

**The Session adopted the Earth Care Pledge on January 15;** now the LPC Green Team is ready to start proposing meaningful changes in the activities and facilities of the church that will help all of us in caring for God's creation. Did you know that Beaufort County, Bluffton, and Hilton Head are proposing banning single use plastic bags? What will we substitute for plastic bags?

**LPC is in the process of creating an "Emergency Response Team"** made up of members of the congregation with medical or security (law enforcement) backgrounds. The role of members of the ERT would be to make themselves available to aid the ushers in the event of a medical or security emergency occurring during worship services. If you have the background and are willing to help, please contact Ernest Bush at 843-815-6542 or elbush@mac.com.

**The Easter Cantata will be presented by the Chancel Choir on Palm Sunday, March 25.** Rehearsals for the Cantata will begin on Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm. A dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 10:00am. If you are not a member of the Chancel Choir, but would like to sing in the Cantata, you are encouraged to join us. Contact Robin Lind (843-705-5473) for more information.

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** Please join us as we begin to plan VBS 2018. Our first meeting will be held in the balcony immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, February 11.** This year's theme is "Rolling River Rampage." There are many areas where help is needed including crafts, music, science, games, storytelling, decorating, guides, publicity, assembly & snacks. VBS will be held the week of August 6-10 from 9am noon. For further information, please contact Phyllis Willever - [pwillever@sc.rr.com](mailto:pwillever@sc.rr.com) or 843-705-6193.

**Help LPC be a welcoming church; sign-up to be a greeter!** It doesn't take much time but makes a difference to those who come. Sheets are on the sign-up board in the Narthex. Feel free to sign-up several times over the next few months! Thank you.

**We continually collect food to replenish local food pantries.** Please place food items in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Sermon Notes:**

**A Friend Who Will Listen**

Did you ever talk to someone but feel as if that person just wasn't listening? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen well. They will hear what you have to share and respond lovingly and non-judgmentally—rather than telling you what you should or shouldn't have done. If you need someone who will really listen to you as you work through a problem in your life, consider Stephen Ministry. Call Al Couper (843-290-4391) or Dee Lehr (843-816-6775).



Proverbs 119:15-16

*I love those who love Me, those who seek Me diligently will find Me.*

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Worship Services: 8:30am and 10:30am**

**Children's Church: 10:50am**

**Communion: First Sunday of the Month**

**Christian Education Classes 9:35am in the Fellowship Hall**

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***Lowcountry Presbyterian Church***

*Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith joined together through Christ, offering meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.*

**10 Simmonsville Road  
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***Sunday, January 28, 2018***

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
Sunday, January 28, 2018 ~ 8:30am and 10:30am

**Silent Prayer**

Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word as we worship together. Amen.

**Prelude** *My Prayer Is to Thee* composer: Dennis Eliot

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** (10:30) *This Is the Day* Daniel E. Gawthrop

**Call to Worship** (8:30) Lynn Stokey (10:30) Derek Hardin

Leader: The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;

**People: all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

Leader: Anyone who claims to know something does not have the necessary knowledge.

**People: But anyone who loves God is known by God.**

Leader: Knowledge puffs up,

**People: but love builds up.**

\*Hymn #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**\*Invocation**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God, our light and our salvation, forgive our lack of faithfulness. Heal the brokenness that separates us from one another and our own best selves. Forgive us when we fail to respect and show compassion to those whose faith is weaker and those with whom we differ. Forgive us when we think of ourselves before others. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response** Hymn #150

*"Holy Jesus, everyday Keep us in the narrow way; And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide."*

\*Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967

**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

\*Gloria Patri # 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People and 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.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** *Break Forth, Ye Heavens* Edward Boughton

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

\*Hymn #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**Children's Moment**

(10:30 service, children age 4 to 6th grade may leave for children's education.)

**Anthem** (10:30) *Thine is the Glory* Handel/arr. A. DiLorenzo

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:21-28 (pg. 33)  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (pg. 160)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Better Than Being Right" Rev. Chris Herrin

**Moment for Reflection**

\*Hymn #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

**\*Benediction**

\*Benediction Response (10:30) *Go Forth to Serve the Lord* Hal H. Hopson

\*Postlude *Fugue on "From Heaven On High"* J. S. Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Welcome to all who worship today.** All visitors are welcome to LPC, where we seek to love and serve Christ with all that we are and in all that we do. Please sign the friendship pad in your pew or use the visitor card in the pew rack. After worship please join us for coffee in the Narthex.

**We welcome Children.** Nursery care during 10:30am worship is provided in the nursery. Following the Children's Moment at 10:30am, children 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's church. Sunday School for those in the 3rd through 6th grade will meet in the office.

**The Associate Pastor Search is going on the road!** Elaine Branda (chair) and Rev. Herrin will be going to Princeton Seminary to meet potential candidates, tomorrow to Wednesday. Please pray for them and those with whom they will meet.

**Next Sunday we will celebrate communion and welcome member Jim Cubie** as our guest preacher. Jim studied at Princeton Seminary in the 70s. He later became an attorney and ended his working career as a local United Methodist Pastor for eight years. He and Doreen enjoy opera, birding, model trains and travelling.

**Next Sunday, February 4th, the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering** will be collected by the youth for local food pantries as a part of the nationwide effort to end hunger. Bring your cash and checks made payable to LPC, marked Souper Bowl. Pots will be marked Eagles and Patriots so that you can vote for your favorite with your donation. Wear your favorite NFL team jersey or colors. Last year we raised \$1,854.00. Let's surpass that! On football's biggest day of the year, let's make it a big day for giving!

**Cough drops are available in the Narthex for your comfort.**

*Please remember with your prayers:*

Andy Carpenter Kathryn Dewane Bob Law  
Priscilla & John Woodring

*The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by Don and Emily Bortz in loving memory of Dr. Donald W. Bortz Sr.*

**This Week, January 28—February 4**

**Sunday** 8:30 AM — Worship Service  
9:35 AM — Christian Education Class, FH  
10:30 AM — Worship Service  
10:50 AM — Children's Church and class

**Tuesday** 10:00 AM — Women's Bible Study, FH  
12:30 PM — Bell Practice, S  
2:30 PM — Building Policy Meeting

**Wednesday** 9:30 AM — Men's Bible Study, FH

**Thursday** 6:00 PM — Youth Group, P  
6:45 PM — Choir Practice, S

**Friday** 1:00 PM — Membership meeting, P

**Saturday** 8:00 AM — Men of Purpose, P

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**New Sunday Class Begins Today-** "Bible 102 – 6 Weeks Exploring Important Questions about the Bible." Using some humorous media clips, we'll look at interesting topics such as: Why did some books NOT make it into the Bible? Who Picked What Books Went In the Bible? What Books Came the Closest to Being in the Bible?

**Fellowship Dinner Valentines Soupfest, February 7th at 5:30 p.m.** Calling all chefs and cooks with crockpots-WE WANT YOUR SOUP! Create a scrumptious soup (with love) showcasing your heritage or area of the country you hailed from. Bring soup already prepared in a crockpot, with enough to feed 10 people or more. For those not bringing soup, please bring a salad or fruit and \$5. Yes, that means soup chefs don't pay! And you will not want to miss this event. We have Beth Corry, Janie Reynolds and Dan Herrin! All performing on a stage near you! Sign-up in the Narthex by February 4th!

**Back Pack Buddies volunteers needed for packing day.** Our next food packing day will be on **March 27th**. We will be meeting at the Hampton Hall Clubhouse at 12:00pm. It takes approximately 1 hour to complete the task and we have a lot of fun. We invite anyone who is interested in helping to contact Sandy Benninger, 843-705-5233 or sbenninger@sc.rr.com.

**Palmetto Brass Ensemble offers "The Liturgical Calendar in Music" Concert today in the Sanctuary at LPC at 3:00pm.**

Joining the Palmetto Brass Ensemble as they journey musically through the Liturgical Calendar will be LPC's Chancel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, Beth Corry, and Dr. Robin Lind. The Palmetto Brass Ensemble includes top musicians from the Lowcountry area. Admission is free; however, a free will offering will be collected.

**Change Can Make a Change** offering for January will be used to purchase blankets for Bluffton Self Help and Agape Family Life Center. A table is set-up in the Narthex for your blanket donations.