



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 Rd
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***1st Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021***

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Celebration of Worship
1st Sunday in Advent, November 28, 2021

Silent Meditation

Sovereign God, as we worship today, we pray that the reign of Christ may live in our hearts and come to our world. Amen.

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Karen Ball

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Chris Herrin

Introit *Hear the Glad Sound* Stan Pethel

Call to Worship 8:30 - Mike Manning 10:30 - Stephen Ball

Leader: This is the covenant I will make with them, says the Lord.

People: I will put my laws in their hearts and I will write them on their minds.

Leader: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart, in full assurance of faith.

People: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for the One who promised is faithful.

Unison: Let us worship God together.

***Hymn #93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

***Lighting of the Advent Candle and Invocation**

(8:30) Debbie Hager, Dale Wilkes (10:30) Ella Barry, Mark Stauffer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. We have trusted in our strength
rather than Your power. We have trusted in our cleverness rather than in
Your wisdom. We have trusted in our deeds rather than Your grace.
Merciful God, 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**

The Confessions of 1967 - 9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

***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.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Herrin

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

I Am the Light of the World
Dale Nordby, soloist

Jim Strathdee

***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**

Rev. Herrin

***Hymn #353**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
[Refrain]**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
[Refrain]**

Children's Moment (10:30)

Rev. Herrin

Anthem (10:30)

Advent Hymn

arr. Joseph M. Martin

**So here I wait in hope of You,
all my soul's longing, through and through.
Day-spring from on high be near,
and Day-star in my heart appear.**

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25 (pg. 210)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Christ's Once and for All Sacrifice"

Rev. Bo Welch

***Hymn #82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Processional March

R. Krentzlin

**Please stand if you are able.*

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. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack, dropping it in the offering baskets.

We welcome children. Nursery care for infants through 4 years old during worship is provided in the nursery during the 10:30am service.

Our annual “Hanging of the Greens” will take place **TODAY** immediately after the second service. Please help us get the sanctuary ready to celebrate the Advent season. All volunteers will be welcomed and rewarded with pizza!

Christmas Fellowship Dinner Wednesday, December 8th at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Join the Membership Ministry Team and the music staff, Drs. Lind and Ball, for a festive celebration including good music, food, and fellowship. The team will provide spiral ham and rotisserie chicken as a main dish. Please bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert to round out the feast! Sign up in the Narthex, call the church office or online at:
lowcountrypres.org/news-events.

Advent Devotional Books and Bookmarks with daily readings for Advent are available in the Narthex compliments of the Christian Education Ministry Team.

Rev. Dion has been on vacation and will return to the office on Monday.

Please remember with your prayers:

Glenna Hippensteel
Stan Richards

Fran Marshall
Marilyn Waterworth

Hank Parker

**The flowers today are to the glory of God given by
Mike and Kelly Manning in loving memory of Leo Vannoni.**

Beginning TODAY, the first Sunday of Advent, join us Sunday mornings at 9:35am in the Parlor for an Advent Class.

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. In the four weeks, we will meditate on hope, peace, joy, and love. Join us any week you're able as we explore the heart of these words.

11/28 - Hope 12/5 - Peace 12/19 - Love 12/26 - Joy

Change Can Make A Change (CCMAC) for November is for the Angel Tree. Like last year, for the families of Agape and seniors, Agape has requested that we provide Walmart gift cards. Last year, we collected \$3,725 from CCMAC and provided 147 Walmart cards and oranges. Help us collect gift cards and/or contribute to November CCMAC. Please note Angel Tree on your check or if you choose to purchase Walmart gift cards, please drop them off at the church. Thank you for your amazing generosity over the many years of our Angel Tree.

Fifteen people went on a tour of the 14th circuit solicitor's office this month. This tour of their victim's services center was a continuation of the criminal justice series the Outreach team hosted in September. Stay tuned for more opportunities to learn and do justice.

Memorial Poinsettia order forms are on the counter in the Narthex. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form and place it in the offering basket or the church office. Plants are \$13 each. Make checks payable to LPC and note poinsettias. Please place your order by December 5th.

Some Usher spots have been filled but some remain open. Thank you to those who have volunteered for this simple but important way to serve the church and to meet others. See below those monthly spots still to be filled. Contact Elder Larry Tremitiere, ltrem1943@gmail.com if interested and he will get you trained. Substitutes can be found for Sundays that have to be missed.

3rd Sunday 8:30 Need 1

4th Sunday 8:30 Need 1 10:30 Need 1

Creation Care/Green Team Needs You! After a Covid hiatus, the Creation Care group will hold a planning meeting for 2022 at a mutually convenient time in December. If you would like to learn about our activities please let Gretchen/Jon Nickel know of your interest at gretchjon@yahoo.com. And of course, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

LPC participates in the PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering every year. By giving to this offering, we honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need, and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. On Sundays, Dec 12th and 19th inserts in the bulletin will provide more details on these recipients, and the same information shared via e-blast. The offering will be taken on the 19th with envelopes provided in the bulletin. Checks should be made payable to LPC with a notation for Joy Offering. The offering can be turned in following that date, through the end of the year.

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am in the parlor. They are discussing "Simply Jesus" by N.T. Wright. All men are welcome. Questions, contact Bill Walker – billwalker42@gmail.com.

Difficulty Hearing? While we enjoy a beautiful sanctuary, it is acoustically challenging! If you can't hear clearly, be sure to try one of our hearing devices, kept in a basket in the Narthex or try sitting at different spots in our sanctuary and balcony. Let us know if you still have difficulty after that!

Cough drops are available in the Narthex for your comfort.

Sermon Notes: