



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, 2021

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)
People, Look East
Rise Up Shepherd and Follow
Lee Lingle soloist
On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing
Once In Royal David's City
Coventry Carol
Creator of the Stars of Night
In the Bleak Midwinter
What Child Is This
See Amid the Winter's Snow
O Holy Night
Clarissa Rider, soloist
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!
In dulci jubilo (organ)

Wilbur Held
Besançon Carol
African-American Spiritual

Sussex Carol, 16th c.
Irby
15th c, English
Conditor alme siderum
G. Holst, 1906
Greensleeves, 16th c. English
Humility, John Goss, 1871
Adolphe Adam

16th c. German carol
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

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GREETING AND PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

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ANTHEM

For Behold, Darkness (*from Messiah*)
Joel Dettweiler, soloist

G. F. Handel

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee,
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. (Isaiah 60:2-3)*

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

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ANTHEM

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

16th 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

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HYMN (please sing)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-21

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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

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HYMN (please sing)

Angels We Have Heard On High

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SIXTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

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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

HYMN (please sing)

Still, Still, Still

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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

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**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**

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, December 25th

*An inspirational message from Pastor Cress will be available
online at www.2ndpc.org. No in-person service.*

Sunday, December 26th: Morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME!

Are you looking for a church home where you can make a difference for the God we serve and where you will be known, nurtured, and challenged? We welcome you and invite you to spend some time with us.

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Craig Baumer, Margaret Linton, Susanne McLaughlin, Patti McGee, Gary Derrick, Annie Ravenel, Susan Ragsdale King, George Crow, Ervine Hiers, Jim Jackson, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Catherine Castellano, Allston Kitchens, and Maria Howe.



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.

Chris, Ryan, & Lauren Staubes, Sam & Evelyn King, DeWitt & Delores King by Robbie

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

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

Bob Panaccione (affectionately known as the "baby whisperer") by Genie Panaccione and family

Kathryn Kimmett by Jim Kimmett

Donald Jewell and Robert Wheeler by Bill and Wendy Jewell

Ashley Hinson and David Hinson, Joyce Hinson, Edith & Mendel Hinson, Sr., Buddy Hinson, and Ken & William Wimberly by Cathy Hinson, Meredith, Joey, Caleigh, and Poppy Mosny and Randy Hinson

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

My mother, aunts and grandmothers by Julia Harlow

In honor of

Camille Lozeron and Kaitlin Panaccione Poston and their families by Genie Panaccione

My sister, Judy Hundquist and my brother, Terry Rupert by Peter Rupert

The Wylly boys by Kate and David Stanton

Our family, from Pat and Erin Mellen



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