

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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***THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.***

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 27, 2022***

***1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT/HANGING OF THE GREENS***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE***

*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please fold it in half and put in the offering plate.*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Martha Starling

**PRELUDE**

*"Savior Of The Nations, Come"*

JAN PIETERSZOOM SWEELINCK

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jenny Keefe

**OPENING PRAYER**

Jenny Keefe

Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 888** *Affirmation From 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20*

Jenny Keefe

**\*RESPONSE NO. 220 verse 1**

*"Angels from the Realm of Glory"*

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**\*HYMN NO. 196**

*"Come, Thou-Long-Expected Jesus"*

HYFRYDOL

**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Debra

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*"The Holly And The Ivy"* Choir

RICHARD SHEPHERD

The holly and the ivy, now both are full well grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. **Refrain:** Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet saviour.

**Refrain**

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

**Refrain**

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

**Refrain**

**HANGING OF THE WREATH**

Nancy Wagnon

Pastor: How shall we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance and that faithfulness and integrity comes from God our maker and redeemer?

**People: Let us hang a wreath as we speak the words of Hosea. I will heal [my people's] disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answers and looks after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; your faithfulness comes from me. Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them. (Hosea 14:4, 8-9, NRSV)**

**PRESENTATION OF THE POINSETTIAS**

Jean Assef and Renie Seel

Pastor: Here in this place, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant. We will praise the Lord for angels who announced his birth and shepherds and wise men who followed his star. And here we rekindle our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

**People: We bring these poinsettias whose star shape leaves remind us that Jesus is the bright morning star. May we let the light of the Christ's star shine in our lives.**

**BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRISMON TREE**

Michelle Rohde

Pastor: Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree arrayed in splendor remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Pastor Debra

Pastor: Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. May the keeping of Advent open our hearts to God's love, so that the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness in our world today. Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let this wreath be a constant reminder for us to prepare for the coming of Christ, so that we may be filled with hope, peace, joy, and love. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath each week. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Jenny Keefe and Norma Cobb

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

*Light the first purple candle on the Advent wreath.*

**All SING: A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright; A candle of Hope in December's dark night. While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky. Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh. (sung to the tune of Away in a Manger)**

**OFFERING**

*"The Holly And The Ivy"*

CHRISTOPHER WICKS

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE NO. 219 verse 3**

*"What Child Is This?"*

**So, bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh. Come, peasant, king to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor Debra

**\*HYMN NO. 211**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

VENI EMMANUEL

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 1:5-15 & 57-63

Pastor Debra

**SERMON**

*"Angels Among Us: More Hope"*

Pastor Debra

**\*HYMN NO. 626**

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

PICARDY

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Debra

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 238 verses 1 & 3** *“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. Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

**\*POSTLUDE**

*“Improvisation on Picardy”*

***\*If you are able, please stand***

Blessings and prayers, <https://www.umcdiscipliship.org/sear/results?q=hanging%20of%20the%20greens>

**OUR PRAYER LIST** – Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT’s, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jim Bennett, Scott Tomberlin, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thraikill, Tony Thraikill, Gwen Sullivan, Bill Eutsler, Jr., Mary Burr, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher’s Brother-In-Law), Shelton Rumph, Jody Reid, Craig Norton, Patricia Turner, Martha Griggs, Zach Keefe, CC Quick, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

## HOSTESSES NEEDED

If you are willing to be a hostess or the church for a month, please call the church office. Hostess responsibilities are: 1) Making sure the parlor is ready for a family visitation. 2) be at the church during the funeral service in case anyone was to need assistance.

### SHEPHERD’S CHILD PARTY



It won’t be long before the time for the annual Shepherd’s Child Party. This year we are going to do 50 children, which is an increase from 36. So, I am counting on all of you to help with this. Many of you like to donate to this program and/or provide the funds to let me do the shopping for the gifts. In the next few months, you are more than welcome to send in your donation in the collection plate or drop it off to Angie in the office. After Thanksgiving, I will have names for the ones of you who like to do your own shopping. Thanks for all of your help. Trina Mills



### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.**

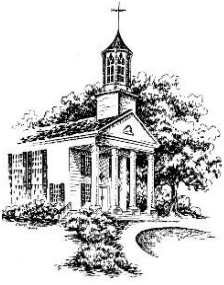
**GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.**

**Wednesdays 10:30 am , First United Methodist Church, 117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC**

### NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

FUMC needs you! Would you like to help in the nursery during the worship service? This would not be an every week responsibility, just an as needed responsibility. Please contact Michelle Rohde at 843-337-6123 if you would like to volunteer.





# THE CONNECTION

The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.

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## *A few words from the pastor...*

*For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.*

Welcome to the new Christian Year! Last Sunday we celebrated the King of Kings, our Lord Jesus. This Sunday we begin the Advent Season preparing once again to receive the infant King Jesus who was born on Christmas Day. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means coming. Every year during Advent we prepare and wait for the coming of the baby Jesus once again.

This year we will prepare our hearts and minds to receive the newborn king with a Bible study written by Susan Robb, entitled *The Angels of Christmas*. We will explore the angels who spoke to John the Baptist's parents, Jesus' parents, and the shepherds. We will examine scriptures to learn about angels and discover evidence of angels in our lives today. Our worship series for Advent will be based on the Worship Design Studio series, *Angels Among Us*.



We will have special services to help us as well. There will be a Children's Christmas Pageant on December 11<sup>th</sup> and a Choir Cantata on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Jim Glass will offer preservice Christmas music on the organ featuring composer, Brahms, Bach, Yon, and Vierne before our Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve service. There will be a 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Christmas Day, and the worship series will conclude on the First Sunday after Christmas on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

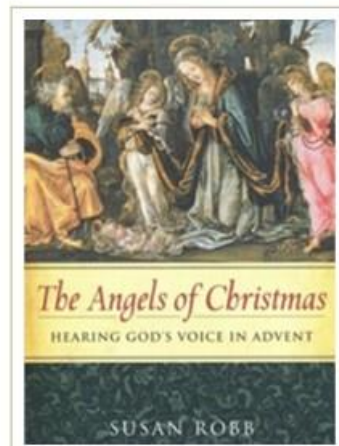
*Pastor Debra*

### **Advent 2022 Bible Study Begins November 30, 2022**

The Advent Bible Study this year will use Susan Robb's Book, *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*.

The Bible Study will be every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the Parlor during the four weeks of Advent. Be sure to join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus once again.

Books for the study cost \$13.00 and are available in the church office. To be prepared November 30<sup>th</sup>, please get a book and read chapter one.







## COMMITMENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022

Commitment Sunday is next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will renew our commitment to support First United Methodist Church with Bible Reading, Financial Giving, Hands-on Service, Prayer, Witness and Worship and take a step-up for Jesus. Commitment cards will be brought to the altar to be blessed by the Lord. Then we will celebrate our blessings and commitments with a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall immediately following worship. Meat is being provided by the United Methodist Men and hosted by the United Women in Faith. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite side dish to share.

If you are not able to take part on Commitment Sunday, you can mail in, bring your, or email your commitment card to the church. It takes all of us offering our first and best to God. Working together we truly are the church with a heart in the heart of Cheraw

*First UMC Stewardship Committee*

**ANNUAL PAINT PARTY TO BENEFIT SHEPHERD'S CHILD:** Beth Maier has graciously offered to host a paint party to help us with this mission. She donates her time and supplies; and we pay \$25 to paint a Christmas picture and we get to keep the money! What an easy, fun way to raise money. This will be in the fellowship hall on Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30pm, a \$10 deposit is due by Sunday, Dec. 4. Call Trina Mills (843-910-0518) to reserve your spot.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SELLING RADA PRODUCTS:** The United Women in Faith are taking orders for RADA products. There are catalogs, order forms, and sample products on a table outside the church office. If you would like to place an order for Christmas, please complete an order form with payment by December 7. We also have some items on hand available for sale.

**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT:** As in past years, donations will be accepted for a monetary Christmas gift for members of the church staff. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office, mailed, or placed in the offering plate. (Please clearly designate "**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT**" on your check or on the envelope if making a cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is **Sunday, December 11**. This is a good way to express our appreciation to the staff for the work that they do!  
*Staff-Parish Relations Committee*





## Advent and Christmas 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
November 27<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.  
Hanging of the Greens

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Commitment Sunday  
11:00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.  
Christmas Pageant

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.  
Christmas Cantata

Christmas Eve  
Pre-Service Organ Music  
5:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Communion Service  
6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day  
December 25<sup>th</sup>  
No Sunday School  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery Closed

First Sunday after Christmas  
January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

### SERVING IN DECEMBER

#### **GREETERS FOR DECEMBER**

December 4 Joe Stanton & Terry Farrell  
December 11 Betty Hurst  
December 18 Mike & Debbie Elmore  
December 25 Doug & Susan Marsh

#### **FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER**

Month of December - Poinsettias

#### **NURSERY FOR DECEMBER**

December 4 Kelly Dusa & Leslie Jean Watson  
December 11 Choles Reid & Kim Roddy  
December 18 Farrah Lewis & Michelle Rohde  
December 25 No Nursery

#### **LITURGIST FOR DECEMBER**

December 4 Sammy Quick  
December 11 Ray Crouse  
December 18 Eric Dusa  
December 25 Rhett Butler

#### **HEAD USER FOR DECEMBER**

Jerry Tucker

#### **ACOLYTE FOR DECEMBER**

Penny Quick

### ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

December 6 Jap Roddy  
December 7 Jacob Rohde  
December 10 Chase Watson  
December 12 Michelle Rohde  
December 14 Lynn Tweed  
December 15 Palmer Reid  
December 16 Ellison Outen  
December 18 James Tweed

December 19 Jane Rumph, Kaleb Keefe  
December 21 Renie Seel  
December 22 William Keith Smith III (Tripp)  
December 23 Allan Chapman, Faye Eschenfelder  
December 25 Alayna Carabo, David Rohde  
December 29 Marcia Butler  
December 30 Jacquelyn Bette Tomberlin

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

No Anniversaries in December

**TURNING 90 OR ABOVE:** We have a church member who will turn 90 or above this month. If you would like to send a card to him the address is listed here.

Ellison Outen (December 16)  
Veteran's Village  
1200 National Cemetery Road  
Room 4112 (Farrow 4A)  
Florence, SC 28506-3239

**HONORIARIUMS:**

**IN HONOR OF ELLISON OUTEN**

The Methodist Men's Bible Class

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, November 28, 2022**

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

**Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
5:00pm Girl Scouts (Youth Hut)

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
10:30am Grief Share  
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline  
6:00pm Advent Bible Study (Parlor)  
6:00pm Handbell Practice (Choir Room)  
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Thursday, November 25, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
5:30pm-7:00pm Youth Meeting  
5:30pm-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24

**Amount needed year to date:** \$271,154.28

**Sunday School Attendance November 20:** 41

**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Ramen Noodles

**Greeter:** Amy Lewis

**Acolyte:** Norma Cobb

**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Sammy Quick

**Flowers next Sunday:** Poinsettias

**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter

**Amount received for week of November 22:** \$2,427.00

**Received year to date:** \$266,749.85

**Worship Attendance November 20:** 62

**McArn Items:** Peanut butter cups

**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa

**Crucifer:** Nancy Wagnon

**Nursery Worker:** Michelle Rohde

**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles

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