

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

## THE GREETING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may the Lord so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all the saints.

## PRELUDE

*"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

Bach

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. David A. Jones, II

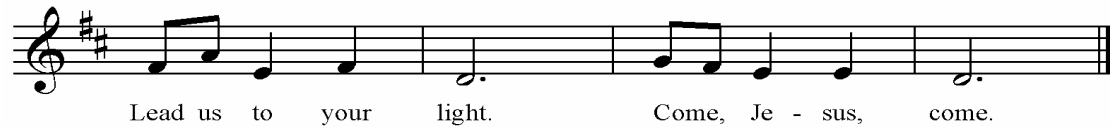
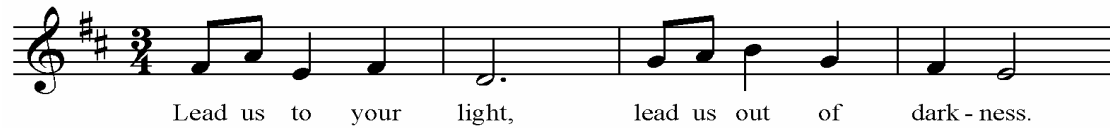
*(Worshippers are asked to sign the Friendship Register)*

## CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

*"Lead Us to Your Light"*

Browning

Chancel Choir and Congregation



## LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH

(8:45) Bill Bishop (11:00) Chase, Margaret, Joe &amp; John Hicks

Leader: Christians around the world begin this day to await the Advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

**People: We gather as a people of hope.**

Leader: Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

**People: Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.**

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the promise and the great gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

**People: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness.

**People: And the darkness has not overcome it.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 8     *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*     TRURO

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never get around to changing; good things we have left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever! Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG of PETITION

*“Lord Jesus Christ”*

Taizé



Lord Je - sus Christ,     your light shines with - in us.



Let not my doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me.



Lord Je - sus Christ,     your light shines with - in us.



Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

\*RESPONSE of PRAISE

*"He Came Down"*

arr. Bell



He came down that we may have hope, He



came down that we may have hope, He came down that we may



have hope, Hal - le - jah for - ev - er - more.

\*PASSING of the PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you",  
responding "And also with you")*

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

WORD for CHILDREN

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM (11:00)

Andrew Ian Chisolm

ANTHEM (11:00)

*"And the Glory of the Lord"*

Handel

Chancel Choir

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON (NT, p. 85-86)

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

"Candles and Prayer"

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet

\*HYMN No. 4

*"Creator of the Stars of the Night"*

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

## TO RESPOND AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

The Rev. Ruth C. Roberts

**Jesus came as a child  
born of a woman as is every child,  
yet born of God's power as was no other child.  
He lived as a Jew among Jews.  
He announced to his people  
the coming of God's rule of justice and peace on earth.  
We believe that the coming of Jesus  
was itself the coming of God's promised rule.  
Through his life, death, and resurrection  
he initiates the relationship between God and the human race  
that God always intended.**

*A Declaration of Faith*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and the LORD'S PRAYER

**.....Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead  
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

The Offertory

*"Who Shall Come?"*

Caldwell

Felicia Torres, soprano

\*DOXOLOGY

*"All Creation, Join in Praising"*

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

\*PRAYER of DEDICATION

## TO GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN No. 2

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"*

Pote

POSTLUDE

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

W. McNair

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP begins with the Prelude and the lighting of the candles to signify the light of Christ among us. The Prelude offers us a time to prepare for worship with prayer and quiet meditation. Serving as acolyte today is Ella Rayl.

TODAY'S USHERS ARE: (8:45) Bob Beatty – Head Usher, Lee Hrechko, Randy Hrechko, Edwin Scott, Sr., & Edwin Scott, Jr. (11:00) MaryAnne & Stuart Massey– Head Ushers, Charlie Beazley, Cappy Boswell, Barbara Brunson, Tricia Kuna, Vicki Walker & Woody Williams. Elder on duty this month is Hugh Jacobs.

AMBASSADORS TODAY ARE: Robin Bacon, Scott Barnes, Herb Blake, Pat Cely, Mary Fant, Andrew Folks, Allen Gill, Rob Jones, Linda Olson, DB Parr, Jim Thames, Ann Vickery and Willie Wiles. The Presbyterian Home bus driver today is Thom Mobley.

BILL AND RUTH ANDERSON CHISOLM present their son, Andrew Ian Chisolm, to receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:00 AM worship service this morning.

AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL TABLE is located in the reception area. Come by and pick up a booklet written by Shandon members, as well as some other materials to make your holiday season more meaningful. These items are free. There are Advent wreaths and replacement candles for sale.

WEDNESDAY'S AT SHANDON (WAS) Menu for December 2: Chicken chow mein, rice, steamed broccoli, sherbet & fortune cookie. Children's Menu: Chicken fingers, broccoli, chips fruit & fortune cookie. There is also a salad bar available. **Please make your reservation by Tuesday at Noon.**

VISITORS, if you are interested in uniting with this church, please speak to one of the pastors.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET - On December 2, Shandon will host 10 mission organizations at Wednesdays At Shandon (WAS) as participants in the third annual Alternative Gift Market. Visit with mission representatives to decide how you will honor family and friends. If you cannot make WAS on December 2, we will be collecting donations after church on December 6, 13 and 20 in Davis Hall. Thanks and spread the word!

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES - Our Families Helping Families tree is up in the lobby. Gifts will need to be turned in by December 10. Please think about the families in need this Christmas and plan to take a tag or two off the tree. Specifics will be located next to the tree. Thank you in advance!

ORNAMENTS NEEDED - Has your Christmas tree ornament collection grown and your need for them lessened? If so, consider donating one or more for a tree the Women of the Church will decorate at the Presbyterian Community. Place them in the designated box near the church office front desk by December 1.

THE EXTENDED CARE schedule for the next quarter will be posted outside of Deborah Goodwin's office until November 30. Please come by and sign up for a date or two that works with your schedule!

RESERVE YOUR SUNDAY in 2010 to donate flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone. Contact Jeannie Aull at 834-7554 or [jeannieaull@gmail.com](mailto:jeannieaull@gmail.com) to get on the calendar.

AS THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS, please remember also that the calendar year is coming to an end. Please remember to complete your 2009 pledge giving to Shandon so we may continue our ministry in Christ's name, as well as provide you with those necessary tax statements. Please call Bonnie Smith in the Business Office if you have any questions concerning your pledge.

XYZ (X-tra Years of Zest) will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 12:00 PM for lunch in Davis Hall. The program will be Christmas Entertainment by Jim and Pat Long, activity directors at Forest Pines; please call the church office for lunch reservations.

PLEASE REMEMBER when giving gifts of stock to Shandon through a brokerage firm, to alert the Business Office to expect your gift. Contact your broker early enough for a year end gift so that it will be received by Shandon before December 31.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY, November 29 (Anderson – Friendship Register)

- 8:45 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Church School Rooms)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Fellowship (Davis Hall)
- 5:30 PM Contemplative Worship (Sanctuary)

#### MONDAY, November 30

- 9:00 AM SPIRE Assembly (224)
- 4:30 PM Key Ringers (223)
- 6:00 PM Tintinnabulators (223)
- 6:30 PM Beginner Spanish (204)
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 5 (203)
- Men's Basketball (Activity Center)

#### TUESDAY, December 1

- 8:45 AM Exercise Class (Activity Center)
- 10:30 AM PW Coordinating Team (224)
- 12:00 PM XYZ (X-tra Years of Zest) Luncheon (Davis Hall)
- 5:00 PM Children's Chance Board (224)
- 6:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- 6:30 PM Basic Spanish (204)
- 7:00 PM CoDa (214)

#### WEDNESDAY, December 2

- 9:00 AM Art Class (203)
- 10:00 AM PW Bible Moderators (Atrium)
- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells (223)
- 5:00 PM Chimers (223)
- 5:15 PM Wednesdays at Shandon (WAS) Dinner (Activity Center)
- Alternative Gift Market & Advent Celebration
- 6:00 PM Arise Choir (202)
- 6:30 PM Shine Choir (202)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rehearsal Room)

#### THURSDAY, December 3

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (McDonald Youth Center)
- 8:45 AM Exercise (Activity Center)
- 9:30 AM Coffee (224)
- 10:00 AM Bible Study (224)
- 6:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- Youth Ministry Committee (224)
- 6:30 PM Advanced Spanish (204)
- 7:30 PM NA Meeting
- Sandlapper Singers (Choir Rehearsal Room)

#### FRIDAY, December 4

- 12:00 PM Handbell Quartet (223)
- 3:30 PM Brownie Troop (224)

#### SATURDAY, December 5

- 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rehearsal Room)

ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT (early 20's -30's)? DO YOU KNOW YOUNG ADULTS? If you (or someone you know) want more information, send us an e-mail at [youngadults@shandonpres.org](mailto:youngadults@shandonpres.org). We'd be happy to share with you about the group, its programs and fellowship. Plan now to join us for our Young Adult Bible Study – Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – starting back up in January.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PSA) WELCOMES YOU!**

PSA gathers at the Presbyterian Student Center  
1702 Greene Street, Phone 799-0212

Regular Weekday Hours: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Web site address:** <http://web.sa.sc.edu/presby>

**Facebook:** Presbyterian Student Association

**This Week at PSA**

**Monday, November 30 – 8:30 PM – Men's Bible Study:** Calling all PSA men! Join us for our weekly Bible study. **Tuesday, December 1 – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – PSA Tuesday:** Join us for our Deck the Halls party as we decorate the student center and honor our December graduates. **Wednesday, December 2 – 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM – Lunch Bunch:** Gather with the good folks from PSA at the Grand Market Place in the Russell House for a casual lunch gathering. We'll be sitting inside by the windows in the main dining area. **Thursday, December 3 – 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – WomenSpace:** We will be closing out our semester with a mini Christmas party. Bring a small gift (costing no more than \$5.00) to exchange and then we will go out for dessert to Nonnah's! **Sunday, December 6 – 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Worship Sundays:** Meet at PSA for rides to Shandon Presbyterian for worship.

**Check back with us next week for Exam Study Breakers!**

**January 2 – 5, 2010 – Montreat Collegiate Conference: God Without Borders.** Kick off the New Year right and join PSA as we head to Montreat with 1,000 other college students for a great weekend. If you sign up this month, the cost is \$75!

For more information about these ministries and PSA, contact Rev. John Cook – [jcook@shandonpres.org](mailto:jcook@shandonpres.org). Hope to see you at PSA!