



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ **Gathering before the Word** ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Violet & Amias Hamilton

Prelude and Preparation

On Christmas Night

SUSSEX CAROL

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:22-24

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad."

***Hymn of Praise No. 98**

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

Prayer of Confession

"God our heavenly Father, You are the One worthy of our exclusive devotion. Yet, our hearts are restless and prone to manufacture idols. We look to other things and people to satisfy us and make us happy. We confess that the world and its values seduce us away from a simple, pure, and undistracted devotion to You. Forgive us for the times that we have believed the devil's lies and have not resisted the flesh's enticements. Rule and defend us by your Word and Spirit so that You might reign unrivaled in our hearts. For we pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our King, Amen."

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Luke 2:30-32

"For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

Responsive Reading

Select verses from Psalm 72

Leader: Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to the royal Son!

All: May He judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice!

Leader: May they fear You while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

ALL: May He have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

Leader: May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render Him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

All: May all kings fall down before Him, all nations serve Him!

Leader: For He delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

All: From oppression and violence He redeems their life, and precious is their blood in His sight.

Leader: Long may He live; may gold of Sheba be given to Him!

All: Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

***Song of Response No. 99**

African-American Spiritual

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

Word with Our Children

Roxanne Spencer

Offering & Special Music

All Glory Be to Christ

traditional/Kensrue

David Hamilton, tenor; Brenda McCombs, organ

***Doxology**

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

***Scripture Reading**

Sermon

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Hymn of Joy No. 90**

How Great Our Joy

JUNGST

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sing We Now of Christmas

NOEL NOUVELET

*All who are able, please stand
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Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

Children's Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom on the choir hallway. Parents should report to the classroom immediately following worship to pick up their children.

A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!

Help Needed



It's time to put away the Christmas decorations!
If you can help, please meet at the
church on Saturday, January 7 at 10:00am.

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

Brenda Ramsey and the family of Peggy Snider- on Peggy's passing
Karen Pless- loss of father, Wade Nunnery
Family of Donna Mauldin- on her passing
Sandy Bessent- daughter, McKenzie Hampton is recovering
Amy Hurst- recovery from surgery
Ronald Barger- continuing rehab at home
Danny Bost- waiting on reports
Randy Childers- severe back pain and upcoming surgery
Shirley Faust- moved to Five Oaks Rehab
Judy Goodnight- beginning treatment

Please note that this bulletin was printed on Dec. 22 so the prayer concerns have not been updated.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Lacy Williams- recovery from surgery on back
Mike Allen (Bargers' family)- being treated for Cancer

HOMEBOUND

Cindy Fisher- Transitional
Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside
Barbara Hancock- home
Iris Efird- home
Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
Loretta Young - Five Oaks

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Renee Goodnight
Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker
Children's Church: Roxanne Spencer & Ella Sechler
Children's Church next week: Chris & Chariti Lowder
Acolytes: Violet & Amias Hamilton
Acolyte next week: Camryn Lowder & Evie Sechler
Nursery: Lynn Efird
Nursery next week: Jenna Baker
Ushers: John Hammond, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder
Greeters: Cookie Hamilton, Gip Rumble

THIS WEEK @FIRST PRESB

Sunday, January 1 Happy New Year!

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday, January 3

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, January 5

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Sunday, January 8

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

