

Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church  
20 Meeting Lane, Liberty Hill, South Carolina 29074  
December 21, 2025      Service at 10 am



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

The Liberty Hill Cantata Choir presents

*Hope In A Manger*

The Night Love was Born

# 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:

“Lo, How A Rose E’Er Blooming”  
(in the setting of “Canon in D” by Johann Pachelbel)

Carol Ghent

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent readers: Darrell and Derhonda Ross

## \*GATHERING HYMN

“Child in the Manger”

198(blue)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. Prepare the way of the Lord!

P. **Lift every valley, lift every voice.**

L. Prepare the way of the Lord!

P. **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory. Yet, we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The angel tells Joseph that the child forming in Mary's womb is to be named Jesus. "Call him Jesus," the angel says, "For he will save the people from their sins." From his birth through his resurrection, from age to age, Jesus is about salvation.

**This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## **~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.**

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**Dr. David Leininger**

**We are still collecting the Christmas Joy offering, envelopes available in slots**

**OFFERTORY**    **"Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head with Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"**  
**Carol Ghent**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

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

## **~THE WORD OF GOD~**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah 9:2-7

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presents

# *Hope In A Manger*

The Night Love was Born

Arranged and Orchestrated by: Marty Hamby

Sing We Now Noel with Joy to the World! .....Choir  
Born is the King ..... Choir  
Holy Forever (Christmas) .....Choir  
The Shepherd's Song (God With Us)..... Soloist: Darrell Ross  
O Little Town Underscore  
When Love Was Born with O Little Town of Bethlehem .....Choir  
Hope in a Manger .....Soloist: Mary Etta Taylor  
Let Us Adore .....Choir  
Sing We Now Noel (Reprise) with Hope in a Manger.....Choir

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE:**

\*Congregation standing if able

## Soprano

Mary Etta Taylor  
Robin Shealy  
Sheryl Thomas  
Rebecca Easley

## Alto

Nancy Macdonald  
Sylvia Hudson  
Margie Pokorney  
Toni Thompson

## Tenor

Julianne North  
Carol Ghent  
Stan Pokorney

## Bass

Darrell Ross

From your Minister of Music

Dear Church Family,

As we move into this Christmas season, I am more grateful than ever to stand before you as your Minister of Music. As you know, this year has been full of surprises and challenges for me. In February, I was diagnosed with cancer. As I went through surgery, recovery, chemo and radiation, my church family rallied around me and prayed. I continue to face health issues as I deal with all of the side effects of these horrible treatments and you continue to pray and love me through it. Words can not express my gratitude for each and every one of you.

My family came to this church in 1997. Rob and I were married here in 2000. Our children were born and baptized here. Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church is my home and I can not imagine being anywhere else. We have been through a lot together through the years and I know the best is yet to come.

We are blessed each Sunday in this little church on the hill to hear wonderful messages in word and song. Our choir works so hard all week long to bring the anthem you hear each week. Their dedication is unlike anything I've ever experienced in a church choir. So many hours have been put into the performance you will hear today. Thank you choir for the blessing you are to this church, our community and to me. Thank you to Sebastian Jones for running our sound and making sure we sound our best and thank you to our pastor, David, for your encouragement and prayers over us.

As you listen today, I pray the music we sing will be worshipful and will bring honor and glory to our Lord, Jesus Christ-The Hope in the Manger, and the reason we celebrate this season.

From my family to yours, may your Christmas be one filled with love, laughter, joy and most of all- JESUS!

I love you all,  
Mica

## Last Week's Attendance & Giving

**Attendance:** 53

**Offering:**

**General** \$ 3434.00

**Dimes for Hunger** \$ 44.33

**Christmas Joy** \$ 110.00

**Total YTD**

**General** \$236,462.00

**Dimes for Hunger** \$ 432.37

**Christmas Joy** \$ 150.00

**LHPC Sanctuary Choir** will perform again later today at **4pm** at the **Community Center**. Please invite your family and friends.

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

**Monday, December 22nd, 6pm** - Bible Study Class will finish up their advent book by Rich Villodas, "Waiting For Jesus."

**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**

## Prayers For Our People

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

**Andrew Adams** (Mica Jones)

**\*Family of Marvin Adams**

**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)

**\*Family of Gary Elliott**

**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)

**\*Jerri Hixson** (Linda Rollins' sister)

**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)

**\*Dee West** (Pastor David)

**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)**