

Lake Murray Presbyterian Church



DECEMBER 19, 2021
8:30 & 10:30AM
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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: No youth SS next week on 12/26; please gather with your family for SS. Youth Caroling: Today after Church all youth are invited to come sing Christmas carols on the road. Meet at the church @ 3:30pm. We should be finished around 5pm. Sunday Night Gathering: No Youth gatherings on 12/26 or 01/02. Youth gatherings will resume on 01/09. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Confirmation will be starting the week of January 9th. This is primarily for rising eighth graders but also for those older who want to go back and take it. Warren McDonald has more information.

The Deacons will meet today at 11:30 and will examine officers for the coming class. New officers will be ordained January 2 at the 10:30 worship service.

If you haven't taken the **congregational survey**, we want your input. There are hard copies in the narthex and the church office. This is an important tool we will use at our officer's retreat 1/8 (9-2:00).

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. In January FPC will be nesting back at LMPC in the gym.

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 Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the Giving Tree. We appreciate your willingness to help those in need. All tags were taken.

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 today 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.

Longest Night Service for Healing and Wholeness—December 21 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.

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.

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).

This is the last Sunday we will take up the **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.

For your gift to count toward your 2021 pledge, it must be postmarked by 12/31/21 or online or in bank transit from your broker by that day. Thank you to all who give.

Prayer Requests

Larry New; *Yank Brice and Family upon the passing of his brother; Phil Horton, brother of *Lisa O'Cain and Greta Robertson; *Jackson Brownfield; *Waymon Hutto; Linda Mullis, sister of Cynthia Morrow; The Family of *Effie Overstreet upon her passing; *Sarah Blackmon; 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	

Calendar

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)
January 2 Ordination and Installation of Officers, Communion
January 8 Officer Retreat 9-2:00 LMPC

Merry Christmas from the Staff at LMPC!
The Church Office will be closed on December 27th and 28th.

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 12 General Fund Offering:	\$26,172
2021 Annual General Fund Budget:	\$1,127,170
Cumulative through December 12:	
Budget to date:	\$1,083,754
Actual receipts:	\$1,109,851
Actual vs Budget:	+\$26,097
Actual expenses:	\$997,120
Pledges to date: 126	\$601,621

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

Ushers for the week of Sunday, December 26

8:30 Service (need at least two people): Guy Rogers, Bill Shattuck, Jason Joannides and Lamar Comalander

10:30 Service (need at least two people): Jason White, Patrick Dunbar, David Parler, Karl Skoog, Lou Ann Summers, Becky Hash and Tom Hampe

Liturgist/Elder on Call: Robbie Johnson **Deacon on Call:** Ginny Rogers

Hebrews 10:5-10

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.’”

First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in worship today:
 Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Senior Pastor;
 Dr. Janet Roberts-Crump, Director of Music, Children's Choir Director
 Ken Anderson, Organist

—————**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**—————

Prelude: Selection of Christmas Hymns.....Traditional
Christian Markle - Bagpipe

Choir Introit for Advent: 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.....Bill and Mary Higginbotham and Family

Call to Worship:
Leader: The Lord gives us a sign. The Virgin is with child.
People: **She shall bear a Son, and name Him Emmanuel which means “God is with us.”**
All: **Let us worship the God who is with us as we gather to be with Him.**

❖ProceSSIONAL Hymn: #133 “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” (vss 1, 2 & 4)

Litany Prayer For Advent:
Leader: O Ruler of the nations, Monarch for whom the people long, you are the cornerstone
uniting all humanity: Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.
People: Come Lord Jesus
Leader: O Emmanuel, our Sovereign and lawgiver, desire of the nations and Savior of us all:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.
All: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

❖Silent Prayer of Confession

❖Kyrie Eleison #551
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

—————**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**—————

The Children’s Time:.....Warren McDonald
After the prayer, children ages three through kindergarten are led to Children’s Church.
Children first grade and older return to the pews for the remainder of the service

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Response to Scripture reading:
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “I Have Come to Do Your Will”Dr. J. Ben Sloan

❖Hymn of Dedication: #132 “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*” (All vs.)

—————**GIVE THANKS TO GOD: GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND**—————

❖Affirmation of Faith: **The Nicene Creed**
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Joseph and Cherry Tree.....Tune: O Wally Wally

Pastoral Prayer 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.

—————**GO IN GOD’S NAME**—————

❖Closing Hymn: #145 “*What Child Is This*” (All Vs.)

❖Benediction (Halverson)
Remember you go nowhere by accident. Where you are going, God is sending you. Where you are, He has placed you. God has a purpose for your life, right where you are. Christ Jesus, who indwells you, has something that He wants you to do, right where you are. Believe this, and go in His grace, in His love, and in His power. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

#542- God Be With you until we meet again
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

❖Postlude: Highland Cathedral.....Scottish Traditional
Christian Markle - Bagpipe, Ken Anderson - Organ

❖*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. We also welcome those who want to make a commitment to the church by being an **online partner**.

Please fill out a pew card. This takes the place of our Friendship Pad.
We use this information to update contacts, and helping with pastoral care.
The cards may be dropped in the offering baskets by the center door.

—————**SUN UP SERVICE**—————

8:30 am

8:20 am: Opening Music

#146 “*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*” (All vs.)
#145 “*What Child Is This*” (All Vs.)

Lighting of the Advent Candles.....Bob and Mary Jane White

Call to Worship:
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Sermon: “I Have Come to Do Your Will”.....Dr. J. Ben Sloan

Offering & Offertory:

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Benediction:

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