

Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church  
20 Meeting Lane, Liberty Hill, South Carolina 29074  
Service at 10 am



December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Pastor Rev. Dr. David Leininger

# Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Worship

David E. Leininger, D. Min., Minister

~ *GATHERING of GOD'S PEOPLE* ~

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING

Mica Jones

## PRELUDE:

"Emmanuel"

Carol Ghent

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent readers: Wanda Ghent, Gale Jent, Gina Byrd and Vickie Hinson

## \*GATHERING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

193(blue)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. What if joy were to break out unrestrained in our world? What would we notice?

P. **The wilderness and dry land would be glad; the desert rejoice and blossom.**

L. The blind would see and the lame would walk. Lepers would be cleansed, and the deaf would hear.

P. **The dead would rise and the poor would receive good news.**

L. May joy break out in our worship today as we anticipate the One who comes into our world!

P. **Come thou long expected Jesus!**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and wonderful God, we confess that we have closed our eyes to what you are doing. We prefer to concentrate on problems, bad news and violence. When we do, we miss all the healing, freeing and helping you accomplish in our world. We pass up opportunities to participate in your Good News. We rob ourselves of so much joy. Forgive us and give us eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to treasure your mission in the world. Fill us with unquenchable joy at the coming of Jesus.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The angel told Joseph, “You are to name the baby Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.**

## **~THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (in place)

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Blest be the ties that bind/Our hearts in Christian love.**  
**The fellowship of kindred minds/Is like to that above.**

## **MOMENT WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**Dr. David Leininger**

### **OFFERTORY**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**Carol Ghent**

**(In the setting of “Trumpet Voluntary” by Jeremiah Clarke)**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

### **CONCERNS & JOYS**

**Mica Jones**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**~THE WORD OF GOD~**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

**197(Blue)**

**1st Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Mary, Did You Know”**

**Mica Jones**

**2nd Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

**SERMON**

**“SURPRISE!”**

**Dr. Leininger**

**~RESPONSE TO THE WORD~**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - (from A Declaration of Faith)

What do you believe?

In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation God has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God’s good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“While We Are Waiting Come”**

**92(Purple)**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Carol Ghent**

**\*Congregation standing if able**

**Please join us after the service for our holiday meal.**

**Shut-ins:**

**Merilyn Roll-2465 Harbor View Rd.-Camden-SC 29020**

**Ken Maree  
Veteran Village  
1200 E National Cemetery Rd.  
Room 4218  
Florence, SC 29506**

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**Please sign the 3 Christmas cards located on the table at the back as you leave this morning.**

**Holiday Meal after the service today.**

**Monday, December 15th, 6pm** - Bible Study Class. The class will continue studying the Advent season using the book by Rich Villodas, "Waiting For Jesus."

**December 21st - LHPC Sanctuary Choir** will perform their **Christmas Cantata** during the 10am service.

The choir will perform again later that day at **4pm** at the **Community Center**. Please invite your family and friends.

**December 24th, 5pm - Candlelight Communion Service**

## **Last Week's Attendance & Giving**

**Attendance:** 42

**Offering:**

**General** \$ 5988.00

**Dimes for Hunger** \$ 29.89

**Total YTD**

**General** \$232,918.00

**Dimes for Hunger** \$ 388.04

## **Prayers For Our People**

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)*

**Andrew Adams** (Mica Jones)  
**Marvin Adams** (Karen Bailey)  
**Marquerite Adams**  
**Vickie Baker** (Karen)  
**Ed Baxley** (Sylvia Hudson)  
**Kirk & Linn Bennett's son**  
**Rachel Blackmon** (Lisa Knight)  
**Kendall Broome** (had half of lung removed Friday, Nov 14 only 15 years old)  
**Amy Burns** (Sylvia Hudson)  
**Ed Bunch**  
**Pat Bunch** (Jeanette Robinson)  
**Christi Chambers** (Donna "Sunshine" Smith)  
**Carole Cooke**  
**Bill and Mary Crain** (Rebecca Fairchild)  
**Terry Davis** (Ben Cheatham brother-in-law)  
**Phyllis Dufrene** (Sylvia Hudson)  
**Stephen Fairchild** (Dorothy Fairchild's son)  
**Kathi Fletcher** (cousin of Sylvia Hudson)  
**Trish & Jerry Flynn**  
**John Foster**  
**Philip Gaulin** (Marilyn Roll)  
**Carol Ghent**  
**Carol Ghent** (Scott Ghent's cousin -pancreatic cancer)  
**Elaine Gosnell** (Diane Porter's sister)  
**Shane Granger** (Tommy & Sandy's son)  
**Billy Harris** (needs kidney transplant)  
**Rodney Hegler** (John Thompson)  
**Melissa Frost Henson** (Elaine Maree)  
**Megan and Lance Horton and their families**  
**Jenna Horton**  
**Mica Jones**  
**Darlene Knauer**  
**Tonya Lancaster**

**Jill Locklair**  
**Pastor David**  
**Cheryl McAbee**  
**Ken & Elaine Maree**  
**Dolly Miller** (Ben Cheatham)  
**Mike Morgan** (Wanda's brother)  
**Brandon Mungo**  
**Diana Murphy** (Joan Ward)  
**Claire Oliver**  
**Audrey & John Osipow** (Karen)  
**Margie Pokorney** (knee replacement)  
**Daryl & Melinda Rabon**  
**Pat Rainforth** (Stan Pokorney's sister)  
**Nancy Rawlinson** (Jim Hudson)  
**Louise Reece** (Gale Jent's mother)  
**Mary Doar Roderick** (Sallie Cheatham's sister, breast cancer surgery)  
**Barbara Rogers** (friend, Sylvia's HS teacher, has congestive heart failure- Sylvia Hudson)  
**Bill Rhodes**  
**Wren & Bruce Ridgeway** (Lisa Knight)  
**Morrison Robinson** (dislocated shoulder, fractured hip)  
**Morgan Sexton**  
**Gerald Stone** (Micki McLeod's dad)  
**Shelby Thomas** (Terry Hoffman)  
**Richard Van Ooyen** (Jim & Sylvia Hudson)  
**Shirley Varro** (Jeanette & Pat)  
**7 friends of Joan Ward**  
**Elizabeth Parfitt Webb** (Elaine Maree)  
**Jimmy White** (Kenny White's brother)  
**Kenny White**  
**Three year old boy** (Sandy Granger)  
**5 friends of Sandy Granger**

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### **Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:**

**To connect with God, to connect with others, and to connect others with God.**

### **Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church Vision Statement:**

**To be an inclusive church that surrounds people with  
Love, Hope, Pray, and Compassion..  
(LHPC)**