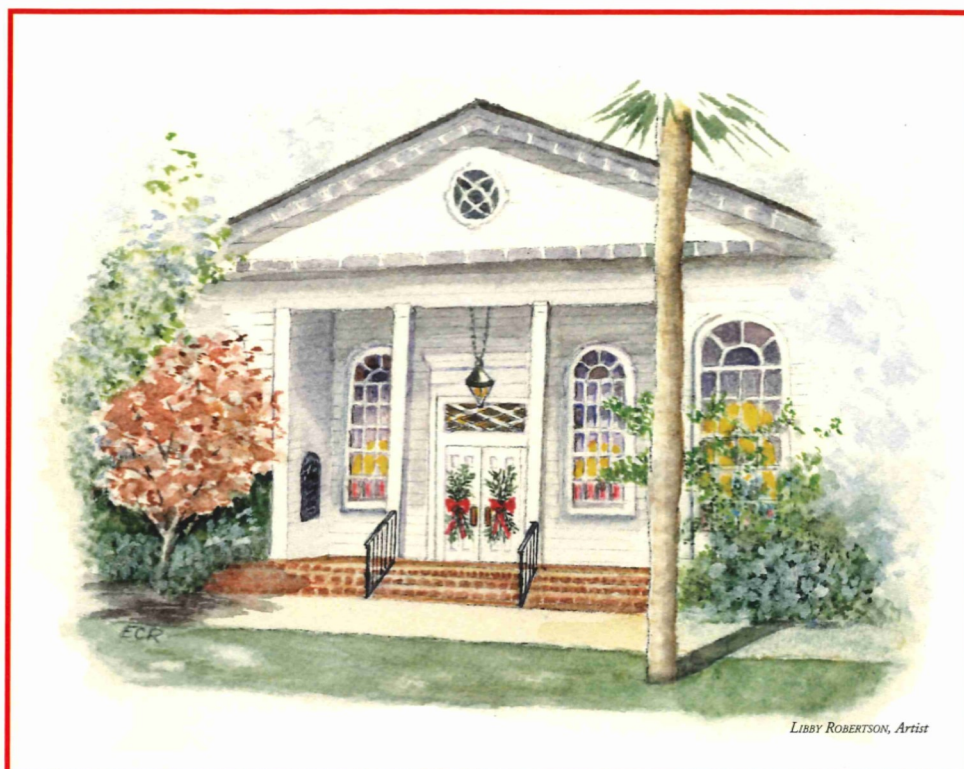




First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
January 3, 2021
11:00 AM



*To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are lonely and need friendship,
To all who are glad and would serve their neighbors,
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,
To all who sin and need a Savior,
This church opens wide its doors
In the name of Christ and bids you welcome.*

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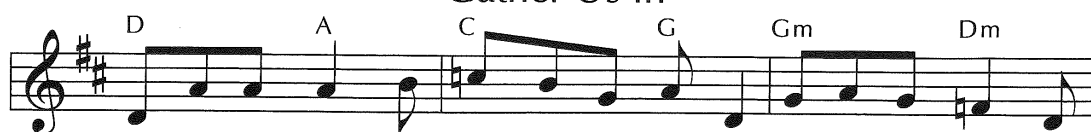
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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Welcome & Call to Worship Reverend Becky Albright

Hymn *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Children's Sermon Dr. Patrick Perryman

Special Music *In the Bleak Midwinter*

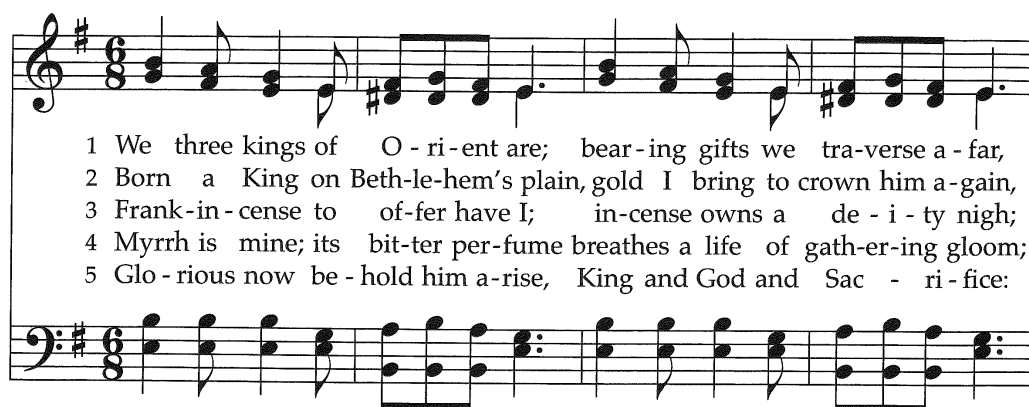
Vic Varner, *Music Director*

Lily Cooper, *Organist*


Meredith Halopoff, *Soloist*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

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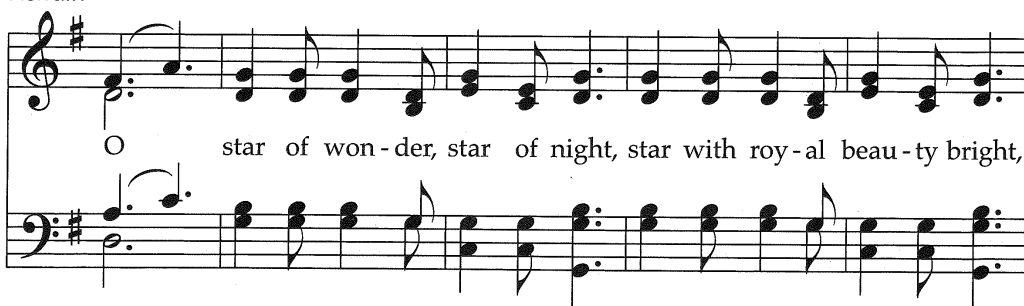


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

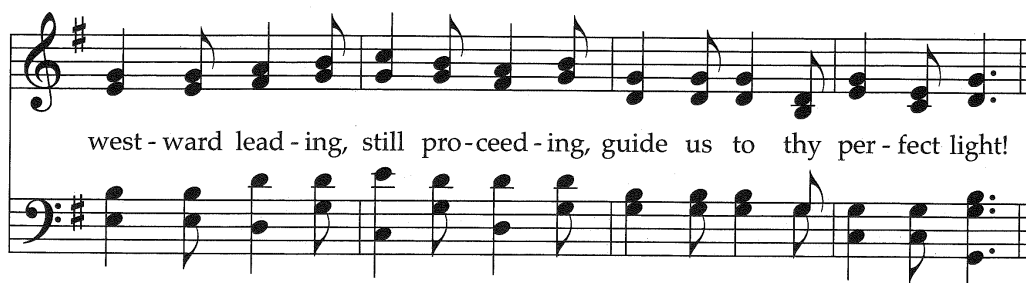


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Prophecy Lesson.....Jeremiah 37:7-14

Sermon..... *Shall We Gather at the River?*
 Dr. Patrick Perryman

Apostles' Creed

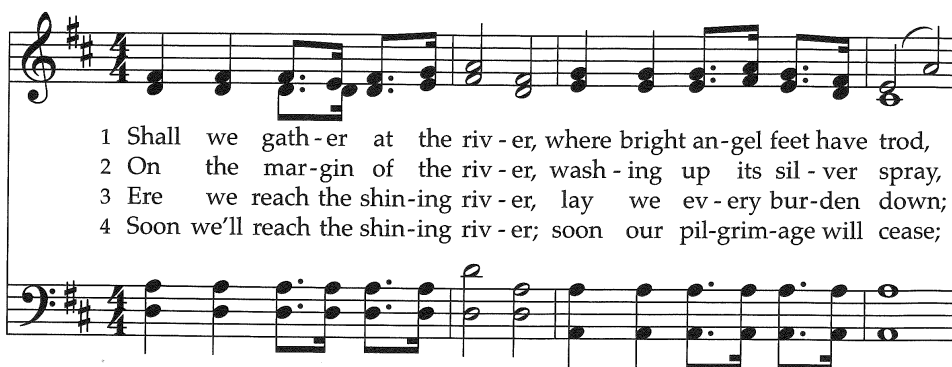
I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

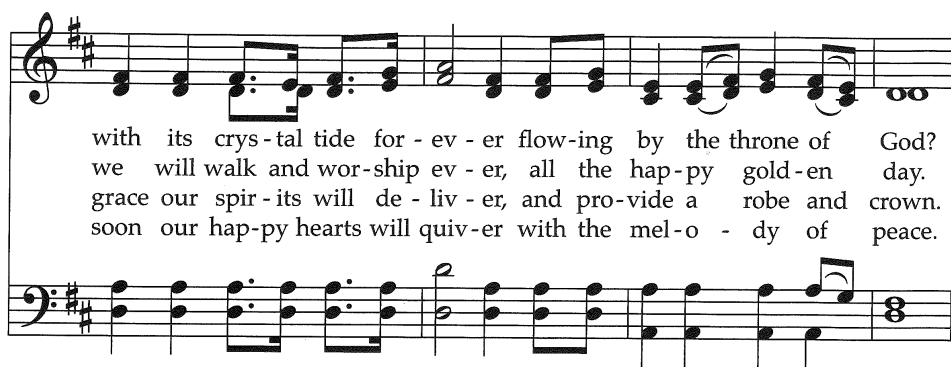
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn *All Who Hungry, Gather Gladly*

375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

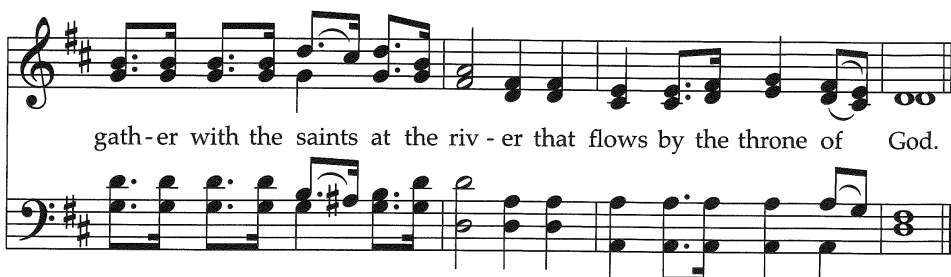


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God! You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. And so with the community of faith from every place and time – with those who know how deeply you love us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of great wonders,
All creation is astounded by your works!
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where Christ was born; and your signs and witnesses in every age and throughout all the world have led your people from far places to your light. In his baptism and in his table fellowship, he took his place with sinners.

As we remember what Jesus has done for us, as we celebrate his life, death, and resurrection, we speak of that mystery we know as faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is raised,
Christ is coming again.**

You long to have everything to do with us, God of wonders, and so you call us to this table of peace, hope, reconciliation. Here, in the bread and the cup transformed by your Spirit, we are reminded that there is no God but you. For, in the life of the bread, we feast on that grace which can heal a broken world. For in the sweet taste of the cup's hope, we taste those promises which we can share with all people:

**Peace where there is only war,
Love where there is only evil,
Wonder where there is only despair...**

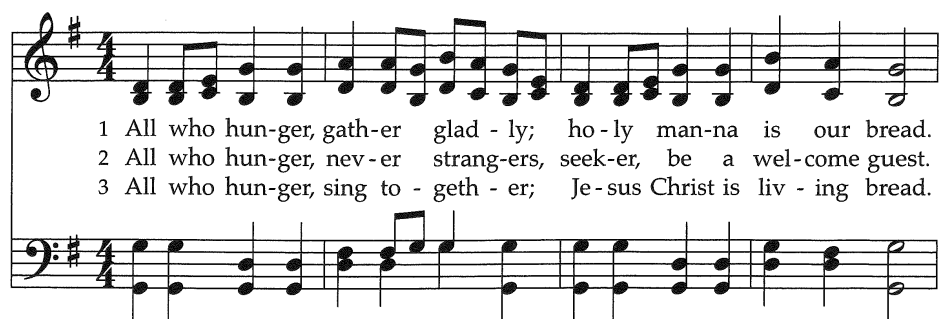
For from you come all things; to you, we all would turn to follow. And when all human time and history is done, when we are gathered with our sisters and brothers in that time with you we call eternity, we will praise you forever, singing glory to you. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus teaches us:

The Lord's Prayer

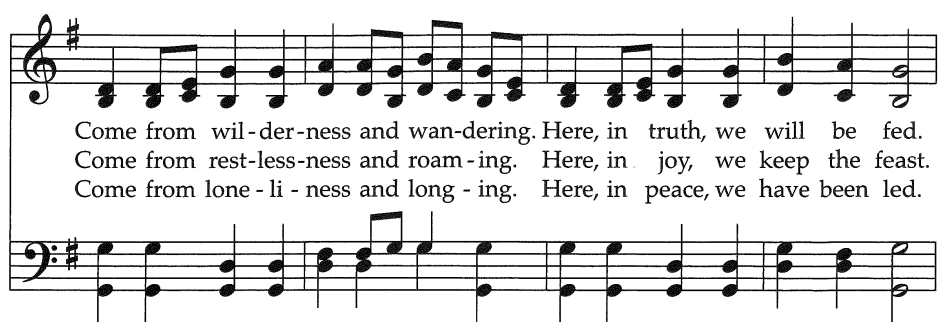
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen

Hymn..... *Shall We Gather at the River*

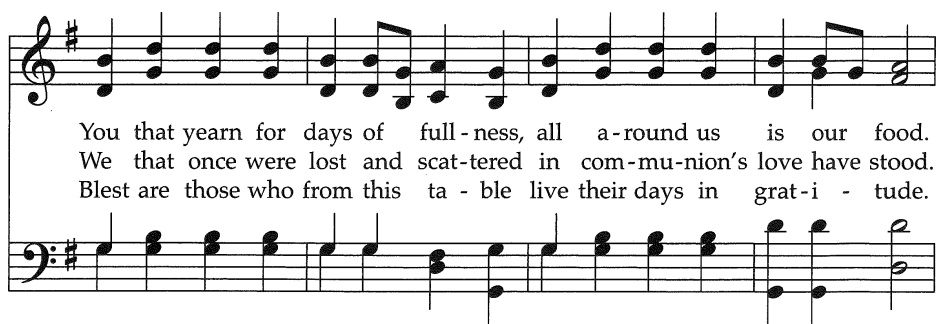
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Benediction

Postlude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who join us for worship today. If you are without a church home, you will be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. We are glad you are here! Please like us on Facebook and visit our website at www.firstpresbeaufort.org for sermons, news, and current events.

TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO the Glory of God, by the flower committee.

2021 FLOWER CHART: The flower chart is available in front on the table. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday morning worship service, please write your name and phone number next to the appropriate date. You may provide your own flowers, or order them from your florist of preference. You may also contact Mary Ragsdale at 843-252-3384 to sign up.

NEW YEAR, NEW CLASS AVAILABLE: During the past year as our world has been turned upside down, we experienced some of the most racially-charged events of the 21st century. We have been given first-hand views into racial biases on a surprising level. As Presbyterians, we tend to lean into study and reading, to educate ourselves on important subjects and matters of interest.

Join with others to read and discuss four recently-published books on the subject of race and racial relations. Some of the reading will be challenging and some will be painful – yet the subject is important and the reading worthwhile. Rev. Becky Albright will facilitate a book discussion on the 3rd Sunday of the month (January – April) at 5:30. The class will begin on January 17th and will be limited to 15 people. Sign-ups are required please email Reverend Becky Albright at BAalbright@firstpresbeaufort.org by January 8th

Readings include: **I'm Still Here** by Austin Channing Brown; **White Fragility** by Robin Diangelo; **Caste** by Isabel Wilkinson and the fourth book is to be determined.



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10th Annual Nativity Celebration *"Through the Glass"* December 4 - January 6

Throughout the Christmas season,
all are welcome to walk the Sanctuary grounds of
First Presbyterian and view the beautiful nativities
from around the world.

Come day or evening to our Sanctuary Grounds to enjoy.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE

Grow through what you go through