

**Find the Perfect Gift for Every Holiday, Heifer International** works with communities in need around the world to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Your gift will give families the resources and training they need to lift themselves from hunger and poverty. Give them a gift that truly makes a difference. Gift Different. Give Heifer. You will have an opportunity to take part in this annual mission project starting today through December 17th by visiting our table in the Narthex before or after the worship service.

**Wow! The response to the Angel Tree this year has been overwhelming.** The first Sunday that it was in the Narthex, ALL of the angels for one requested gift for each of the 93 children at Agape were taken leaving the tree bare. So the Mission Ministry realized that we could do MORE and have added red angels so that parents can choose a second gift for their child/children to put under the tree and also added more children to our list. We do still have several more green angels for seniors and white angels for the Keeping Children Warm project with which we are participating with Temple Oseh Shalom. **So, if you haven't taken an angel yet or are willing to take more, please stop by the tree today. Gifts are to be returned by Sunday, December 10th.** Instructions are on the table by the tree. Members of the Mission Ministry will be available in the narthex for any questions.

**The Christmas Cantata for this year will be: Jonathan Willcock's "A Festival of Lessons and Carols."** It will be performed on Sunday, December 10th. A final dress rehearsal will take place Saturday, December 9th from 10am to noon.

**Working Women's Night Circle Tuesday, Dec 12th at 7 pm** at the home of Debbie Hough. Debbie lives in The Traditions at 84 Trotting Lane, Bluffton. Please let us know if you will be joining us, since there is a gate code enter the neighborhood. We will be sharing devotional, prayers and fellowship. If you can join us, please call Cristi Rozea at 817-832-9592 or email Cristi at cristirozea@eaton.com.

**GREETERS needed for December** and what a great way to meet people and begin Sunday mornings!! Please check the sign-up sheets posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex and see which Sunday will work for you!! This is a wonderful way to serve our Lord! Maggie Taylor, Membership

**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 or cell, 609-774-4155. Thank you.

Monthly Financial Summary				
For:	Oct. Actual	Oct. Budget	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget
<b>Total Receipts</b>	47,755	46,286	430,895	429,452
<b>Total Expenses</b>	41,998	42,418	418,021	443,202
<b>Net</b>	5,757	3,868	12,874	-13,750

**Average Weekly Attendance During November 257**

The December issue of *The Light* is available in the Narthex and on our website: [www.lowcountrypres.org](http://www.lowcountrypres.org).

**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

**STAFF**

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

Fridays: 8:30am - noon

**The Session**

**Class of 2017**

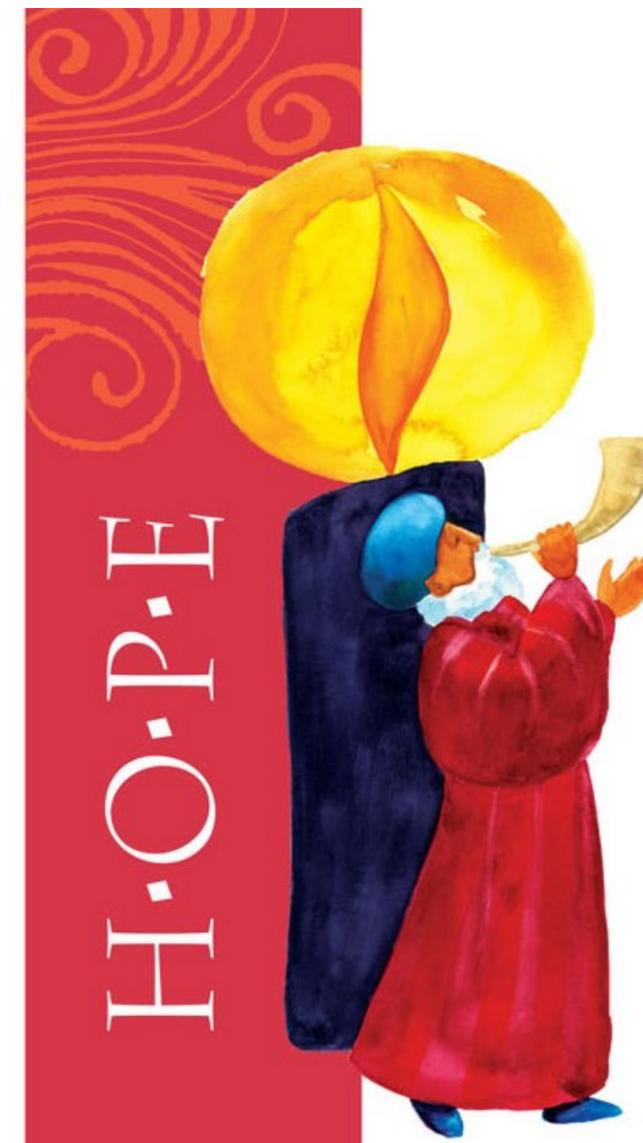
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**Lowcountry Presbyterian Church**

*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**

**1st Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 3, 2017**

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017 ~ 8:30am and 10:30am

### Silent Prayer

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet, you have visited your people in Jesus the Christ, the Incarnate Messiah and have redeemed us in your Son. May we worship in awe the arrival of the Eternal King who will deliver us and who will reign over all forever!

**Prelude** *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* arr. Keith Chapman  
Geoff Borgelt, organist

### Welcome and Announcements

**Introit** *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Taize

**Call to Worship** Rev. Chris Herrin

Leader: You order all things with strength and gentleness: Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Immanuel, our Sovereign and Lawgiver, desire of the nations and Savior of all: Come and save us, O Lord our God:

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\*Lighting of the Advent Candle and Invocation (8:30) Mike & Susan Brown  
(10:30) Anna Anderson and Rosalyn Lester

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, ignore and exploit neighbors who are not like us, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

**Response** Hymn #121  
*"O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today."*

\*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 # 581

*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** Rev. Chris Herrin

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *Oh, Come, Emmanuel* arr. Wilbur Held

### \*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 #97 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

**Children's Moment** Elder Joseph Crowley  
(10:30 service, children 4 through 6th grade may leave for children's church.)

**Anthem** *Advent Supplication* Hal H. Hopson

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 64:1-9 (pg. 652)  
Mark 13:24-26, 32-33, 37 (pg. 47)  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Meditation** "A Few of My Favorite Things" Elder Joseph Crowley

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

### \*\*Distribution

#### Prayer after Communion and Singing of 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.*

\*Hymn #104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

### \*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Come, Come, Emmanuel*

\*Postlude *Hornpipe* G.F. Handel

\*Those who are able, please stand.

\*\* Communion by Intinction: As you come forward, use the side aisles as directed by an usher. Please take a piece of bread and dip it in one of the chalices; the first chalice is wine, the second, grape juice. Please return to your seat using the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the elements will be brought to you.  
Gluten free bread is available in the center of each tray.

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Thanks to Geoff Borgelt for being our organist today.

**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 so that we can contact you. 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.

*Please remember with your prayers:*

Andy Carpenter Kathryn Dewane Sarah Walker Shirley Wanket

*The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by  
Laura Phillips in loving memory of her mother, Sally Rae Smith*

### This Week, December 3—10

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM — Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 AM — Worship Service</b> <b>10:50 AM — Children's Church and class</b> <b>11:45 AM — Hanging of the Greens</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 AM — Earth Care Team, FH</b> <b>7:00 PM — Worship Ministry, FH</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 AM — Women's Bible Study, FH</b> <b>12:30 PM — Bell Practice, S</b> <b>6:30 PM — Stephen Ministry, FH</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 AM — Men's Bible Study, FH</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM — Choir Practice, S</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 AM — Men of Purpose, P</b> <b>10:00 AM — Cantata Dress Rehearsal, S</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM — Worship Service</b> <b>9:35 AM — Christian Education Class, FH</b> <b>10:30 AM — Worship Service</b> <b>10:50 AM — Children's Church and class</b>

**Today we get to use our new hymnals**, thanks to Men of Purpose and all of you who donated! The "old" hymnals are on a table in the Narthex. You are welcome to take one as you leave!

**All are invited to the Blue Christmas service** at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on Buckwalter Parkway at 6:30pm on Monday, December 4th. It will be a service of comfort and hope.

**Hanging of the Greens, Today**, immediately following the 2nd service. Pizza and drinks will be available to all the little elves!

**The Children's Choir will be practicing today and December 10th** immediately following the 10:30am service and will be singing on December 17th at the 10:30am service. All children 4 through 6th grade are encouraged to sing.

**Let's Green Up LPC -- for every season!** The first meeting of those interested in Earth Care Certification will be Monday, December 4 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall, Rm 9. You are invited to learn about certification. More information at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/> Contact Jon or Gretchen Nickel at 843-295-7676 or [gretchjon@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchjon@yahoo.com).

**Change Can Make a Change for December will be used for Angel Tree gifts and food.** As we celebrate with joy in this season, let us give generously to spread that joy around! Thank you.

**Christmas Fellowship Dinner-Wednesday, December 13th, at 5:30pm.** Need some comfort and joy this season? Fill your souls with Christmas music and carol singing led by Dr. Lind and members of the choir! Main dish, dessert and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to pass. \$5 donation. Please sign-up in the Narthex by December 10th.

**Advent Devotional Guides with daily readings for Advent** are available in the Narthex, compliments of the Christian Education Ministry Team.