

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: Air de Noël.....Jean Romary Grosjean
Sussex Carol..... arr. William Rose
Shepherds from “A Nativity Suite”..... Wilbur Held

Choral Call to Worship: Stretch forth your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more. O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....David and Merideth Strawhorn and Family

Call to Worship: **Psalm 96**

All: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day. Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it. Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming. God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!

❖HYMN: #140 “Once in Royal David’s City”
(Verse 1-Women, Verse 2– Men, Verse 4-Everyone)

Litany for the Third Sunday in Advent:

Leader: O Singer of our Songs, O Lifter of our heads
You put a new song in our heart- a hymn of hope to our God.
You are worthy to receive praise.

People: Come, Lord Jesus

Leader: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light,
Sun of Justice; Come, shine on those who live in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Children’s Time Rev. Ben Sloan

GIVE THANKS TO GOD: GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *He is Born* arr. by John Carter
Rebekah Good, Piano; Ken Anderson, Organ

❖Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in the Hymnal)

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Lesson: Scripture: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-9

Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

Choir: Creator of the Stars of Night arr. John Scott

Second Lesson: Scripture: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

All: Hymn #82 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Third Lesson: Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

Choir: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel arr. Timothy L. Bandy
Laura Hawkinson, Flute

Fourth Lesson: Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

All: Hymn #378 We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Fifth Lesson: Scripture: Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

Choir and Soloist: Magnificat Frank Henry Shera Janet Roberts-Crump, soprano

Sixth Lesson: Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

Choir: Baby, What You Goin’ to Be? Natalie Sleeth, arr. Greg Gilpin

Seventh Lesson: Scripture: Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

All: Hymn #119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Eighth Lesson: Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

Choir: Jazz Gloria Natalie Sleeth

Ninth Lesson: Scripture: John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

Choir: Jesus, What a Wonderful Child with Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. Phil Kadidlo

GO IN GOD’S NAME

❖Closing Hymn: #134 “Joy To The World” (Vs 1 & 4)

❖Closing Prayer

❖Benediction

❖Postlude: Postlude on Three English Carols....Gilbert M. Martin

❖All are invited to stand.

Reception of New Members: Front Pew by the Baptism Font

A warm and cordial welcome is extended to all who worship with us. If you would like to join, you are invited to come to the baptism font after worship where elders will meet and assist you. Membership in a church is an important part of discipleship. The church family is where we receive care, nurture and teaching, but also plug in to give care, giving of ourselves using our gifts, talents, and service for God’s glory.

SUN UP SERVICE

8:30 am

#144- “In the Bleak Midwinter”
#143 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

8:20 am: Opening Music and Announcements

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Invocation

❖Hymn: #115 “Away in a Manger”

Scripture: Luke 1:3-4; 2:8-15; John 1:6-9

Sermon: “Angels and Evangels”Dr. J. Ben Sloan

Offering and Offertory “We Three Kings”.....Cuttino Men’s Choir

❖Hymn: #138 “Who Would Think What Was Needed”

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Benediction



The Narthex flowers are given in memory of Ashley Reed Shealy on his birthday by his family.

Lake Murray Presbyterian Church



DECEMBER 12, 2021
8:30 am & 10:30 am
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LESSONS AND CAROLS

Personal Meditation



The angels sing in the dark of the light of the world.
 The angels sing to give us a song...
 "Peace on earth" in a dark world that lacks peace.
 "Good will"... in a place where the king lies and kills babies.
 In God there is hope, even to us.
 Let us continue their song.
 The song of the light shining in darkness.

Serving in worship today:
 Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Senior Pastor; Rev. V. Blaine Hill, Associate Pastor
 Dr. Janet Roberts, Director of Music, Children's Choir Director
 Ken Anderson, Organist

Calendar

- December 12-** Session 7:00
- December 15-** Day School Christmas 9:30
- December 17-** Day School Polar Xpress
- December 19-** Deacons; Advent Workshop 3; Caroling 3:30
- December 21** Longest Night Service 6:00
- December 24-** Worship 5:00, 7:00, 11:00 (Foundation Church 3:30)

Offerings: You may drop your gift in the basket by the door, or text 803-403-1069 or give on our website: www.lmpchurch.org or mail in your check to 2721 Dutch Fork Rd. Chapin SC 29036.

Minister On-Call: If you have a pastoral emergency and the office is closed, please call Ben Sloan at 727.3476 or Blaine Hill at 422.0049. If you cannot reach the ministers, please contact the elder-on-call.
Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

December 5 General Fund Offering:	\$33,581
2021 Annual General Fund Budget:	\$1,127,170
Cumulative through December 5:	
Budget to date:	\$1,062,078
Actual receipts:	\$1,084,747
Actual vs Budget:	+\$22,669
Actual expenses:	\$965,723
Pledges to date: 117	\$565,021

Prayer Requests

* Phil Horton, brother of *Lisa O'Cain;
 *Jackson Brownfield; *Waymon Hutto;
 Linda Mullis, sister of Cynthia Morrow;
 The Family of *Effie Overstreet upon her passing;
 *Sarah Blackmon; The family of Frankie Flowers upon her passing;
 *Robby Milam and Family upon the passing of *Marty; Judy and Ira Bell;
 *Sally Sandifer; Louie Bellios; *Dorinda Reed; Hack McGill; *Harmon Reed;
 *Carol Rudder's niece: Courtney Currier;
 *Barbara Bauknight's sister in law, Susan Brown; Becky Willcox; *Dorothy Cox; *Bill Bradshaw; *Mary Goodwin;
 *Lindsay Furse; *Dick Gallup; *Marcia Warren; Hunter Thomas, *Joe Bonnette, brother in law of *Fred Yandle; *Erma Kaminer; Patsy mother of *Lamar Comalander; Amy Hendrix, *Gerry Brossard; *John Burriss; *Irene and *Ernie Menchinger; *Charles Blau; Baker Smith; *Louisa Adam; Scott Fee; *Dottie Dunbar; Marion Meetze; *Nancy Shealy's brother Rick Floyd; *Mary Hoskins; *Allison Jasinski; *Josh Baxley; Jack Turner; *Beau Bonvillain; *Kathy Payne; Bill Blume; *Earl & *Loretta Guilford; *David Ayer; *Jane Branch; *Dick Wilkins; *Alyssa Mott; *Daniel White; friends and family members serving in the military, *Donovan Murphy; *Dylan Meetze; *Chase McCathern; *Drew McCathern; *Jackson Brownfield (*members)

Remember the Church in your will!

Church Staff
 Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Pastor
 Rev. V. Blaine Hill, Associate Pastor
 Mike Fields, Administrative Director
 Warren McDonald, Youth Director
 Laura Mars, Business Administrator
 Sherri Miller, Administrative Assistant
 Martha Lavigne, Administrative Assistant
 Dr. Janet Roberts, Director of Music, Children's Choir Director
 Ken Anderson, Organist
 Christy Martin, Day School Director

Ushers for the week of Sunday, December 12

8:30 Service (need at least two people): Sam Cullum, Robert Shealy, Charlie Harden and Robbie Johnson

10:30 Service (need at least two people): John Winfield, Chip Raffinie, Pam Helms, Gerry Kelly, Eddie Edwards, Bill Morrow, Fred Yandle, Steve Stebbins, Don Faulkner and Ronnie Faircloth

Liturgist/Elder on Call: David Strawhorn **Deacon on Call:** Joanne Loveless

Ushers for the week of Sunday, December 19

8:30 Service (need at least two people): Bo Locklier, Travis White, Rick Pascal and Ronnie Faircloth

10:30 Service (need at least two people): Smyth McCrady, Sandy Westmoreland, Ken Jermac, Lovic Brooks, Chris Lindler, Alan Grimsley, Jim Dunbar, Charles Casebeer and Chad Knott

Liturgist/Elder on Call: Sharon Woodward **Deacon on Call:** Shelley Ray

We Care: The needs for the month of December are: Jam/Jelly, Canned Corn, Spaghetti sauce, Canned salmon, Chili beans, Ramen noodles and soup, Pancake mix/syrup, Corn muffin mix, Spam and Oatmeal. As always they are in need of laundry detergent, paper products and personal toiletries. **Our annual Clemson vs Carolina Food Drive has to come to an end. We found out we actually had another 1,906 lbs. given by a church member. Final count: Clemson 2,019 lbs and Carolina 1,856!!**

Youth: Sunday School is Sunday mornings @ 9:30am in the COVE!
 Sunday Night Gathering: JJs/Middlers gather tonight @ 5pm. Dinner @ 6pm.
 Sr. High's will stay afterwards.
 Sr. High Movie Night: Friday, December 17th the Sr. Highs will watch "Elf" in the COVE.
 Be there by 7:30pm.

Youth Caroling: Next Sunday, December 19th, all youth are invited to go to the Lowman Home to sing Christmas carols. Meet at the church @ 3:30pm.

Foundation Presbyterian Church— The LMPC Daughter Church—will worship at 9:30am at Farm Boys Barbecue. Farm Boys is located at 525 Columbia Avenue, Chapin, SC 29036. We will be having an early Christmas Eve Service at 3:30 for those who go out of town later.

The **adult choir** has resumed Wednesday evening rehearsals at 7:30 pm in the Cuttino Choir room in our activity building. We are also looking for handbell ringers for the fall. Please contact Dr. Roberts-Crump at 803-240-9447 for more information.
 The **Mission Committee** will meet Sunday, December 19th after the second worship service over lunch. Anyone interested in missions is encouraged to join us!

LMPC is searching for a new **Children's Ministry Director**. The position is part time, 20 hours per week. If you know someone who would be great or if you want to know more details, please contact Kristen Lamkin peterskr@hotmail.com or (803)920-6406. Thanks for your help!

The Giving Tree: Please place your gifts under the Giving Tree. Fill the stockings on the wreath with gift cards and scholarship donations.

Christmas Eve Worship. Christmas Eve we will have four services. Foundation Presbyterian will have an early 3:30 service at Farm Boys; 5:00 will be a Children's Service; 7:00 will be a candlelight and choir service; 11:00 will be candlelight-communion.

Advent Workshop— Come December 19 at 3:00 for a devotion, songs, and crafts relating to Christmas. We will also be planning some of the 12/24 5:00 service. This is for children and families.

PW CORNER

Come Shop With Us this Sunday! PW will be selling Shermer Pecans after 8:30 and 10:30 worship service. We have bags of halves and pieces and gift bags of Glazed and Cinnamon Glazed pecans. Sorry, but we are out of chocolates! However, what we have are all delicious. Thank you for stopping and thank everyone who have bought from us.

LNO Christmas Celebration Please join us on Tuesday, December 14th starting at 6:30 at the home of Clare McGill (338 Pebble Branch Dr Chapin) Bring: A-K Appetizers L-Z. : Beverages, a \$ 15-20 dollar gift to exchange and Oatmeal for We Care. Wear your Christmas P.Js!!

Longest Night Service for Healing and Wholeness— December 19 6:00. This is a service of praise for God's keeping us, and for continued healing. For those grieving, those who are sick, those who want to lift others up and prayer— let us join our voices on this longest night, lighting a candle of prayer and hope. There will be an anointing with oil for those who desire it.

Please pledge! There are pledge cards in the pew racks for the 2022 budget of the church. Pledging is a commitment to God in view of His commitment to us. Currently, we are ahead of where we normally are in pledges this time of year by 10%. It is a hope and a goal that allows us to plan our budget and ministry for the coming year. Rise up and give to God who calls us to shine like the sun with healing in our wings (Mal. 4:2).

There are also **Love Offering** envelopes in each pew for those who would like to give to our Love Offering for the staff of the church. This is an appreciation gift to them.