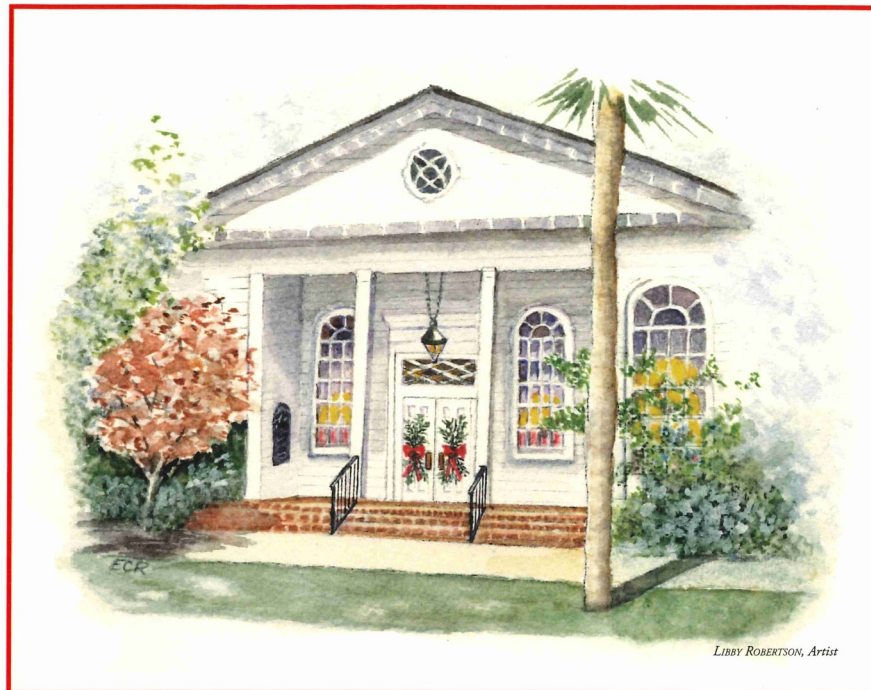




First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM



*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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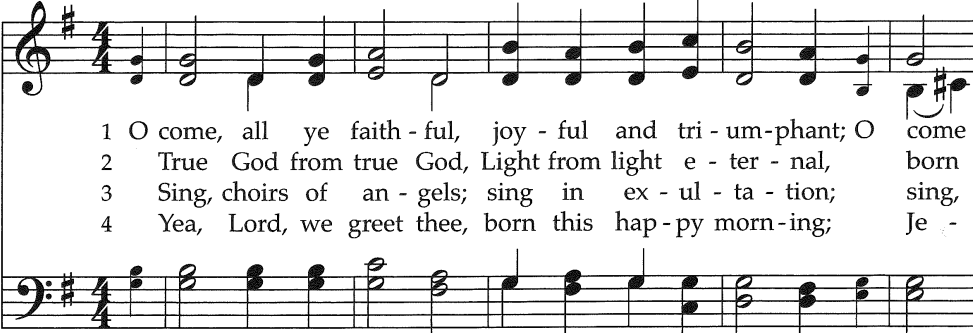
Gracious and Holy God, on this night we will hear how the world into which Jesus was born was ruled by governor, emperor, and king. Yet this story reveals that you, O God, are the only true Sovereign—Almighty and Everlasting. We thank you that justice and righteousness are in your hands. We praise you for the peace you have promised. Most especially, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who dwells among us full of grace and truth.

GATHERING MUSIC *Here Comes the "Son"*

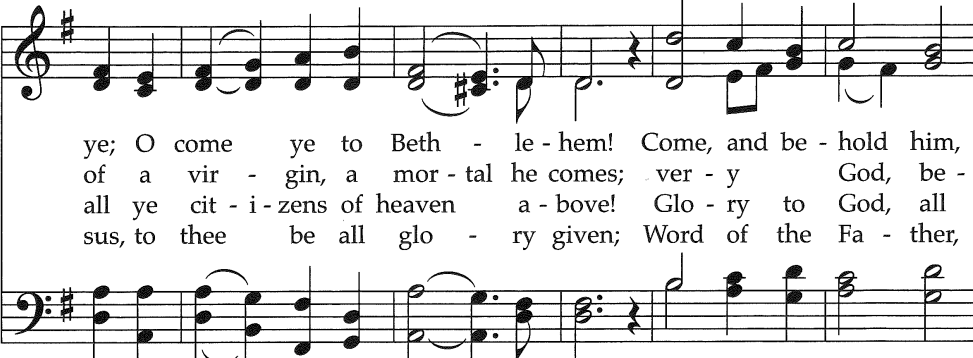
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

CAROL *Adeste Fideles*

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

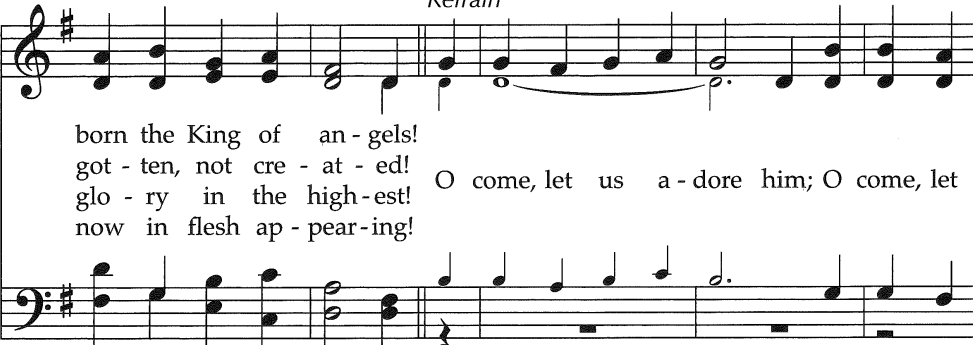


1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -



ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain



born the King of an - gels!
got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
glo - ry in the high - est!
now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Mary & John Tatum
and Family

*We light candles of hope and peace and joy and love.
We light the Christ candle to symbolize God's fulfilled promise.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
The angels filled the skies praising God and proclaiming:
"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
And on earth peace among those whom God favors!"*

CHILDRENS' SERMON Dr. Patrick Perryman

MUSICAL OFFERING *Ding Dong, Merrily On High*

VIC VARNER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

WALKER AND HOLLAND PERRYMAN, DUO

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 96

MUSICAL OFFERING *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

VIC VARNER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

LILY COOPER, ORGANIST

MEREDITH HALOPOFF, SOLOIST

EPISTLE LESSON Titus 2:11-14

MUSICAL OFFERING *Do You Hear What I Hear*

VIC VARNER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

LILY COOPER, ORGANIST

GENEVA BAXLEY, SOLOIST

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Dr. Patrick Perryman

CHRISTMAS 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

Away in a Manger

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Capo 5: (C) F (Am) Dm (C) F (Dm) Gm



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) B \flat (G) C (C) F (Dm) Gm (F) B \flat (G) C



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) F (Dm) Gm



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) C (C) F (Dm) Gm (G) C (C) F



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

LITANY OF LIGHT

1st Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

2nd Reader: You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

Congregation: The Light of God shines on us tonight.

1st Reader: For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

2nd Reader: For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

Congregation: The Light of God shines on us tonight.

1st Reader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

2nd Reader: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Congregation: The Light of God shines on us tonight.

CANDLE LIGHTING

CAROL..... *Stille Nacht*

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Many know the 1969 song written by George Harrison, “**Here Comes the Sun.**” Part of the lyrics feature these words:

“Here comes the sun ...
It's been a long cold lonely winter.
It feels like years since it's been here.
Here comes the sun.
The smiles returning to the faces..
I feel that ice is slowly melting.
It seems like years since it's been clear.
Here comes the sun.”

Imagine those awaiting the arrival of the Messiah over 2,000 years ago who felt the bitterness of cold in their hearts. They looked for the arrival of a Savior—Messiah who would free them from oppression and enemy occupation. They looked for a King.

How shocking to find, not a royal prince in born in palace of luxury, safety and power, but a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and born in a stable. **God's Son** would not ride a mighty war horse and overcome their enemies, but rather would ride a donkey and tell us to love our neighbors and forgive our enemies and put the needs of others ahead of our own. He would be crucified on a cross as a criminal. Many had felt abandoned in a winter of despair. Yet through the Son, the ice melted, and joyous smiles came again to our faces. Things become clear in God's time.

To us on earth, the sun is the essential for light and life. Our solar system is formed around the sun. In many forms of faith, light has a tremendous symbolism. For us as Christians, **God's Son Jesus** – is our sun, the central and defining Light and Hope and Word. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” As we prepare our hearts this sacred night and sing carols and light candles, may meet the coming of the Son with hope and faith. May we look to the future with smiles on our faces and feel the ice of hatred, fear, and despair melt in our world. Let there be peace on earth.

“Here comes the SON Here comes the SON,”
... and we with God's help say “All will be right. It's alright.”