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Given By

Luke & Geneva Baxley

Blair & Blakely Williams

Steve & Hillary Meyer

Liz Malinowski

Jamie Leach & Tracey Driscoll

Lolita Watson

Bill & Martha Harvey

Charlotte, Tyler, & Henry Law

Henry, Kate and AK Harper

Bob & Betty Holt

Bill & Martha Harvey

Bob Gamble

Andrea Coulter

Pasquale Coladonato &
Marjorie Lamb

Patsy & Owen Hand

Gam Foster

His Grandchildren

Austin, Kensley & Lawson Crosby

Steve & Susan Meyer & Family

Peggy Hubright

Lee Stockell

Jane Tarrance

Bruce & Peggy Fryer

Kelly Gamble

Sandra & John Myrick

In *Memory* of

Their Parents

Mary Anne Riding Williams

Dalton Jones

Lib and Montague Laffitte

Marion & Jimmie Leach

Neil Trask

Helen and Brantley Harvey

Dr. & Mrs. Henry Frierson

Sharon McRae (GG) &
Carl Harper

Walter & Doris Holt
Clayton & Gert Brooks

Sonny Foster

Kelley Gamble

Loved Ones

Their parents

Our Parents

William "Sonny" Foster

Stan Waskiewicz

Betti Crosby

Dr. Stephen Meyer Jr. &
Laura Lamson Humphreys

Ronald Hubright

Charles Stockell

Bratton Tarrance

Our Parents

David Marcy

Neal & Betty Aimar

Given By

Gam Foster

Patsy & Owen Hand

Her Family

Marcia & James Pickard

Henry, Kate & AK Harper

Lolita Watson

Luke & Geneva Baxley

Sandra & John Myrick

Dr. Patrick H. Perryman
Reverend Rebecca Albright
Elizabeth Hargrove
Leanne Jones
Victor Varner
Lily Cooper
Becky Bradshaw
Tracy Greco
Nora Graczyk

Class of 2020
Owen Hand
Jeneane Ryan
Sally Walker
Ann Widener-Gribb

ELDER EMERITUS

Betty Waskiewicz

Class of 2020
Stephen Meyer
Liz Murdaugh
Scott Scobey
MJ Simmons

In *Honor* of

Our Children and Grandchildren

Our Children & Grandsons

Betty Logan Waskiewicz

Our Family

Madeline Harper (Manna)

Becky Trask

Their Children, Kate & Davis

Frances Myrick

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Youth Ministries Director
Family Ministries Coordinator
Director of Music
Organist
Nursery Supervisor
Bookkeeper
Office Administrator

OUR STAFF

OUR SESSION

Class of 2021
Audra Alexander
Paul Coffman
Andrew Jones
Steve Meyer

Gam Foster, Clerk

OUR DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Geneva Baxley
Sam Scoville
Jane Tarrance
Charles Tumlin

Class of 2022
Lee Cope
Marjorie Lamb
Mary Ragsdale
Blakely Williams

TREASURER

Owen Hand

Class of 2022
Kensley Crosby
Randy Hannold
Betty Holt
Patty Kennedy



**First Presbyterian
Church of Beaufort**

**A Service for the Worship of God
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
*Corner of North and Church Streets
Beaufort, South Carolina*

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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Thank you to our special musicians:

Beek Webb, Mandolin

Scott Kinsey, Violin

Cecile Magnette, Soloist

Meredith Norris, Soloist

For your meditation as we gather:
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.

PRELUDE.....Vic & Friends

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP*Reverend Becky Albright*
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us
Full of grace and truth.
We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
Son of God, light that shines in the dark.
Child of joy and peace
Help us to come to you and be born anew this holy night.

+ * CAROL 133.....*O Come All Ye Faithful*
ADESTE FIDELIS

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....AK, Henry, & Kate Harper

We have been walking in dark shadows but now see a great light.
Light has dawned on all of us.
This light comes from a child born with authority already resting on him.
He has many different names -Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
Eternal Justice and Righteousness will be established by him and reign in his Kingdom.
We celebrate lighting the Christ Candle for we have heard the Name of God.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

* CAROL 113*Angels We Have Heard on High*
GLORIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the light of Jesus, our merciful Savior and living Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
“You shall call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.”
Jesus said, “I have come that you might have life, and have it to the very fullest.”
Glory to God! We are forgiven!
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill to all.

PSALTER LESSON.....Psalm 96

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Holly and the Ivy*
MEREDITH NORRIS, *Soloist* TRADITIONAL

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION.....*Dr. Patrick Perryman*

OFFERING
OFFERTORY*Il Est Ne Le Divin Enfant*
CECILE MAGNETTE, *Soloist* TRADITIONAL FRENCH

* CAROL 115*Away in a Manger*
MUELLER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord our God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Gluten free option available
with the clear chalice*

This is the night your heart bursts open with joy, this is the evening grace pours out of heaven, this is the moment when you come to make all things new, ever-creating God. You shaped light out of the shadows of chaos, and molded your children from the earth, looking in the mirror as you formed us, breathing your Spirit into our empty lungs.

Made for life with you in the garden you designed for us, we ran away into the wilds of the world, believing we were wiser than you, that we could make our own way. Yet your love never failed us, your compassion was never taken from us, you would not abandon us in our foolishness. You brought us out of slavery into that land of promise and hope. You sent your prophets to speak to us of your disappointment in us, and to remind us of your dreams for us.

Your love for us was so great, that you sent your only Son to become one of us that we might be one with you again. So on this night when heaven reaches down to caress creation with healing, we join the angel choirs who sang your glory, and with your people in every time and place, caroling the good news which is ours:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

O God of majesty, your glory is infinite and eternal, yet your glory is present in our midst within your Son. He found no warm welcome at his birth and his friends deserted him at his death; born in a barn, he knows the suffering of your children; sent to be your word made flesh, he calls us to follow him into your kingdom; proclaimed by the prophet as our Prince of Peace, he died a violent and terrible death. By his sacrifice and resurrection, you have given new life to all creation. So, as we gather on this holiest of nights, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, Wonderful Counselor, and on the gifts you have given us. We lift the broken bread, praying we would be made whole, at peace with one another, and reconciled to you. As we drink from the vineyard of grace, we believe that our salvation has come, and we are one with Christ, our flesh filled with his spirit of sacrifice, our spirits refreshed by his compassionate heart.

As your joy flows into us, may we become a river carrying your justice to the poor; as your hope sings in our hearts, may we carry your righteousness to all who suffer. And as we taste the promise of the feast you prepare for us in your kingdom, may we live for you and serve every one of your children, as we have been served by the Child of Christmas, Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

LITANY OF LIGHT - *from Isaiah 9*
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.
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 and kingdom of David. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The passionate commitment of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Congregation: The Light of God shines on us tonight.

CANDLE LIGHTING

* CAROL*Silent Night*
STILLE NACHT

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born.*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God love’s pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE.....*Joy to the World*
GEHRKE