

**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](mailto:elbush@mac.com).

**Please volunteer for GED.** One of the missions of LPC is the GED Program (General Education Development). We help local adults to earn their high school equivalency diplomas. Our seventh Camp will be 2/26/18 – 4/20/18. Please consider participating in the program. We need social studies and science teachers, tutors for 1-on-1 extra help, and administrative and hospitality volunteers. Please contact Janit Maguire at [janitmaguire@gedbluffton.org](mailto:janitmaguire@gedbluffton.org) or 845-527-6409. Thank you.

**Palmetto Brass Ensemble offers "The Liturgical Calendar in Music"** Concert on January 28 in the Sanctuary at LPC at 3:00 p.m. 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 has fifteen members that include the top musicians from the Lowcountry area. Admission is free; however, a free will offering will be collected.

**Save the Date! Fellowship Dinner, February 7th at 5:30pm. Be There!**

**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.

**Sound operators needed,** just one service a month. It is not difficult at all and you will be trained. Contact Wim Tekelenburg: [wimtek1@gmail.com](mailto:wimtek1@gmail.com) or cell, 609-774-4155. Thank you.

**Please Pick-up Your Offering Envelopes for 2018 in the Narthex.**

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

**Monthly Financial Summary**

For:	Dec	Dec	Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	49,323	50,503	551,131	541,798
Total Expenses	88,834	52,001	550,665	541,788
Net	-39,511	-1,498	466	10

**Note: December is not as bad as it looks. We actually had a 2017 overage of \$44,965. That money was then allocated to Missions and Capital Repairs. Keep in mind our sanctuary roof may soon need some major attention.**

**Average Weekly Attendance During November 307**

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

**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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Office Hours: Mon-Thu: 8:30am - 4:00pm,

Fridays: 8:30am - noon

**The Session**

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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  
Bluffton, SC 29910**

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
Sunday, January 14, 2018 ~ 8:30am and 10:30am

**Silent Prayer**

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit empowers us day by day, reveal to us your affirmation and blessing. Draw our attention to your word that we may encounter you and serve you. Amen.

**Prelude** *Rejoice Greatly* composer Susan Geschke  
Jubilate Ringers, Beth Corry, Handbell Director

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship** (8:30) Vicki Melton (10:30) Gray Toulmin

Leader: Listen for the Word of God.

**People: But God's Word is rare these days!**

Leader: Seek God's truth in all of life.

**People: But God's truth is hard to find!**

Leader: Come and see, look for Christ's presence.

**People: But Christ's presence is difficult to see!**

Leader: In ancient times and recent days, we may doubt God, but God does not doubt us.

**People: God's Word is always here, ever ancient, ever new.**

Leader: Come and see, listen and learn.

**People: God is speaking to all of us now.**

\*Hymn #634 *To God Be the Glory*

**\*Invocation**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you have searched us and known us. When we are following you with confidence and when we are hiding out of fear, you are with us. We confess that we have rarely heard your word and followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Speak to us now. Reveal our sins that we may truly repent and repair the damage we have done. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.**

**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 **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.**

\*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 and Change Can Make a Change**

**Offertory** *Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves Me*  
Swedish Folk Tune arr. M. L. Thompson

\*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 #741 *Guide My Feet*

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

**Anthem** (10:30) *Let There be Peace on Earth* arr. Jay Rouse

**Scripture Reading** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (pg. 236)  
John 1:43-51 (pg. 87)  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Seen and Known by God" **Rev. Chris Herrin**

**Service of Ordination and Installation** (10:30)  
Constitutional Questions  
Questions of the Congregation JoAnn Bauer  
Laying on of Hands  
Prayer of Installation  
Charge

\*Hymn #69 *Here I Am, Lord*

**\*Benediction**

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

\*Postlude *Christians, Be Joyful* from "The Christmas Oratorio" 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.

**Today we will ordain and install Elders for the Class of 2020:** Bonnie Borgelt, Ernest Bush, Margaret Hartley, (to be ordained) and Donna Reese; for the Class of 2019: Al Thomas; the Class of 2018: Phil Kiser.

*Please remember with your prayers:*

Andy Carpenter Kathryn Dewane Priscilla & John Woodring

*The flowers today are to the Glory of God, in memory of Marge Lantz given by her family, from her Memorial Service on Friday.*

**This Week, January 14—21**

**Sunday** 9:35 AM — Christian Education Class, FH  
10:30 AM — Worship Service  
10:50 AM — Children's Church and class  
2:00 PM — M. L. King Community Worship at Campbell Chapel AME

**Monday** M. L. King Day—Church Office is Closed  
7:00 PM — Session Meeting

**Tuesday** 10:00 AM — Women's Bible Study, FH  
12:00 PM — Bell Practice, S  
6:30 PM — Stephen Ministry, FH

**Wednesday** 9:00 AM — GED Meeting, FH  
9:30 AM — Men's Bible Study, FH

**Thursday** 6:00 PM — Youth Group, P  
6:30 PM — Choir Practice, S

**Saturday** 8:00 AM — Men of Purpose, P  
10:00 AM — Temple Class, S

**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

**Sunday Education Class**—"Our Favorite Carols and Scripture"

**New Bible Class** - The Women's (10am Tuesday) and Men's (9:30am Wednesday) Bible Study, led by Joe Crowley, will embark on a new journey! "Disaster, Devotion, Delivery!" - A Love Story from Judges and Ruth. Please join us as we learn about a journey from moral and spiritual chaos to God-driven love by studying God's Word!

**You are Invited to the next Temple Class, Saturday, January 20th at 10am in the Sanctuary.** We are invited to join our friends at Temple Oseh Shalom for their next class. 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel. Rabbi Ken Kanter, Director of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, OH will lead a discussion on Zionism.

**Campbell Chapel AME Invites You to a M. L. King Community Worship Service, today at 2:00 p.m.**

An Afternoon of Prayer, Reflection, Proclamation, Artistry and Healing. From LPC, Rev. Herrin will be one of the speakers, Elaine Branda, a reader, and Dr. Lind will conduct a combined choir, including LPC choir members.

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting** following the 10:30am service **next Sunday, January 21st** to receive the Annual Report and to vote on changes in terms of call for Rev. Herrin.

**Some of our neighbors do not have adequate heat or any at all** so we are collecting new or clean used blankets, quilts and sleeping bags during the month of January in addition to our **Change Can Make a Change** offering which will be used to purchase blankets and electric blankets for Bluffton Self Help and Agape Family Life Center. A table is set-up in the Narthex for your blanket donations.