

## 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 ..... *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the 'won - drous gift is given!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

## Pastoral Prayer & 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

Carol ..... *Joy to the World*

## 134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

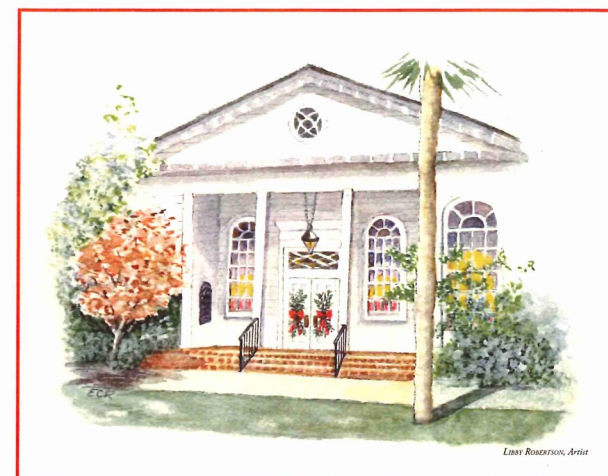
Benediction

Postlude



First Presbyterian  
Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 December 20, 2020  
 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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"Love your neighbor," said Jesus  
Face masks are required throughout  
worship to keep everyone safe.

Gathering Song ..... *The First Nowell*

## 147 The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.  
and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*  
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

Welcome & Call to Worship ..... Reverend Becky Albright

Lighting the Advent Wreath ..... Allison and Ben Coppage  
Harris and Bette

*Watch and wait for Christ's coming!  
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,  
remembering the promises of God with prayer.*

*We light this candle in hope.  
We light this candle for peace.  
We light this candle in joy.  
We light this candle with love.*

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.*

*God of hope, God of peace,  
God of joy, God of love,  
you are love, and those who  
abide in love abide in you.  
Teach us how to love one another  
as reflections of your light in the world.  
God of promise, God of love,  
into our darkness come. Amen.*



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Carol ..... *What Child is This?*

## 145 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Children's Sermon ..... Dr. Patrick Perryman

Special Music ..... *Riu, Riu, Chiu*  
Vic Varner, *Music Director* TRADITIONAL SPANISH CAROL  
Lily Cooper, *Organist*

Gospel Lesson ..... Luke 1:26-38

Sermon ..... *How Can This Be?*  
Dr. Patrick Perryman



# 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](http://www.firstpresbeaufort.org) for sermons, news, and current events.

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

## **First Presbyterian Finances - - PLEASE BE AWARE and respond**

Thank you for your support of the ministries of First Presbyterian. This has been a most unusual year for giving because we did not worship in person for many months. Many of you responded generously and strongly early during the pandemic and others have been giving steadily. There are others who still have the opportunity to give and to finish their pledges, and we need your support in order to finish fiscally strong.

You have received or will receive information about your financial giving for 2020. If you need to know your balance—please call or email Nora Graczyk at [Info@FirstPresBeaufort.org](mailto:Info@FirstPresBeaufort.org) or 843-524-3051 *Please note that contributions post-marked or delivered by hand AFTER December 31 will be applied to 2021 giving.*

**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.

## **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:**

**AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.**

"Go easy on yourself.

Whatever you do today let it be enough" - Unknown

# CHRISTMAS EVE OUTDOOR SERVICE

3:00 pm Young Family Service

5:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service

We are glad you are here and look forward to you joining us on Thursday, December 24 for our Christmas Eve Worship Services. For those joining us in person, our outdoor worship will be on the First Pres Sanctuary Grounds. These services will also be available livestreamed for our friends worshipping from home.

**3:00pm: Our Young Family Service** will provide a wonderful time for children and their families to gather. This service will be full of music, a children's sermon and a short Christmas meditation. We can't wait to see the bright eyes of our young families. Parents, please keep your children within arm's reach to ensure that everyone present will stay at a safe distance from one another. There is no childcare provided. Pro Tip: Though everyone can bring their own chair, many families enjoy bringing a small blanket for their little ones to sit on during the service.

**5:00pm: Our Traditional Candlelight Service** will be full of music, prayer, a Christmas meditation and we will use battery powered candles to safely symbolize the light coming into the world.

## **In-Person Arrival & Parking:**

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the service. You will park and then come in the parking lot on the Sanctuary Grounds (410 Church Street, Beaufort, SC 29902). If you are able to walk, please use the Beaufort Marina Parking Lot or street parking further from the sanctuary. We will reserve convenient street and campus parking for those who need reserved handicapped or accessible parking.

## **What to Bring:**

1. Wear your face mask at all times (covering your nose and mouth) required from the time we exit our cars until we are back inside our vehicles. Face masks required for everyone ages 2 and over.
2. Your own chair (or if you need a chair provided, contact us at [info@firstpresbeaufort.org](mailto:info@firstpresbeaufort.org))

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# *Poinsettias*

12/20/2020–12/24/2020



## **Given By**

## ***In Memory of***

Blair & Blakely Williams

Mary Anne Riding Williams &  
Dr. David E. Tribble

John & Mary Ferguson

Their Grandsons Brett & Joel

Joe & Nancy Strouse

Alex & Rebecca Strouse

John & Mary Tatum

Georgia Laney & E.W. Laney

Lolita Watson

Neil Trask

Patsy & Owen Hand

Our Parents

Gam Foster

William "Sonny" Foster

Steve & Susan Meyer & Family

Dr. Stephen and Helen Meyer  
& Laura Lamson Humphreys

Jane Kelsey & Steve Tarrance

Bratton Tarrance

Liz Malinowski

Lib and Montague Laffitte &  
Trudy Malinowski

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Hanna

Donna & Meghan Blake

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Our Children and Grandchildren

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Our Children & Grandsons

Mary & John Ferguson

Their Grandchildren: Ben, Sam,  
Allison, & Kate

Marcia & James Pickard

Our Family

Friends

The Church Staff

Lolita Watson

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Lynn & Swinton Anderson

Their Families

Jan & Mern Gouza

Our Granddaughters

Ron & Elaine Bailey

The Glory to God

Pat & Tracy VonHarten

Our Pastors & Congregation

Rob & Sue Cooper

Of Their Family and Grandchildren