

First Presbyterian Church

Cheraw, South Carolina

Nursery/Pray N' Play

Dec. 30 Shelley Morgan

The Church This Week (12/30/2018)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Hymn Sing
Mon.		Office Closed
Tues.		Office Closed
Wed.	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship/Coffee
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Our Vision

**Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love**

Our Mission

By the Grace of God, we are rooted in Christ through love. We grow in the Spirit by worshipping, by studying, and by cultivating relationships with Christ and others. As stewards of God's gifts and affirming our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we share God's Mission of reaching out with Christ's Love.

First Presbyterian Church website

www.cherawfpc.org

All **pledges and/or contributions** to First Presbyterian Church must be turned in today, **December 30th for year ending 2018**. Also, any checks that need to be written for 2018 expenses must be turned in today.

The Giving Ministry Team would like to remind you the **Stewardship Campaign** will again take place during the month of January. The campaign will kick-off on January 6, 2019 and end on January 27 with commitment Sunday and a celebration lunch. Our theme for this year is "Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity".

We would like to thank Randy and Sara Marie Jewart for leading us in worship this morning.

Missionaries

Mr. Mark Hare, Mrs. Jenny Bent Hare Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith

Haiti

Germany/Russia

Morning Worship
December 30, 2018
1st Sunday after Christmas Day

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Randy Jewart/Sara M. Jewart

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Joy to the World*

Helman

*Call to Worship

In Christ, the fullness of time has come.

The Spirit and the Son are with us.

As beloved children of God we pray:

Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Loving God, in your child Jesus Christ our eyes have truly seen your glory and the wonder of your saving power. By your Spirit, send us out in peace – proclaiming the good news to all people, sharing the light of your revelation, growing in strength and in wisdom, and worshiping you night and day; through Christ, your promised Word. Amen.

*Hymn 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Call to Confession (Romans 3:23–24)

Confident that we are promised newness of life through repentance and forgiveness, we can turn to God and to one another, confessing our sin.

Let us confess our sins together, so that we may know the forgiveness of God and what is hidden in us may become visible.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others. You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Matthew 3:17)

Sisters and brothers, do not be afraid. The One who was and is and is to come knows you through and through and has overcome death and sin to forgive you, so that you might be delivered into joy that has no end.

Friends, believe the good news of your salvation,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

We Receive God's Word

The readings in today's service are from Kneeling in Bethlehem, a book of poems and reflections by Ann Weems.

Reading: "O Lord, You Were Born!"

Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Reading: "Had We Been There"

Hymn 147 *The First Nowell*

Reading: "Getting to The Front of The Stable"

Hymn 145 *What Child is This*

Reading: "The World Still Knows"

Hymn 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Reading: "We Seem to Forget"

Hymn 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Prayers of The People (concluding with 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.

Offering Invitation

Offertory *Sussex Carol*

Wood

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

*Prayer of Dedication

We Depart in God's Name

*Hymn 40 *Joy to the World*

* Benediction and Sending

* Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

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