

ADVENT *Peace*



*W*e light this candle
as a symbol of the
Prince of Peace.



Merry Christmas!

Thank you for being here to worship the King!

Today we kneel before the manger.

Our present is our presence.

“Breath of Heaven”

*I have traveled many moonless nights
Cold and weary with a babe inside
And I wonder what I've done
Holy Father, You have come
Chosen me now to carry your Son*

*I am waiting in a silent prayer
I am frightened by the load I bear
In a world as cold as stone
Must I walk this path alone
Be with me now*

*Breath of Heaven, hold me together
Be forever near me, Breath of Heaven
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness
Pour over me your holiness, your holy Breath of Heaven*

*Do you wonder as You watch my face
If a wiser one, should of had my place
But I offer all I am, for the mercy of your plan
Help me be strong, Help me be, Help me*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda
The Lord's Day December 20, 2010



O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in!
Be born in us today!

Praise

Our Shared Ministry

*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*

Introit

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Praise Band

Lighting the Advent Candles *Erik & Shawn, Ashton & Dylan Hawkins, Cade Drake*

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

Celebration

“Joy”

Praise Band

Birthday Party for Jesus

Handchimes

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.
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.”**

The Lord's Prayer

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Liturgical Signing

“Breath of Heaven”

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Christmas Drama

*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
Lisa Calderwood, Youth Programming
Mark Nelson, Wednesday Coordinator*

*The congregation will be invited to sing from the next page
Be seated for all the hymns except the last*

Congregation

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

“Away in a Manger”

“The First Nowell”

“Joy to the World”

Participating in our Worship Today

*Katie Bailey, Maggie Cobb, Alexis Hamilton, J.R. Hamilton
Bailey Johnson, Bryce Johnson, Mallory Long, Sarah Miller
Amanda Nelson, Collin Nelson, Jaclyn Smith
Alexander Anderson, Bradley Anderson, Rachel Bailey, Maggie Bennett
Lindsey Cobb, Ashton Hawkins, Abby Kirk, Bennett Little, Quinlan Little
Michael Morgado, Emily Smith, Natalie Smith, Skylar Treadway*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King.
The world in solemnness still lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats over all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever over its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, sleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my side until morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from the country far;
To seek for a king was their intent and to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest. Over Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him and heaven and nature sing!
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ.
While fields and floods, ricks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy!

Our Christian sympathy and support to Mark Hornbaker at the loss of his father.
We remember the promise of the resurrection to eternal life in Christ Jesus.

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.



CHRISTMAS EVE!

Come and hear! **The MESSIAH.**

Please come to the Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm. Our wonderful choir will sing the favorite *“The Messiah”* 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.

Gathering music of Trio Giocoso begins at 6:50 pm.

First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website www.1stpresbyscwv.com 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 many fellowship opportunities

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE

Family and Friends

Corene Bryant
Lisa Chandler
Bess Connolly
Becky Deaver
Maxie Foster
Genevieve Halstead
Jimmy Halstead
Maxine Hamilton
Betty Heidenreich
Ray Holley
Barbara Klingler
Merrell McIlwain
Mark Nance
Barbara Peggs
Mary Ann Rapalee
Myrle Richardson
Glenn Robinson
Marilyn Smith
Tom Sweeney
Lucille Williamson

Care Facilities

Jackie Anderson	<i>Cedar Ridge</i>
Guy Cain	<i>Bralely</i>
Carole Faulkes	<i>Ridgemont</i>
Pat Graham	<i>Teays Valley</i>
Annabelle Hoppe	<i>Oak Ridge</i>
Joe Perry	<i>Putnam Center</i>
Lois Poe	<i>Sally Lewis, Milton</i>
Noreita Shamblin	<i>Hubbard House</i>
Audra Thompson	<i>Marmet Center</i>
Grace Workman	<i>Braxton County Center</i>

Presbyterian

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

Armed Services

Michael Byer	<i>grandson of the Byers</i>
Duane Davis	<i>son of the Davis'</i>
Chris Field	<i>son of Margaret</i>
Jay Harper	<i>grandson of Jack Jones</i>
Rich Hayes	<i>son of the Hayes'</i>
B.J. Jeffries	<i>grandson of the Jeffries</i>
Randall Joering	<i>nephew of the Eads</i>
Bret McCutcheon	<i>grandson of Phyllis</i>
William White	<i>son of the Whites</i>

THIS WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:45 am Church School
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:10 pm Cookie Sunday
7:00 pm Al-Anon

Monday

8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday

7:00 pm Cantata Practice

Friday

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday

Merry Christmas Day

Sunday

10:55 am Morning Worship
7:00 pm Al-Anon

2011 Offering Envelope Boxes

In order to save significant postage, please pick up your 2011 Offering Envelope Box. Boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall.

2011 Flower Calendar

The 2011 Flower Calendar is posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Church Office. We recommend that you sign up now if you desire a special date. Place your completed envelope in the collection plate or drop it off in the Church Office. Cost is \$ 15.⁰⁰ per arrangement.

No Sunday School Next Week
No Church Chat Next Week
No Sunday School January 2

Gary McGrew, *Pastor*
Dot Thomas, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mark Hornbaker, *Choral Director*
Leslie Anderson & Joe Fuller, *Greeters*
Bob & Myra Lilly, *Ushers*
Jack & Malissa Smith, *Ushers*