

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MON. DEC. 2	11:00 AM	Spirituality Class with Rev. Albright
	1:15 PM	Mission Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
TUE. DEC. 3	4:30 PM	Spiritual Formation Meeting
	5:30 PM	Small Group Facilitators Meeting
WED. DEC. 4	4:15 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
THUR. DEC. 5	9:30 AM	Grow Class with Dr. Patrick Perryman
	4:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
FRI. DEC. 6	11:30 AM	PW Luncheon
SAT. DEC. 7	11:00 AM	Christmas at Overlook

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

Awakening the Spirit in us to become more compassionate.

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." - Louis B. Smedes

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
the
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Friday, December 6th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Lunch Hosted by TNT Circle

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the children of local church
Pabellion de la Libertad Church

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 4th to Betty Holt at
theholts@me.com or (336) 202-1126.

Cost is \$10 for Circle members; all others please be our guest.

Child Care available upon request



God's Tithe and Offering Update

Received		Annual Budget
Offering for Nov. 24	Year To Date	
\$ 20,230.36	\$ 482,412.14	

\$ 569,589.00

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

December	6	PW Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 AM
	7	Christmas at Overlook at 11:00 AM
	10	Blue Christmas at 6:00 PM
	11	Second Wednesday at First— Pastors' Christmas Concert
	13 -15	Nativities Celebration
	15	Lessons and Carols at 10:00 AM
	15	Christmas Pageant at 5:00 PM
	24	Family/Children's Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 PM
	24	Candlelight/Communion Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 PM
	29	No Sunday School—Worship at 10:00 AM

Blue Christmas Service

Dec 10 6pm
First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

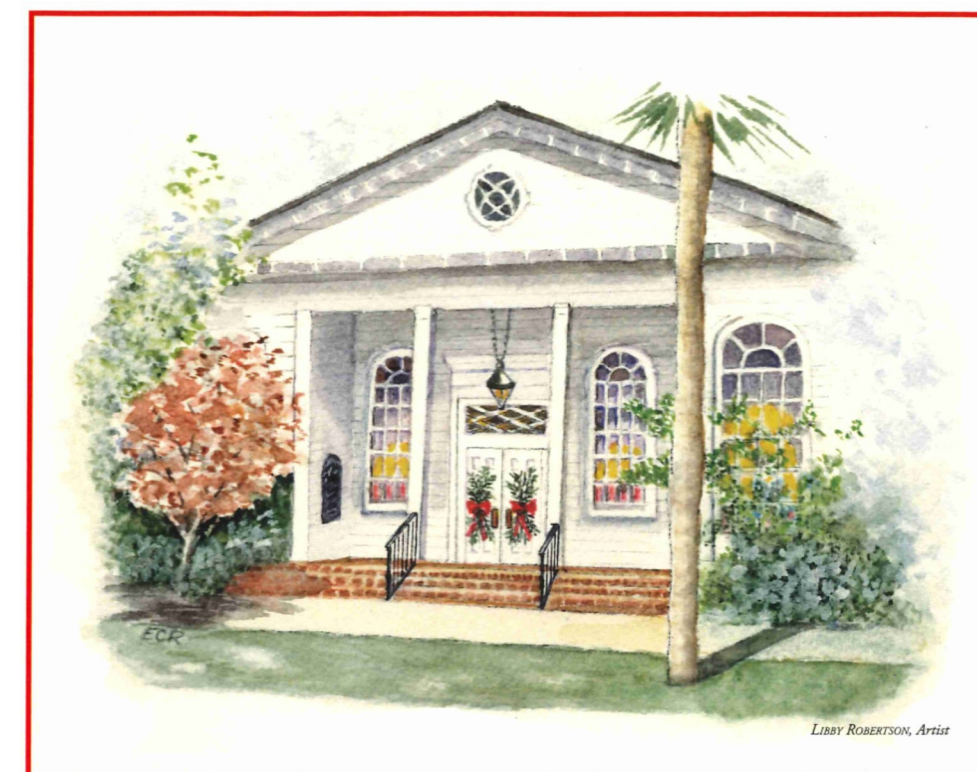
A community service for remembrance, hope, comfort and inspiration
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BLUE CHRISTMAS THOUGHT: Judgment is the currency of the world; the Church trades in grace. Everything takes its toll on our mental health, but the Church is the one community where the burdens we carry can be lifted by the forgiveness of sin and the caring embrace of a fellow sufferer. It does not offer acute treatment so much as promotes long-term mental health. Church shouldn't be mistaken for a therapist's office, but can be a pit-stop for the weary. We cannot flee from the pressures of life, but perhaps there is a place where these pressures might be alleviated, a place that reorients us and provides comfort for an altogether different journey, in grace. ("There Is a Shrink in Gilead: The Church and Mental Health" by Todd Brewer)



First Presbyterian
Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019 at 10:00 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.*

Sanctuary: 410 Church Street

Office, Education & Outreach Building: 1201 North Street
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As we gather to worship, may we enter prayerfully.

Striking of the Hour

Prelude Wake, Awake for Night is Flying
WALTHER

Choral Introit

Opening Words & Call to WorshipElder Nan Krueger

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go up to the house of the Lord!”
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord
That we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

+* Hymn 82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.
(Let us continue in prayer silently)

Congregational Response Carol It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

May we who kneel before the Lord,
Whose hearts confess our sin,
Find peace that comes from God alone,
As Jesus enters in.
Hear us, O God of grace and love,
As humbly now we bow,
Incline to us and wash us clean,
Reign in our hearts right now.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* Gloria Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Lighting the Advent Wreath.....Karen Allen, Muriel Coleman,
Cindy Levy, and Ellie White

We know the world is not as it should be.
God’s Word will spring out of Jerusalem and instruct all.
Creation groans for its redemption, for things to be made right.
God will decide and settle disputes between the peoples.
People make war against each other and denigrate each other’s worth.
O Church of God, we light the first candle of Advent for the Light of Hope!

Children’s SermonDr. Patrick Perryman
(During Advent we will dismiss the children while singing the refrain from The First Nowell.)

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Anthem..... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VIC VARNER, Music Director ARR. KODALY
LILY COOPER, Organist

Epistle Lesson..... Romans 13:11-14

*Hymn O Maker of the Stars of Night
Text by Dr. Patrick Perryman O WALY WALY

O maker of the stars of night,
Your people’s everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
Hear us, we pray you, when we call.

When this dark world moved toward the night,
You came, but not in grandeur bright.
You came in humble circumstance
To help us sing, to make us dance.

Emmanuel, at your great name,
Our hearts are lifted from our shame.
Our eyes are raised up as we bow,
We kneel before your manger now,

We are convinced of your great power,
That holds us fast through every hour.
Nothing can keep us from your love,
Not things below or powers above.

Our Advent prayer to you this day
Is that we spread your peace always,
With everyone in every place,
Come now with your redeeming grace.

Prophecy Lesson..... Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon Ain’t Gonna Study War No More
Dr. Patrick Perryman

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has come to us;
that God brought us into being,
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment,
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;
that God is not happy to leave us alone,
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made completed.

We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect, “Alleluia!”

Offering

Offertory Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
BOEHM

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 92 While We are Waiting, Come
WAITING

The Lord’s Supper (see insert)

* Hymn 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Postlude Arise, Sons of the Kingdom
BACH

*All Who Are Able Please Stand | + Ushers Will Seat Latecomers

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.firstpresbeauport.org for sermons, news, and current events. Members and visitors, please sign the attendance pads located on the aisle ends of each pew. Your presence is very important to us!

NOC SNACKS: FPC is partnering with Neighborhood Outreach Connection by helping to provide snacks for their students during the after-school program. We would love to be able to bless them with snack options until the end of the school year. They are looking for individual snack bags of pretzels, crackers, cookies, popcorn, and chips. Please drop off all snacks in the box in the Education Building

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The annual PW Nativity Display is in the works and will be December 13, 14, 15, 2019. As always, we would love for you to share your nativities with us and before you say yours is nothing special, EACH ONE IS SPECIAL. Please contact Donna Lee Sheetz if you have any questions or a nativity you would like to share at donnaleesheetz@gmail.com or 843-379-9646.

POINSETTIAS WILL BE USED TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 15th

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please return this completed form to the church office or place in the offering plate as it is passed with \$13.00 for each one ordered. Poinsettias must be paid for in advance and may be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 22nd or after the Christmas Eve services. All orders must be received no later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

\$13.00

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