitled "The Books of the Bible", which is a summary view of all of the Holy Scriptures. The Children have class in the Preschool area and adults study near the back. 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 Bagnal, 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), 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 Ringer), Mark Hamilton (Haley Stroman), Jenelle Grooms (Elaine Freeman), Joe McLaughlin (Cheryl Harrison), Unity Presbyterian of Fort Mill (Lou Wylie), and Charles and Margaret Epps (Melanie Murray).

*Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Franklin family for their recent loss. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Bill's mother, Sara Franklin, of Newberry, SC.*