

THE CHURCH GATHERS

THE GREETING

Isaiah 40:3

The Rev. Tom S. Glenn

A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

PRELUDE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" (8:45)

W. McNair

"Gaudeamus" (11:00)

Sherman

Tintinnabulators

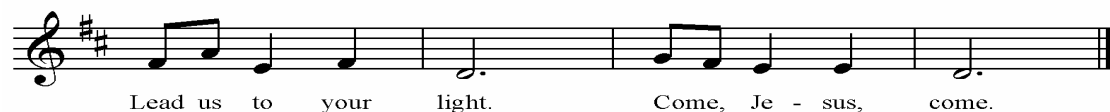
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

"Lead Us to Your Light"

Browning

Chancel Choir and Congregation



LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH

Debbie Alexander & Diane Thompson (8:45)

Byron, Jennifer & Alexander Duell (11:00)

Leader: The season of Advent continues. We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

People: We are a people of hope. Hope lives and abounds in us.

Leader: Today we light the candle of peace.

People: This light must brave the darkness.

Leader: In an age when people seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under the threat of war, we light a fire called peace.

People: Peace that is not merely the absence of conflict but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all, that peace for which we dare to hope.

Leader: Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

People: In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness.

People: And the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: May this candle of peace give light to the world.

“Prepare the Way O Zion”

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O God, who comes to us, in the wilderness you sent a messenger to prepare human hearts for the coming of Christ. We rejoice that through the centuries that message of hope has brought confidence and joy to your people. Forgive us for failing to discern your presence with us, and for having thought that we were deserted and alone. Make strong in our hearts the assurance that you are with us, and the faith that enables us to live joyfully and expectantly. 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 peace, He
came down that we may have peace, He came down that we may
have peace, Hal - le - lu - 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)

Baylis Eugene Wang

HYMN of WELCOME No. 37 (11:00) *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

POLISH CAROL

ANTHEM (11:00)

"What is This Light?"

Shackley

Middler and Senior High Youth Choirs

What is this light shining out in the darkness, bringing good news to a world wrapped in night, promising life to a world lost and dying? Hope is the light. What is this light shining down through the ages, through every battle that rages tonight, calling an end to all warfare and hatred? Peace is the light. Joy is the light shining so fair, lifting the weight of oppression and care. Joyfully sing! Sorrow no more! God's great salvation awaits at the door. What is this light, driving out every heartache, broken hearts wings to take flight, drawing us close to the heart of the Father? Love is the light. Long have we sought, long have we sighed, for the salvation that God would provide. Soon he will come, Bethlehem's boy, bringing the dawning of peace, love and joy! Who is this light giving life to the nations, joy to the ends of creation tonight? Son of the lowly, yet Son of the Highest: Christ is the Light of the world.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (NT, p. 60)

Luke 3:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Advent's Disruption"

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet

*HYMN No. 10 (11:00)

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

WINCHESTER NEW

TO RESPOND AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

The Rev. John R. Cook

**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

"Gaudeamus" (8:45)

Sherman

Tinnabulators

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" (11:00)

Chenoweth

Chancel Choir

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source,
the ending He. Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, Evermore and
evermore! O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare
the Saviour of our race; And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, Evermore and
evermore! O ye heights of heaven adore him: angel hosts, his praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow
before him, and extol our God and king; Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore! Alleluia! Thee let old men, thee let young men, thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens, with glad voices answering: Let their guileless songs reecho, and the heart
its music bring, Evermore and evermore! Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, and
eternal victory, Alleluia! Amen.

*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. 49

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

Pote

POSTLUDE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

W. McNair

**Those who are able, please stand*

<p><i>In Memoriam</i> Betty F. Elliott January 7, 1927 – November 25, 2009</p>
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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 Amelia Gavin.

THE WORD - Gaudeamus - means 'Let us rejoice'. This is the title of the piece being played this morning by the Tintinnabulators at both services. Let us rejoice this 2nd Sunday of Advent that Christ comes to bring peace to the world.

TODAY’S USHERS ARE: TODAY’S USHERS ARE: (8:45) Bob Beatty & Doug Potter– Head Ushers, Edens Littlejohn, Steve Littlejohn & John Waltz. (11:00) Fraser Bradford & Mike White – Head Ushers, Robb Alford, Winston Arney, Becky Kennette, Madison Kennette, Daniel Lott, Kathy Mayfield-Smith, Shawn Rankin & Daniel Weldon. Elder on duty this month is John Kay.

AMBASSADORS TODAY ARE: Scott Barnes, John Bull, Allen Gill, Jeanie Harvin, Betty Jenkins, Becky Kennette, Madison Kennette, Edens Littlejohn, Steve Littlejohn, Andy Smith, Sarah Smith, Mark Timbes, Willie Wiles and Margaret Yandell. The Presbyterian Home bus driver today is John Anderson.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted and Amelia DesChamps Petoskey by Julie Petoskey Smoak.

THE SYMPATHY of Shandon reaches out to the family of Yvonne and Peter Asmer in the death of his mother, Emma Asmer of Columbia, SC.

WEDNESDAY’S AT SHANDON (WAS) Menu for December 9: Taco bar, tossed salad, Fritos & brownie. Children’s Menu: SAME. **Please make your reservation by Tuesday at Noon.** Next Wednesday, December 16 is our Christmas Carol Sing in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM after dinner.

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 the children will celebrate with a Birthday Party for Jesus. During the Sunday school hour children are asked to bring “gifts” for Harvest Hope. Remember Harvest Hope supplies the needy with more than food. Suggested items include diapers, baby wipes, soap, shampoo and toothpaste. Each class (two’s-fifth grade) will gather in their Sunday school class at the regular time.

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

THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet for the last time for the year this coming Thursday, December 10, at 10:00 AM. We will resume on January 14 and continue our study of 1 and 2 Samuel. All are welcome.

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 to get on the calendar.

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES - Our Families Helping Families tree is up in the lobby. Gifts will need to be turned in by December 10.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE of the Sandlapper Singers "American Graces" at Dreher High Auditorium on Friday, December 18 at 7:30 PM. Seven members of Shandon sing with this excellent choir, directed by Lillian Quackenbush. Over 100 students from area schools will be featured on the program. Tickets can be ordered online at www.sandlappersingers.org.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET is open each Sunday in December, until Christmas, during the fellowship reception in Davis Hall after the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Gift catalogs that include a list of items available and how they will support the 10 organizations included this year are available throughout the church. Gifts can also be purchased during regular office hours through the church business office.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY invited to tour the Presbyterian Community on Sunday, December 13 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM to see the Christmas trees that have been decorated by Presbyterian Women from the Columbia area PC (USA) churches, enjoy musical performances the new chapel and refreshments in the dining room. Please RSVP by December 9 to 796-8700 or 866-315-4722.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 6 (Edwards/Kelbaugh – Friendship Registers)

- 8:45 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 AM Child Protection Policy Training (Library)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Church School Rooms)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Fellowship (Davis Hall)
- 2:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- 4:45 PM Middler Choir (222)
- 5:00 PM APNC Meeting (Library)
- 5:30 PM Middler Youth (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:15 PM Senior High Choir (222)
- 7:00 PM Senior High Youth (Activity Center/McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, December 7

- 11:30 AM Retreat Committee (Off Campus)
- 4:30 PM Key Ringers (223)
- 6:00 PM Council of Ministries (Library)
Devine Quilters (Davis Hall)
Tintinnabulators (223)
- 7:00 PM Basketball Board Meeting (224)
Boy Scouts Troop 5 (203)
Men's League Basketball (Activity Center)

TUESDAY, December 8

- 8:45 AM Exercise Class (Activity Center)
- 12:30 PM Sunday School Class Leaders (Davis Hall)
- 6:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- 6:30 PM CDC Sing-along (Sanctuary)
Sandlapper Singers Board (224)
- 7:00 PM CDC Reception (Davis Hall)
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WEDNESDAY, December 9

- 9:00 AM Art Class (203)
Shandon Quilt Group (224)
- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells (223)
- 5:00 PM Chimers (223)
- 5:15 PM Wednesdays at Shandon (WAS) Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6:00 PM Arise Choir (202)
- 6:15 PM Youth Bible Study (McDonald Youth Center)

WEDNESDAY continued

- 6:30 PM Advent Event by Ute Wachsmann- Linnan (Sanctuary)
Shine Choir (202)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rehearsal Room)

THURSDAY, December 10

- 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)
- 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Atrium)
- 6:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
WAS Planning Committee (Library)
- 6:30 PM Advanced Spanish (204)
- 7:30 PM NA Meeting (206)
Sandlapper Singers Rehearsal (Choir Rehearsal Room)

FRIDAY, December 11

- 12:00 PM Handbell Quartet (223)
- 5:45 PM Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Senior High Lock-In

SATURDAY, December 12

- 8:00 AM Family Connections (Activity Center)
- 6:00 PM Walker-Kemp Wedding (Sanctuary)

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. 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, December 7 – 11:00 PM – *Late Night Breakfast:* Take a break from studying for exams and come enjoy some brain food: breakfast! **Tuesday, December 8 – 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM – *Lights at the Zoo:*** Meet at PSA and then join us as we travel to Riverbanks Zoo for their annual Christmas light display. **Wednesday, December 9 – Noon – 1:15 PM – *Lunch Bunch:*** In between exams, join us for fellowship around the table in the Russell house. We'll be sitting inside by the windows in the main dining area. **9:00 PM– *Krispy Kreme – Coffee & Donuts:*** Need caffeine or a snack while studying? C'mon with us to Krispy Kreme! **Thursday, December 10 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – *Christmas Cookies:*** Come show off your culinary gifts and join us as we bake and decorate Christmas cookies! **Friday, December 11 – 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – *Movie Out Night – Invictus:*** Join PSA for this inspiring movie about Nelson Mandela and a South African rugby team. Meet at PSA at 6:00 PM for rides. **Sunday, December 13 – 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – *Worship Sundays:*** Meet at PSA for rides to Shandon Presbyterian for worship. **Monday – December 14 – 3:30 PM – *Commencement Exercises:*** Support your PSA friends as they take this next step in their lives! **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. Hope to see you at PSA!