



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Sumter

December 19, 2021



OPENING VOLUNTARY

Carols Sing

Arr. by Ken Denton

WELCOME

Rev. Joel Long

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Cooper, Meg, Cooper & Brogdon Hill

Leader: Last Sunday, we lit the candle of Hope – remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of Peace – remembering God’s dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of Love – remembering God is love. Today we light the fourth candle of Advent – the candle of Joy. In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing “Joy to the World, the Lord is come!” We wait for the day when everlasting joy will fill our hearts.

People: **On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Deacons

Jim Alexander
Matthew Berger
Katherine Brogdon
Colin Davis
Kimberly Land
Andrew McCord

Elders

Missy Coulter
Ann Geddings
Jack Osteen
Dan Spencer
Debby Williams

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ, so you have been clothed with Christ.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

Leader: In baptism, the disciples before us were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our brothers and sisters.**

Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

* HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Had a Baby
Children’s Choir

Mark Miller

NATIVITY STORY

Presented by the Children of the Church

Please join us in singing the first verse of the following hymns throughout the story (see insert):

<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
<i>Away in a Manger</i>	MUELLER
<i>The First Nowell</i>	THE FIRST NOWELL
<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	THREE KINGS
Solo followed by the Congregation	
<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	GO TELL IT
Children followed by the Congregation	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Wexford Carol

Arr. by Catherine McMichael

Madison White, Violin Solo

* The 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.*

* The Offertory Prayer

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

* **BENEDICTION**

Owings Holler

* **RESPONSE** 134

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Edward Broughton

* **Please stand as you are able**

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Mary: Millie Davis

Joseph: Charlie Coulter

Baby Jesus: Buck McElveen

Isaiah: Lucas DuBose

John the Baptist: Murrell Smith

Gabriel: Caroline Thames

Head Angel: Ligon Ferguson

Innkeeper: Connor Thames

Luke: Brogdon Hill

Centurion: Harry Berger

King 1: Charles McCord

King 2: Liam Cain

King 3: Charlie Thames

Star: Riley Coker

Animals: Sebastian Bettinger, Julia Ferguson, Joe McElveen

Head Shepherd #1: Adelaide McElveen

Shepherd #2: Colton Thames

Shepherd #3: Kennedy Cain

Shepherd #4: Cora Lee Thames

Angel: Mary Taylor Moorman

Angel: Gwen Bettinger

Angel: Margaret McCord

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

All 3K-5th Grade Students are welcome!

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join us immediately following worship at the West Building for pizza, Christmas games, decorating Christmas cookies and more!

ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, 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 26

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Informal Worship Service

Casual attire will be appropriate!

There will be no Children in Worship on December 26.

The Children and Youth Sunday school classes, along with the Bethany Class, Fraser Edmunds Class and the combined Friendship and Harmony Class will not meet on December 26; however, the Discovery Class will be meeting.

With the advent of our new Interim's arrival, Rev. Long's last Sunday will be December 26, 2021.

The Session



In observance of Christmas and New Years, please note our holiday office hours:

December 24 and 27 ~ Closed

December 28, 29, 30 & 31 ~ Open 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

January 3 ~ Closed

January 4 ~ Normal office hours resume.