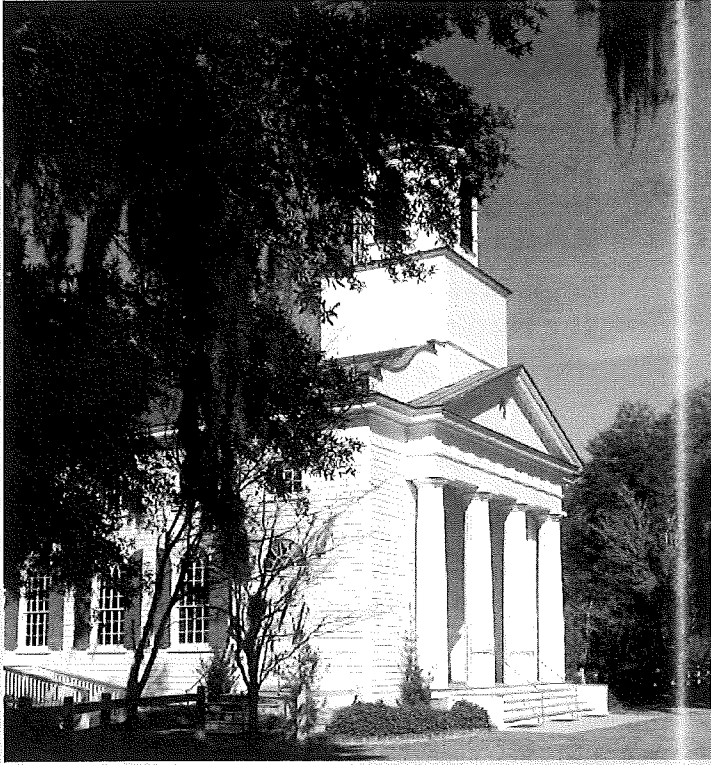


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

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, 2013

Christmas Eve

Liturgical Color: White

VOLUNTARY *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her* -Pachelbel
 Noel Angevin -Franck
 Noel Provencal -Candeille

CALL TO WORSHIP

(see Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: *The people once walked in Darkness.*
People: **They have seen a great light.**
Leader: *Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,*
People: **On them light has shined.**
Leader: *Praise the Lord.*
People: **The Lord's name be praised.**

***HYMN #31** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* -Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Bill and June McRoy

TIME FOR CHILDREN

-Dr. Dennis

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary:

Lord have mercy.

Jesus, in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.

Christ have mercy.

Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

Lord have mercy.

Eternal God,

*from the tabernacle of heaven to the poverty of a stable,
your radiant light shines forth in a tiny baby wrapped in rags;
such humble Love astounds us.*

*In Jesus you have become one with us
that we might become one with you.*

*Open our hearts to joyfully receive his love
that he may be born in us, and we in him,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***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.**

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 9: 2-7

***HYMN #25**

Away in a Manger

-Mueller

SECOND LESSON:

Luke 2: 1-14

SERMON:

A Light in the Dark

-Dr. Dennis

OFFERING TO BENEFIT THE EDISTO ISLAND FOOD PANTRY

OFFERATORY

O Holy Night

-Adam

Victoria Holland, soprano

***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**

THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT

*The minister will light his candle from the Christ candle and then light the candles of those serving as ushers. The ushers will then carry the light into the congregation. **Safety:** During the candle lighting, please be aware of your neighbor with the flame and the dripping of hot wax. There will be a box on the porch for depositing used candles.*

***HYMN # 60**

Silent Night, Holy Night

-Stille Nacht

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE #40**

Joy to the World!
(verse 1 only)

-Antioch

**Those who are able please stand.*