

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MON. DEC. 9	11:00 AM	Spirituality Class with Rev. Albright
	5:30 PM	Session
TUE. DEC. 10	10:00 AM	Tuesday MornEng
	6:00 PM	Blue Christmas
WED. DEC. 11	4:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	2nd Wednesday at First—Pastors' Christmas Concert
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
THUR. DEC. 12	9:30 AM	Grow Class with Dr. Patrick Perryman
FRI. DEC. 13	10:00 AM	Nativity Celebration 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SAT. DEC. 14	10:00 AM	Nativity Celebration 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SUN. DEC. 15	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Lessons and Carols
	11:00 AM	Nativity Celebration 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
	5:00 PM	Christmas Pageant

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

Awakening the Spirit in us to become more compassionate.

When we can talk about our feelings they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary.

Lets Roll Out the Love

We are collecting toilet paper and paper towels for Hopeful Horizons Women & Childrens shelter. Please put donations in the red wagon in the Narthex or drop them off in the church office.



God's Tithe and Offering Update

Received		Annual Budget
Offering for Dec. 1	Year To Date	
\$ 11,301.00	\$ 485,355.91	

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

December	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

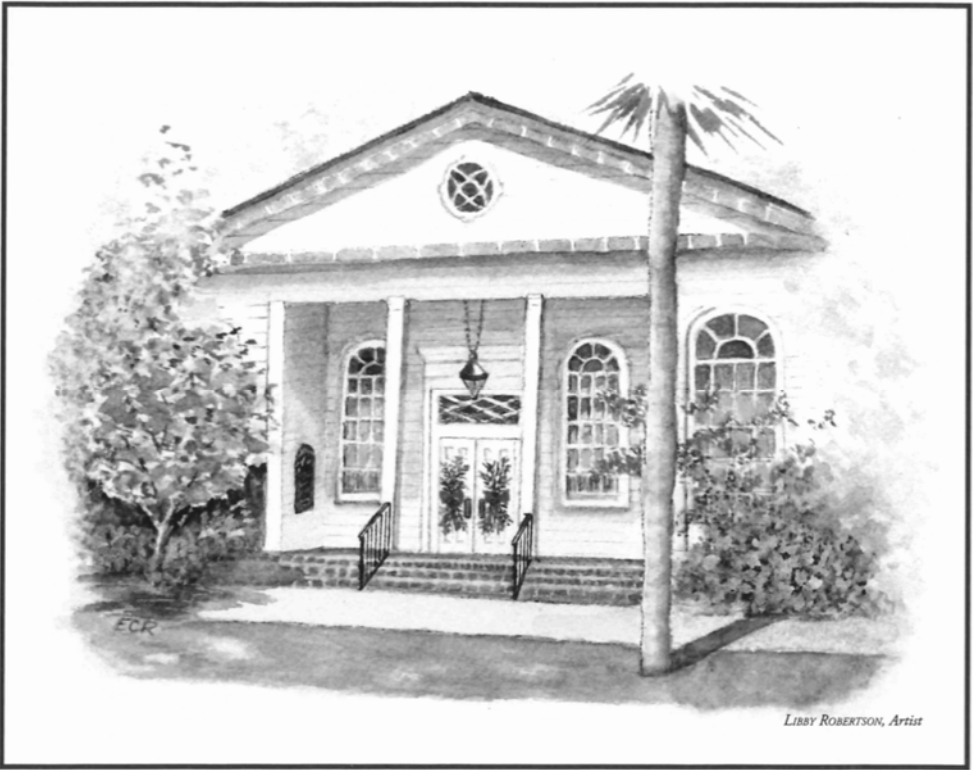
Blue Christmas Service

Dec 10 6pm
First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort
A community service for remembrance, hope, comfort and inspiration
Historic Downtown Beaufort • 410 Church Street

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)



A Service for the Worship of God
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*
MOSER

Choral Introit

Opening Words & Call to Worship - *Psalm 72*.....Dr. Patrick Perryman
Long may the king live!
May gold of Sheba be given to him.
May prayer be made for him continually,
And blessings invoked for him all day long.
May there be abundance of grain in the land;
May it wave on the tops of the mountains
May its fruit be like Lebanon;
And may people blossom in the cities
Like the grass of the field.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
Who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be The Lord's glorious name forever;
May God's glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

+* Hymn 99 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*
MORNING SONG

Prayer of Confession
Gracious and welcoming God, we pray for mercy on your people. We confess our uncertainty in your incarnation and wonder about a lowly child who becomes a king. We fail to heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made in your image. We exclude and ignore those who are different and shun those we find uninteresting. Forgive us, O God, and have mercy upon us. We repent of our ways and look to your power so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. We pray in Christ's name.
(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..... Meghan & Tony Pierro
Peyton, Greyson, & Katherine

We look out and see the devastation. We see a lowly stump.
But look, someone is growing out its deep roots!
The Spirit rests upon this King and he is righteous and faithful.
He is our glorious sign and beacon of the Kingdom to come.
Relationships will be reformed. Words like hurt and destroy will be no more.
We light the second candle of Advent remembering The Shoot of Hope has come!

Children's Sermon Meredith Norris Smith
(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 *Lo, The Beginning*
VIC VARNER, *Music Director* ARR. MS
LILY COOPER, *Organist*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, As seers of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
Now come and dwell among us, sharing thy grace and truth.

Prophecy Lesson..... Isaiah 11:1-10

*Hymn 102 *Savior of the Nations, Come*
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Epistle Lesson..... Romans 15: 4-13

Sermon **Hope, Harmony and Health**
Rev. Becky Albright

* 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!"

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory Magnificat
D'ANDRIEU

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 88 (verses 1,4-7) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
VENO EMMANUEL

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gats*
TRURO

*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.firstpresbeaufort.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!

2020 FLOWER CHART: The flower chart is available in the Narthex. 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.

ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND, we will joyfully welcome new members into our congregation. If you are interested in joining our church family, please contact Geneva.Baxley@gmail.com or notify the church office 843-524-3051. All are welcome.

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
GIVEN BY _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check	
IN MEMORY OF _____		
IN HONOR OF _____		