



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Sumter

December 11, 2022

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47th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Fantasia on Greensleeves
Winter from "The Four Seasons"

Jacqueline Taylor and Friends, String Quartet

Arr. by Mark Multop
Ralph Vaughn Williams
Antonio Vivaldi

WELCOME

Gus Blum

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

- ⊗ **PROCESSIONAL CAROL** 140
Once in Royal David's City

Congregation & Choir
Arr. by Robert Powell

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Christ, Be Our Light

John Michael Osteen, Soloist
Arr. by Joel Raney

- ⊗ **Leader:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice! This morning we light the candle of joy. Jesus, the long-expected Savior, is coming into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Let us prepare our hearts to receive the Christ during this holy season. The joy of the Lord is our salvation. Let all people know our patience. The Lord is at hand.
- People:** Joy comes! We lift our voices and sing praises to our God.

(Congregation sings on cue): Christ, Be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

Missy Coulter

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.

Gus Blum

MEDITATION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Jacqueline Taylor Hendricks, Cello
Arr. by Wilbur Held

THE FIRST LESSON

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise.

Bill Richardson
Genesis 3: 8-19

- ⊗ **THE FIRST CAROL** 82
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Congregation & Choir
HYDRYDOL

THE SECOND LESSON

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

Becky Owens
Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

THE SECOND CAROL

Morning of Promise

Chancel Choir
Joseph Martin

THE THIRD LESSON

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Lucas DuBose
Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6

THE THIRD CAROL

Comfort, Comfort

Chancel Choir
Setting by John Ferguson

THE FOURTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.

Sarah Alexander
Luke 1: 26-38

- ✘ **THE FOURTH CAROL** 100 Congregation and Choir
STAR OF COUNTY DOWN
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
 Verse 1, 2, and 4 –Sarah Alexander, Soloist Refrain-Congregation
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.
- THE FIFTH LESSON** Wilson Frerichs
Luke 2: 1-7
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.
- THE FIFTH CAROL** Michelle Blassengale and Archie Torain, Soloists
Grant Cochran
O Little Town of Bethlehem
- THE SIXTH LESSON** Susan Price
Luke 2: 8-20
The shepherds go to the manger.
- THE SIXTH CAROL** Chancel Choir
Arr. by André J. Thomas
African Noel
- INTERLUDE** String Quartet
Camille Saint-Saëns
Prelude from “Christmas Oratorio” (Op. 12)
- THE SEVENTH LESSON** John Michael Osteen
Matthew 2:1-12
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.
- ✘ **THE SEVENTH CAROL** 151 (Verses 1 and 2) Congregation & Choir
THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
We Three Kings of Orient Are
- SERVICE OF GIVING** Gus Blum
 The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 The Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir & Sarah Alexander, Soprano
Arr. by Ronn Huff
All Is Well CRANHAM
- ✘ Song of Dedication 144 *In the Bleak Midwinter*
CRANHAM
What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a Lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him: Give my heart.
- ✘ Offertory Prayer
- THE EIGHTH LESSON** Connor Thames
John 1: 1-5
The great mystery of the Incarnation
- ✘ **THE EIGHTH CAROL** 119 Congregation & Choir
MENDELSSOHN
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- ✘ **THE NINTH LESSON** John James, III and Congregation
Matthew 28
Jesus gives the Great Commission.
**And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go
 therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
 and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And
 remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’**
- ✘ **THE NINTH CAROL** Chancel Choir
George Frederic Handel
Hallelujah! (The Messiah)
- ✘ **THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Evan Thompson, Trumpet
Dallas Blair
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
- ✘ *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Director of Music: Joni Brown

Accompanist: Denise Lynch

Recorder: Emmett Anglin

Trumpet: Evan Thompson

Percussion: Kenny Jordan

Jacqueline Taylor and Friends

Violin: Sally Cathcart and Julie Russell

Viola: Audrey Harris

Cello: Jacqueline Taylor Hendricks

Chancel Choir

Soprano

Sarah Alexander
Michelle Blassengale
Kelsie Decker
Lauren Decker
Brittani LaRae
Debby Williams

Alto

Jessica Bettinger
Dee Dailey
Mary Jean Dowling
Caroline Ferguson
Sue Fienning
Sue King
Sarah Tindal

Tenor

Joseph Bettinger
Chuck Fienning
Herbert Johnson
Bob Smith
Evan Thompson

Bass

John Jackson
John Michael Osteen
Archie Torain
Ted Williams

Crucifer: Cameron Coulter

Beadle: John Dunn

Technology: Ike Jenkins and Alex Canty

Our guest musicians have been graciously sponsored by gifts and memorials to the FPC Music Department.
Special thanks to members of the Worship and Music Committee.

ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 18

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

A drama of the Christmas Story presented by the children of FPC.

Sunday, December 18

5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Service of Comfort & Hope

For those experiencing grief and discomfort during the holidays.

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Music by the Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Soloists

Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Informal Worship Service