

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (See Insert)



Benediction Postlude



A Service for the Worship of God Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 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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Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

God of hope, God of peace, you speak peace into the world through the way of the Christ-child. Help us to live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.

God of promise, God of peace, into our darkness come. Amen.

Hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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- 1 Hark! The her ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born king. 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er-last - ing Lord,
- 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-nes



Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin ners rec-on-ciled!" late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb. Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal-ing in his wings.



Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - heml

pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.

born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

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What shall I cry, O God, unto your people? What word of truth, what blessing shall I speak? Shall I shout harshly calling out injustice Or gently sing of comfort to the weak? What voice is yours, O Mother of the Heavens, A sounding trumpet or whisper meek?

Prepare the way. Singing comfort to my people: Your God has come, Salvation has drawn near. Your warfare done, there is no need of fighting; Put down your swords, put down your life of fear. Your broken hearts shall be forever mended, Your Lord and Savior be forever here.

Cry out to all, to weakness and to power;
The bread of justice breaks for everyone.
The wine is poured and blessed and offered freely.
The gifts of God, banquet of the Sons, prepared for all,
And all people given, sustains the work so long ago begun.

Prophecy Lesson	Isaiah 40:1-11
Sermon	Can You Imagine? Dr. Patrick Perryman

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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You call all people to follow your paths of justice and peace, beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. In the light of your holy Word we look for the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, or learn war anymore. Therefore, with the entire company of heaven, and with your people on earth who live in this hope, we join in praising you:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, for he is Emmanuel, God with us. Fulfilling the expectations of the prophets he healed the blind and lame, cleansed the lepers, opened the ears of the deaf, raised the dead, and brought good news to the poor. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you create a new covenant with your children, and through Christ's church of disciples you give testimony to the power of your salvation for the world.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you as we share this holy meal, remember Christ's dying and rising, and pray: Come Lord Jesus!

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and your gifts—this bread, this cup, these people—Christ's body and blood, given in love for the world. Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord. Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. We pray you receive the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

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.

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

PLEASE NOTE the elements for communion today contain gluten.





10th Annual Nativity Celebration "Through the Glass" December 4 - January 6

Throughout the Christmas season, all are welcome to walk the Sanctuary grounds of First Presbyterian and view the beautiful nativities from around the world.

Come day or evening to our Sanctuary Grounds to enjoy.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS.

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO RECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE

"Fairy tales are more than true - not because they tell us dragons exist, but because they tell us dragons can be beaten."

- G.K. Chesterton & Neil Gaiman

POINSETTIAS WILL BE USED TO DECORATE THE OUTSIDE FOR WORSHIP.

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 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. 18th or after the Christmas Eve services. <u>All orders must be received no later than Sunday, Dec. 13th</u>

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The Season Of Giving

The Outreach Committee is very excited to challenge First Presbyterian Church to give **25 units of blood** through **One Blood** between now and Christmas. We have chosen this mission because it directly serves our community and has a very real impact on local lives that may find themselves in need.



Allison Coppage, a member of the Outreach Committee, is personally excited to participate in this mission because she has grown up with a passionate father, who was an advocate for making Beaufort Memorial Hospital's (BMH) resource for blood local, so that the Hospital could meet the needs of those it served.

Allison's dad Dr. Brad Collins (Pathologist at BMH) tells us how One Blood donations affect BMH.

Why choose One Blood?

One Blood is the sole provider of all blood products to BMH. The blood given directly impacts the blood availability in our community.

How often do you give?

As often as I can. Donations can be given every 56 days or 6 times a year. Some individuals can qualify to do double donations where 2 units are collected at a time.

Why give blood?

One donation can treat or save three lives. Donating blood may be one of the most selfless acts of kindness you can show your fellow human in their greatest time of need.

Why give now?

Blood shortages are typically greatest during the holidays when the need is the greatest.

Anything else we should know about giving right now?

In conjunction with other treatments, Convalescent plasma of individuals that have recovered from Covid - 19 has been shown to be an effective treatment.

Ready to Give?

Where: One Blood Donation Center, 1001 Boundary St.

When: Between now and December 24, 2020

How: Make an appointment by visiting online at

oneblood.org or by calling 843-522-0409

Report: Text Allison at 843-812-8220 "I gave!" and your name or even better send a picture of your "post giving flex"

