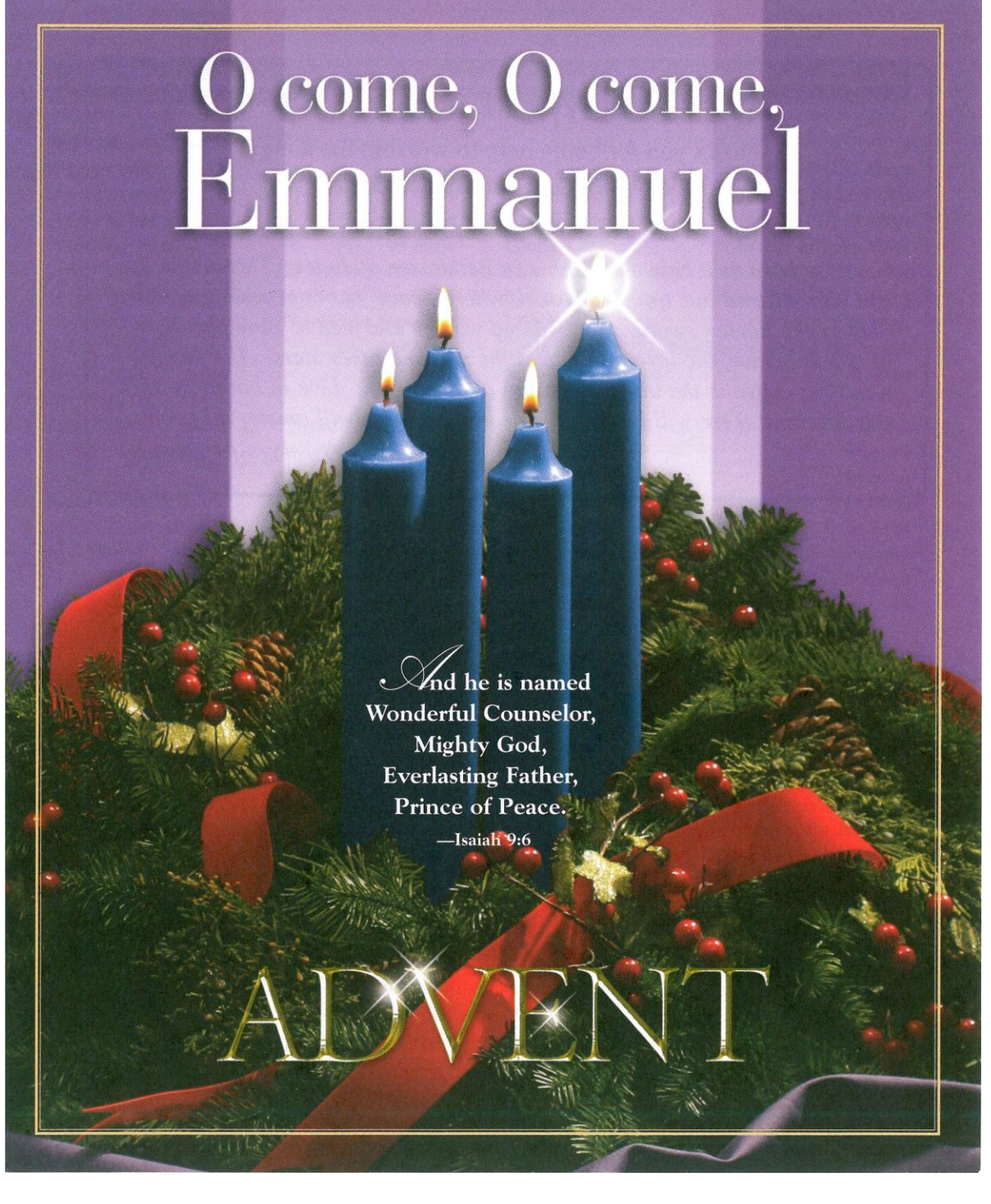


O come, O come, Emmanuel

The image features four lit blue candles of varying heights, arranged in a slightly curved line. They are set against a background of a purple and white striped wall. The candles are surrounded by a lush green Christmas wreath decorated with red berries, pinecones, and a red ribbon. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

And he is named
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

—Isaiah 9:6

ADVENT



Merry Christmas!

Thank you for being here to worship the King!

Today we kneel before the manger.

Our present is our presence.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda

The Lord's Day December 18, 2011



O Holy Child of Bethlehem,

Descend to us, we pray!

Cast out our sin and enter in!

Be born in us today!

Praise

*If you are new to the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, welcome!
Please sign the Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, and place in offering plate*

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Mark & Wendy, Amanda & Collin Nelson

Call to Worship

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming Light of Jesus!

People: **We will walk today and every day in the Light of Jesus!**

Response

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

No. 31

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you
Please greet your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

Birthday Party for Jesus

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Liturgical Ribbons Celebration

Morning Prayer

The People of God in Unison

Loving God, God of our Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace;

We who are so busy seek quiet spaces to hear His Voice.

We who are anxious over many things seek His Peace.

We who are angry seek serenity of His true Kingdom.

We who are heavy in heart seek the comfort of His Arms.

We who are bitter seek His forgiveness and reconciliation.

We who are crushed and bruised seek hope and opportunity.

We who are confused and lost seek purpose and meaning.

We who are your people, waiting in darkness, seek His Light.

To Him who is Savior we say, “Come, Lord Jesus, come today.”

Christmas Musical

“Christmas Letters: The Musical”

*The Word of God is proclaimed in this Worship Service
by the Wednesday Music and Drama Fellowship (MAD)
of the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston*

Congregation

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Insert

Participating in our Worship Today

Maggie Cobb, Katie Gillispie, Bryce Johnson

Sarah Miller, Amanda Nelson, Collin Nelson

Maggie Bennett, Chace Boland, Ellie Cole, Lindsey Cobb, Rachel Gillispie

Jasmine Hamilton, Ashton Hawkins, Bennett Little, Quinlan Little,

Jessica Martin, Emily Smith, Natalie Smith, Skylar Treadway

Gary McGrew, *Pastor*

Mark Nelson, *Coordinator of MAD*

Dot Thomas, *Director of Music Ministry*

Bob & Myra Lilly Jack & Malissa Smith, *Ushers*

Lisa Calderwood, *Director of Youth Programming*

Chris Cobb, *Assistant of MAD*

Mark Hornbaker, *Choral Director*

Leslie Anderson & Joe Fuller, *Greeters*

Christmas Goodies, *Fellowship Hour*



Candlelight Worship Service CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 pm

Please come Saturday to our annual Christmas Eve Worship Service. Gathering music of Trio Giocoso begins at 6:50 pm. Our wonderful choir has prepared many new and favorite selections; and there will be the ever-popular Festival of Lights. Bring your family and be sure to invite a friend! This is a very meaningful worship that you do not want to miss.

Christmas Caroling
to our Shut-Ins
and to our Community



All Ages Invited
to join us
Today!

Be at the church
at 4:00 pm

All are invited
come & make a joyful noise

2012 Offering Envelope Boxes

In order to save significant postage, please pick up your 2012 Offering Envelope Box. Boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall

2012 Flower Calendar

The 2012 Flower Calendar is posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Office. Sign up now if you desire a special date. Please enclose \$ 20.⁰⁰ in the envelope and drop it off in the Office.

Joy Gift Offering

Today we receive our annual Joy Gift Offering. This very special offering has been a Presbyterian tradition for over 75 years. Fifty percent of the receipts of the offering is distributed to provide support to retired church workers (before there were adequate pension plans) and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent will support Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education. There is an envelope in your offering box, or you may use the envelope in your pew.



“Angels We Have Heard on High”

***Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains!***

Refrain

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

***Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?***

Refrain

***Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King!***

Refrain

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makes available Sunday morning worship bulletins, newsletters, Session information,
and youth group video. Also, posted are the Announcements for the Month, as well as
information about upcoming mission projects and our many fellowship opportunities

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE

Family and Friends

Leigh Ann Adkins
Maxie Foster
Genevieve Halstead
Jimmy Halstead
Betty Heidenreich
Ray Holley
Dave Hutton
Elizabeth Isabella
Pat Kent
Merrell McIlwain
Mark Nance
Myrle Richardson
Glenn Robinson
Marilyn Smith
Tom Sweeney
Sarabeth Wickert

Presbyterian

Child Development Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis Stuart
Bluestone Camp & Conference Center
Fort Liberté, Haiti
Presbytery of Nyeri, Kenya

Care Facilities

Jackie Anderson *Cedar Ridge*
Marilee Cyrus *Twin Lakes*
Carole Faulkes *Edgemont*
Carl Heidenreich *Teays Valley*
Annabelle Hoppe *Oak Ridge*
Joe Perry *Putnam Center*
Lois Poe *Sally Lewis, Milton*
Mary Ann Rapalee *Charleston Gardens*
John Starr *Pendleton Manor*
Grace Workman *Braxton County Center*

Armed Services

Michael Byer *grandson of the Byers*
Chris Field *son of the Fields*
Jay Harper *grandson of Jack Jones*
Rich Hayes *son of the Hayes'*
B.J. Jeffries *grandson of the Jeffries*
Randall Joering *nephew of the Eads*
Bret McCutcheon *grandson of Phyllis*