



Second Presbyterian  
CHURCH OF CHARLESTON

**THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE; ALL ARE WELCOME**

*"Meeting people at their point of need, Inviting all into a dynamic relationship with Christ"*

**December 24, 2022**

**11:00 p.m.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

*"The world will never starve for want of wonders, but only for want of wonder." - G.K. Chesterton*

**PRELUDE**

Of the Father's Love Begotten (organ)	Wilbur Held
It Came upon the Midnight Clear	Carol
On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing	Sussex Carol, 16th c.
Coventry Carol	15th c, English
Rise Up Shepherd and Follow	African-American Spiritual
<i>Lee Lingle soloist</i>	
In the Bleak Midwinter	G. Holst, 1906
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day	16th c. English, arr. H. Clucas
What Child Is This	Greensleeves, 16th c. English
See Amid the Winter's Snow	Humility, John Goss, 1871
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!	16th c. German carol
In dulci jubilo (organ)	J.S. Bach

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Members of the Choir**

Tonight is the night for which we have been waiting.  
The Advent wreath is completed with the Christ candle in the center.  
"For unto us a child is given, unto us a Savior is born  
and the order of the world will be upon his shoulders."  
With the birth of Christ our lives are centered, focused, turned toward God.  
We light this candle because Christ is the center of our lives.

**(Please join in prayer): Dear God, who comes to us in Jesus, on this night as we  
celebrate the birth of Jesus, let the power of Christ come into our hearts  
that we might find peace with you forever. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
**People:** Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined.  
**ALL:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom He favors.

**\*HYMN**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**#133**

**GREETING AND PRAYER**

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**FIRST LESSON****Genesis 3:8-15****Page 3**

ANTHEM

Creator of the Stars of Night

9<sup>th</sup> c. Latin hymn

*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
 O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.  
 When this old world drew on toward night you came, but not in splendor bright,  
 not as a king, but the child of Mary, virgin mother mild.  
 At your great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
 All things on earth with one accord join those in heaven to call you Lord.*

**SECOND LESSON****Isaiah 11:1-9****Page 640**

ANTHEM

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

16<sup>th</sup> c. German carol

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.  
 It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.  
 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
 To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.  
 This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
 Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.*

**THIRD LESSON****Micah 5:2-5a****Page 865****HYMN (please sing)****Still, Still, Still****#124****FOURTH LESSON****Matthew 1:18-21****Page 1**

ANTHEM

"The Angel Gabriel"

Basque carol

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
 "All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary," Most highly favored lady, Gloria!  
 "For know a blessed mother you shall be, All generations praise continually,  
 Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!  
 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleases God," she said,  
 "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!  
 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born, In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
 And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

**FIFTH LESSON****Luke 2:8-20****Page 58****HYMN (please sing)****Angels We Have Heard On High****#113****SIXTH LESSON****John 1:1-14****Page 91**

ANTHEM

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"  
**(the Offering will be received during this anthem)**

Divinum Mysterium

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be. He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, He.  
 Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!  
 O ye heights of heaven adore Him, angel hosts, His praises sing: Powers, dominions, bow before Him, extol our God & King;  
 Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!  
 Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee hymn, chant & high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:  
 Honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!*

**MEDITATION****Rev. Cress Darwin**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

Christmas Communion Song

Susan Naylor Callaway

Text: John A. Ray

*Come, faithful one and all this Christmastide. Come to the banquet hall, enter inside.  
This is the feast of love Christ has prepared. Holy Communion with us is shared.  
Celebrate his coming, meditate the cost. Look beyond the cradle and behold the cross.  
Drink the cup of joy, eat the bread of life. Taste and see the beauty of this holy night.*

*God clothed in human flesh, Immanuel, from heaven descended with us to dwell.  
Once clothed in mystery, hidden, concealed, truth in a manger now is revealed.  
Celebrate his coming, meditate the cost. Look beyond the cradle and behold the cross.  
Drink the cup of joy, eat the bread of life. Taste and see the beauty of this holy night.*

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN

### Silent Night, Holy Night

#122

**Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent Night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent Night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

### \*BENEDICTION

**Please join us tomorrow, Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Worship 10:30 a.m.**

### INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS** – Debra Gammons, Patricia Bishop, Sue Barnett, Liz Lipscomb, Frank and Martha Barkley, Craig Baumer, Susanne McLaughlin, Annie Ravenel, Ervene Hiers, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Catherine Castellano, Allston Kitchens, and Maria Howe.



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

**My mother, Edith Allen Ellis and my aunt, Beverly A'Daire Hafers** by Sue and Barney Henderson

**Marguerite Speer and Seabrook Jenkins VanNess, Virginia Gertrude Craven Tindall and James Franklin Tindall, Sr., Brenda Joyce Tindall, Clyde David Tindall, and Virginia Courtney Tindall**  
by Kathy VanNess Tindall and James Franklin Tindall, Jr.

**Shannon and Daniel James Cumming; Elizabeth and Marion Mitchell** by Sarah and Marion Mitchell

**My husband, Don, parents, William & Elizabeth Ziegler and my sister, Betty Jean Anderson** by Lila Heath & family

**In Loving Memory of Ashley Amanda Hinson and David Hinson,**  
by Cathy Hinson, Meredith, Joey, Caleigh, and Poppy Mosny and Mary Wimberly

**In Loving Memory of Edith and Mendel Hinson, Sr., Buddy Hinson, Joyce Hinson, William Wimberly and Ken Wimberly**  
by Cathy Hinson, Randy Hinson, The Mosny Family and Mary Wimberly.

**In memory of my late Godmother, Barbara Jo Meale Colaciello** by Brigitte Kettering

**Elizabeth Ann and James Kettering, Betty and Richard Bloomer, Joseph Bloomer, Richard Bloomer**  
by Jim and Rebecca Kettering

**Our Mothers Joan S Hodges and Margaret Berry** by Kathy & Steve Berry

**Ralph Smith, loving husband and father** by Tina Smith and family

**In Loving Memory of Shirley and Marshall Martin,** by Jay, Linda, Sloane and Jay, Jr. Stevens  
**In Loving Memory of Margaret and Jerome Stevens,** by Jay, Linda, Sloane and Jay, Jr. Stevens

**Frederic J. Ahern** by Nan Ahern  
**Lois and Matthew Bortone** by Nan Ahern

**Patti McGee** by her family

**Patti McGee and Sallie Schuh** by the Darwins

**My parents** by Julia Harlow

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**Ervene Hiers and Doris Bowen** by Melinda and Rocky Accardo

**Our family** by Erin and Pat Mellen

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**Deacon of the Month:** Sue Henderson  
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**Communion Elders:** Sarah Mitchell, Felicia Sanders, Brad Milner, Patterson Smith