



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

4:00 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

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

### PRELUDE

Traditional Carols  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
Mary Did You Know?  
The First Noel

Clay Brock, violin  
Tripp Carrington

SaSa Darwin and Tripp Carrington

*Children are invited to wait together in the entrance hall to be part of the processional pageant during the first hymn. No previous rehearsal necessary.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He came as a baby in a manger.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: He came in a lowly stable.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Shepherds brought their worship.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Angels sang God's praise.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Magi brought their gifts.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: What shall we do?

**All: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.**

### HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

#133, vs. 1, 3 and 4

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Sidney, Josh and Anna Derrick**

We have watched; we have waited:

In Hope (*light 1<sup>st</sup> purple candle*);  
For Peace (*light 2<sup>nd</sup> purple candle*);  
In Joy! (*light pink candle*);  
With Love (*light last purple candle*).

Tonight is the night for which we have been waiting. (*light center Christ candle*)  
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.

**Let us pray (all): 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.**

**HYMN**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**#121**

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Leader: Good and gracious God,

**All: On this holy night you gave us your Son,**

Leader: The Lord of all creation, wrapped in swaddling clothes,

**All: the Savior of all, lying in a manger.**

Leader: On this holy night,

**All: We pray that you would draw us in**

Leader: to the good news of this story.

**All: Give us a place among the shepherds and the wise men,**

Leader: That we might find the one we seek:

**All: Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior.**

Leader: Open our hearts and minds once again,

**All: As we listen to the story of God's coming in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Joy to the World**

**#134**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 2:8-20**

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**MEDITATION**

**Rev. Cress Darwin**

**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

Leader: Go forth in peace!

**All: Christ is our Prince of Peace!**

Leader: Go forth in the light!

**All: Christ is our Sun of Righteousness!**

Leader: Go forth in new life!

**All: Christ is born anew in our hearts and in our world!**

Leader: Go forth in Christ!

**All: Amen!**

\*Please stand, as you are able. Hearing aids and large-print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.  
Please refrain from taking flash photography during the service.

### **Tomorrow, Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

An inspirational message from Pastor Cress will be available  
online at [www.2ndpc.org](http://www.2ndpc.org). No in-person service.

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>: Morning worship at 10:30 a.m.**

#### STAFF & LEADERS

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Personnel, Nathan Walker

Videography, Ken Carrington

Christian Education, Aled Pritchard

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Connections Committee, Brittany Jones

Property, Rob McCready

**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

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@SECONDPRESCHARLESTON  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
(WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA)



**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

**WELCOME!**

**Are you looking for a church home? A place where you will be known, nurtured, challenged? Where you can make a difference for the God we serve? Consider becoming a member of our 2<sup>nd</sup> family!**

**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.

**WORSHIP SAFETY GUIDELINES** – Due to the high rate of COVID-19 community transmission, the CDC continues to recommend indoor masking in public settings for everyone. To make sure this service is safe for everyone to attend, **please wear a face mask in church, even if you are fully vaccinated.**

**SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK GROUPS** are a great way to get involved, grow spiritually, and build relationships. More information at [2ndpc.org/small-groups](http://2ndpc.org/small-groups).

**STAY CONNECTED** – Sign up at to receive emails from Second Presbyterian at [2ndpc.org/connect](http://2ndpc.org/connect) so that you can keep up with upcoming volunteer and missions opportunities, small group offerings, Sunday's sermon, and events at Second. If you would like occasional text reminders for big events and announcements, simply text the number **81010** with the message "**@2pcchurch**" to sign up for church text messages through Remind.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL will resume January 9<sup>th</sup>** – After Children's Time during the 10:30 a.m. church service, children are invited to Chapel for a time of fun and faith formation to learn songs, Bible basics, and how worship is a continuous response to God's grace. For **Children and Youth Sundays**, we welcome the children's choir, a youth liturgist, children and youth ushers, and their help with a "lemonade stand" to benefit missions and Christian Education initiatives after church. **Sunday School** at 9:30 a.m. for children & youth will resume **Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Text "**@2pckids**" to **81010** to get children's ministry text announcements.

**YOUTH GROUP** – Middle and high schoolers will meet for fun, fellowship, and service projects throughout the year. Text "**@2pc-youth**" to **81010** to sign up for youth announcements and event reminders.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** for 8<sup>th</sup> graders+ will begin shortly after the new year. Contact Ken, [ce@2ndpc.org](mailto:ce@2ndpc.org).

**THE BELL TOWER REPAIRS** – Our bell tower has been undergoing repairs since January 2020 as part of the vision of the Steeple Fund started in November 2019. A lightning strike caused a fire in the top of the bell tower on April 19, 2020, the full scope of which took many months to assess. Restoration was able to resume in July of 2021. You can give toward the Steeple Fund/Bell Tower Fund at [www.2ndpc.org/give](http://www.2ndpc.org/give) or designate a gift for "bell tower".