

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - **PURPLE**

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

Sir John Stainer

ANTHEM | How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
How beautiful upon the mountains
How beautiful the feet of Him
that bringeth glad tidings,
that publisheth peace.
(From Isaiah 52: 7, para. Luke 2, 1851)

OPENING VOLUNTARY | Dance Prelude on “*Bring a Torch*” Christopher Uehlein

CHIMING & WELCOME Rhett Butler
We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.
Please take note of our important announcements found on the back of this bulletin.

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Sue Skipper & Josh King

†**HYMN 211** | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (V. 1-3, 7) VENI EMMANUEL

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 880** | The Nicene Creed Rhett Butler

†**GLORIA PATRI 238** | Angels We Have Heard on High
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! GLORIA

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 218** | It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

OFFERTORY | Advent Flourish Daniel Hawman
An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church.
If you are visiting, please sign a visitor’s card and place it in the offering plate so
we may connect with you. Scan the QR code to the right for digital offerings.



†**DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER** VENI EMMANUEL
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

†**SCRIPTURE READING** | Luke 2: 13-14 Pastor Keith

SERMON | *The Prince of Peace* Pastor Keith

†**HYMN INSERT** | I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day WALTHAM
During the singing of this hymn, you may pray at the altar rail.

†**DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER** Pastor Keith

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** | Let There Be Peace on Earth PEACE

†**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** | Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Wilbur Held
We thank you for your presence with us today. We hope that you have a great week
and that we will see you again soon.

➤ **THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

➤ **A MUSICAL NOTE:** You might’ve noticed that our responses (ex. Gloria Patri, Doxology) have taken on a Christmas identity. This is a great way to merge the season of Advent into our traditional responses. The words to the responses are printed into the bulletin for your convenience. Instead of fumbling through the hymnal in a frantic hurry when it’s time to sing the responses, please refer to the words that have been printed into the bulletin and sing out! You are familiar with the tunes of each response.

OUR PRAYER LIST | PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL ON THE PRAYER LIST!

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT’s, all who defend our Nation, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Mary Burr, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith’s cousin), Sarah Potapova (sister of Betty Hurst), Lynda Stann (friend of Jenny Outen), and the family of Mary Lomas. **Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks.**

CHURCH *Announcements*

MEN'S BREAKFAST - December 8th 2024 at 8:30am. Come hungry!

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE - Zoar Methodist Church: Sunday, December 8th 2024 from 6:00-8:30pm.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT - If you would like to give a monetary gift to the staff Christmas gift, please have your money to the church office or in the offering and mark it as "Staff Christmas gift" by December 17th. Thank you! - Staff-Parish Relations

DECEMBER 8th MASTERWORKS - The Masterworks Choir of Florence SC will perform their Christmas Concert this weekend. There are 4 FUMC Choir members involved with Masterworks. December 8th, 4:00pm

DECEMBER 11TH POSTPONED - The 200 year anniversary church service has been rescheduled for the month of January. Please stay tuned for a new date.

DECEMBER 15TH - Fireflies and Youth's Christmas Program during morning worship. Please join us to celebrate our children.

SHEPHERD'S CHILD - Wrapping day for Shepherd's Child - 10:00 on December 11th. Wrapped gifts are due to church December 12th. Shepherd's Child Party is December 18th 1:00pm. Thank you! Trina Mills

A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS - Mark your calendars now! Thursday, December 19th at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy secular & sacred Christmas music featuring a 45 member multi-community choir, brass quintet, string quartet, organ, and piano. The choir spans 5 counties & 2 states. The Handbell Choir will provide a 15-minute prelude before the program. Come early to claim a seat! A catered reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH *Reports & Info.*

Weekly tithe needed: **\$5,928.83.**

Tithes received Dec. 1: **\$2,743.89.**

Sunday School Attendance Dec. 1: **34**

Worship Attendance Dec. 1: **85**

Acolyte: **Penny Quick**

Liturgist: **Rhett Butler**

Liturgist Dec. 15: **Jimmie Williamson**

Greeter: **Norma Cobb**

Greeter Dec. 15: **Betty Hurst**

Head Usher: **Chase Watson**

Nursery: **Kelly Dusa & Reagan Freeman**

Nursery Dec. 15: **Amanda King & Mason Tomberlin**

Sound System: **Sound Group**

Videographer: **Bryson Hunter**

Food Pantry: **Canned vegetables**

McArn Food Bank: **Canned beef/potatoes**

Website: **cherawfirstumc.org**

Address: **117 Third St, Cheraw SC 29520**

Church Office Phone: **843.537.7002**

Newsletter: **The Church Herald, monthly**

Church Design: **Greek Revival**

CHURCH *Calendar*

SUNDAY *December 8*

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm-7:00pm Youth Play Practice

MONDAY *December 9*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open

TUESDAY *December 10*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
10:30am-12:00pm Mat Making (kitchen)
12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline**

WEDNESDAY *December 11*

9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
5:30pm-6:20pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY *December 15 Advent 3*

9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Children's Play



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE EIGHTH DAY *of* DECEMBER 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

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