



## ***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  
Bluffton, SC 29910***

***Sunday, January 17, 2021***

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***Office hours: Mon-Thu: 8:30am-4:00pm; Friday: 8:30am-Noon***

**Celebration of Worship**  
**January 17, 2021**

**Silent Meditation**

O God of the still, small voice, quiet our inner spirit. Help us to focus on you, and you alone, and to hear your voice above all others. By your Spirit give us the wisdom to listen to your voice and the courage to follow where you lead. Amen.

**Prelude**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Karen Ball

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Chris Herrin

**Call to Worship**

Kim Hardin

Leader: Patient and persistent

**People: God, you are calling.**

Leader: In grieving and in praise

**People: God, you are calling.**

Leader: Unexpected and planned

**People: God, you are calling.**

Leader: In a still small voice and in power

**People: God, you are calling.**

Leader: Spontaneous and prepared

**People: God, you are calling.**

Leader: Our God is eager to share with us, wherever we are in our journey.  
May we be diligent to listen.

**People: God, you are calling, so let us worship.**

**\*Hymn #475**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

## **\*Invocation**

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that often so many voices clamour for our attention that your word is hard to hear. Forgive us if you have called us to be prophetic witnesses or to use our gifts to serve you, and we have not heard, or have been unwilling to respond. Take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives by following wherever he leads us. For it is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Response:**

Hymn #144

***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!***

#### **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 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.**

**Special Music**

*He Hideth My Soul*  
Karen Ball, piano

arr. Karen Ball

**Scripture Reading**

1 Samuel 3:1-20 (pg. 236)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**“Shaken by Hope”**

**Rev. Stephanie Dion**

**\*Hymn #697**

*Take My Life* (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*A Mighty Fortress*

arr. D. Cherwien

*Offerings, including Change Can Make a Change, may be placed in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary as you exit at the end of the service.*

*\* 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 as you leave. We invite you to speak to a pastor on the lawn following worship.

**To minimize contact, the ushers will dismiss worshippers by pews beginning** at the back and moving to the front of the sanctuary. Please wait for their direction and maintain safe distances as you continue walking straight through the Narthex to the outside lawn. There you can greet others. Thank you.

**Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 24th** following worship to receive the annual report including the budget, vote on changes in terms of call for the pastors and to elect at large members to serve on the Nominating committee in 2021. Details about how we will conduct the meeting will be relayed as soon as possible by e-blast.

**Change Can Make A Change for January is for Red Cedar Teacher**

**Appreciation.** At Red Cedar Elementary teachers continue to educate in spite of the pandemic against formidable obstacles. We are requesting donations again this year to thank the teachers. For Valentine's Day we will present each teacher with a \$20 gift card. Write checks payable to LPC with "Red Cedar" in the memo line and either mail to LPC or drop off at the church office. Please be a part of this heartfelt effort to support our Red Cedar teachers! Thank you from the Mission and Outreach Ministry Teams.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

*Please remember with your prayers:*

Reid Holland     George McCartney     Dave Tanner

**Christian sympathy is extended to Ron Gemme and the family of Marilyn Gemme. A service will be planned when it is safe to gather.**

**Christian sympathy is also extended to the family of Carol Jevne. Carol had moved to Yakima, WA to be close to her son.**

**The flowers are to the glory of God, given by Terry and Fran Parker in loving memory of Grace Parker.**

**Grow with us in 2021! Join us from 4:00-5:00 via Zoom Wednesdays in January** for a series of classes from *The Bible Project*. Each week the Zoom link is sent out on Fridays and Tuesdays by e-blast along with a link to a short audio clip to listen to before class. During each class, we will watch a short video and discuss that week's topic. The topics are:

1/20 - *Joy* and 1/27 - *Witness*.

**A 4 week discussion of "God and the Pandemic, A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath"** by N. T. Wright led by Rev. Herrin begins Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> by Zoom at 4pm, and in-person at 6:30pm in the parlor. If you did not reserve a book through the church, you will need to order your own AND contact Christy at the church, [lpcoffice1@hargray.com](mailto:lpcoffice1@hargray.com) by Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> to be included in either group. Here's an opportunity to think through with others how scripture, and our faith speak to this current moment!

**The 2021 S.T.E.P.S.** (Studying, Teaching, Equipping, Praying, Serving) Planning Team is offering a one session online STEPS event on Saturday, February 27 from 8:45-10:00am followed by a worship service with Sanctified Art. There are 3 workshop options. There is no cost for this event. Watch the e-blast for more information coming soon. There is also in-person STEPS being planned for Saturday, August 28, which will offer many workshops and leaders you won't want to miss.

### **Drive-Thru Food Collection Today, 11:30am – 1:00 pm**

The Mission team is having a drive-thru food collection for Agape Family Center. We had great results from the collection in November and are hoping to surpass what we collected with your help! **The need for food is great** so please bring your donations to LPC January 17th between 11:30 and 1:00 and we will happily unload your vehicle. You won't even have to get out of your car! Please drive through under the covering on the US 278 side of the church.

Most requested and needed items:

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| Apples and oranges        | Sweet and white potatoes              | Onions    |
| Maseca ( <i>flour</i> )   | Beans and rice, <i>dry and canned</i> | Baby food |
| Canned fruit & vegetables | Peanut butter and jelly               | Cereal    |
| Canned chicken & tuna     | Pasta and Pasta sauce                 | Soup      |

**They are also collecting blankets and quilts that can also be dropped off during the food drive. They are unable to take clothing at this time.**



**The January Newsletter is available on our website, [www.lowcountrypres.org](http://www.lowcountrypres.org) or pick up a copy in the Narthex or office.**

**2021 Offering envelopes** are now available to pick up in the Narthex or during office hours.

**Book Discussion: *Same Kind of Different as Me***

**Thursday February 4th AND 11th at 4pm or 7pm via Zoom**

Join Pastor Stephanie for a two-part discussion on the novel based on a true story: *Same Kind of Different as Me*. An unlikely story about a modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together. Read the book ahead of time and join for a discussion on prejudice, suffering, forgiveness and faith. Purchase the book on your own (Find it on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or listen to it on Audible), or order through the church office for \$16.00. If you need to purchase a book through the church call or email the office by January 25th at noon. You may join at 4pm or 7pm via Zoom on both Thursday, February 4th and 11th. A Zoom link will be sent closer to the scheduled date. Pick the time that works best for you!

**Movie Discussion: *Same Kind of Different as Me***

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm OR Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Not much of a reader? Join Pastor Stephanie for a one time movie discussion on the movie adaptation of the book! The discussion will take place via Zoom on both dates listed above. The movie can be found on YouTube and Amazon Prime to rent for \$2.99.

**Bible 101 Class:** Want to brush up on your Bible knowledge? Want to learn Bible basics for the first time? Then join us **Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30pm on Zoom Feb. 3 - Mar. 10!** This class is a broad overview of the Bible touching on how the Bible is organized, how certain texts were chosen to be included, various ways to interpret those texts, and the archaeological settings of some of the Bible stories. There is some reading involved, but the chapters are relatively short. The cost of the book *What is the Bible* (The Dickinson Series: Exploring the Bible, Volume 1) is \$11.00 and can be purchased through Amazon, or ordered through the office for \$12 by January 22nd at noon. Can't make it but want to attend? Contact Stephanie who is willing to offer another class! We hope you will grow with us!

**For All of the LPC Book Enthusiasts ...**

We would like to know if you have read any good books lately. The books can be on any subject. Please email the title of the book, the author and brief description (one or two lines) of the book and why you liked it to Carol Bogle for the February newsletter by January 20th to: [carolbogle21@gmail.com](mailto:carolbogle21@gmail.com).



**Live-streamed, in-person worship at 10:30am on Sundays** is currently limited to 20 family units, following our protective protocols with mask wearing and social distancing. Members and visitors need to call the church office beginning Monday morning each week. It is appreciated if those needing to cancel do so by Friday at noon so that others may attend.

**Upper Room devotionals for January/February are available in the Narthex and outside the office doors for easy drive through pick-up.**

**The new church directories** may be picked up in the office during office hours. To request delivery of your directory, e-mail Janit Maguire at: [janitmaguire@gmail.com](mailto:janitmaguire@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Stephen Ministry is “Christ caring for people through people.”**

Through a consistent one-hour confidential weekly visit, trained Stephen Ministers offer Christ’s love and care to people experiencing life’s challenges. Stephen Ministers provide care in times of grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disability, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles. If you’d like to learn more about Stephen Ministry and the possibility of receiving a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leader Joann McElravy at [jmcelravy@hargray.com](mailto:jmcelravy@hargray.com) or Pastor Stephanie at 843-815-6570.



*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*  
Galatians 6:2