



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

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

Carol Arrangements

Philip Keveren

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

Rev. Cress Darwin

***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
Pageant Processional

#133, vs. 1, 3 and 4

(Children will join their families after the pageant.)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Mellen and Jeter Families

We have watched; we have waited:

In Hope (*light 1st purple candle*);

For Peace (*light 2nd 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 the Christ come into our hearts that we might find peace with you forever. Amen.

HYMN

Away In a Manger

#115

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Beckett Carrington

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
(The offering will be received at this time)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 1-4

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MEDITATION

Rev. Cress Darwin

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**

Rev. Cress Darwin

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!

POSTLUDE

*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 25th
 Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.***

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you looking for a church home where you can make a difference for the God we serve? Where you belong, where you will be known, nurtured, and challenged? We welcome you and invite you to spend some time with us. Please contact Rev. Darwin if you would like to find out more about becoming a church member.

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Debra Gammons, 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

GIVEN IN HONOR OF

Ervene Hiers and Doris Bowen by Melinda and Rocky Accardo

Our family by Erin and Pat Mellen

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