

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

December 2022 Newsletter

CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS AND WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, November 27th:

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4th:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 10th:

Live Nativity and Bethlehem Village: performances at 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 11th:

3rd Sunday of Advent; Lisa and Derek Deakins bring a *Bluegrass Christmas* to 11:00 a.m. worship

Sunday, December 18th:

4th Sunday of Advent; Handbell Choir at 11 a.m. worship

Saturday, December 24th:

Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 p.m. (Family) and 7:00 p.m. (Candlelight with Communion) with Harpist, Holly Avesian

Sunday, December 25th:

Single Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. with George Winston's "December"



. . . *they shall name him Emmanuel,*” which means, “*God is with us.*” (Matthew 1:23)

The deep meaning of the birth of Christ is contained in the name, *Emmanuel (God is with us)*. It is a celebration of *presence*, of sharing our lives with God and one another. When we think of the Christmas season, we think of getting together with family and friends, and this year, there are so many wonderful opportunities to be together!

At Sunrise, we have resumed the familiar and cherished programs, events, and celebrations.

- Sunday, December 4th **Second Sunday of Advent**
Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Family Service at 10:00 a.m.
Growing Faith at 9:00 a.m.
Seaside Singers Christmas Concert at 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 10th **Annual Live Nativity** with presentations at 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, & 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 11th **Third Sunday of Advent**
Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Family Service at 10:00 a.m.
Lisa and Derek Deakins bring a *Bluegrass Christmas* to 11:00 a.m. worship
- Sunday, December 18th **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Family Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, December 24th **Christmas Eve ~ Harpist, Holly Avesian**
4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion
- Sunday, December 25th **Christmas Day ~ George Winston's December**
Single 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

During Advent, we are exploring the *Angels of Christmas*. On the last Sunday of November, Reece preached about Zechariah's encounter with the angel Gabriel in the Temple. In a way that reminds us all of the importance of silence in our own lives, Reece noted that Zechariah had his voice silenced as he awaited the birth of his son, John.

- December 4th** We will hear again the familiar story of Gabriel's visit to Mary in what we fondly call *The Annunciation*.
- December 11th** Will be Joseph's dream and encounter with an angel.
- December 18th** We will celebrate with the shepherds their encounter with the angels that brought them such amazing news!

This Christmas Season is all about *presence*, being with one another and celebrating God's presence in our lives and the world. As you can see, the focus for this year is bringing us together to hear the amazing *Christmas Story* again and share it with each other. Please plan to participate in these wonderful opportunities!

In God's grace,



December 18th ~ Christmas Joy



By supporting the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, the Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks in part to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances. These generous actions bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love one another as Christ commanded.



YEAR END GIVING

Contribution Deadline

The end of 2022 is drawing near. Please remember that your year-end checks must be dated and post marked (if you mail your contribution) by December 31, 2022 in order to be considered a contribution for the 2022 year. I will be closing the books early in January and mailing your contribution statements soon after. If you have any questions, please call the church office on any Monday or email me at:

financesunrisepc@gmail.com ~ Bob Ingram



Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex.

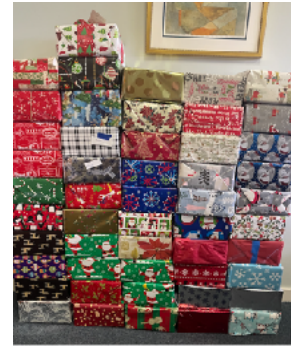
Welcoming Christ Through the Traditions of Christmas

Provide families things to ponder and pray about while they are actively engaged in the traditions they treasure! Rather than simply reading a devotion each day of Advent, families find prayers and discussion starters. Hectic holiday time becomes time spent together in joyful expectation of the Christ Child who makes all of our *Season's Greetings* possible. We also have special Nativity Window Pop Up calendars for children available in the Family Chapel upstairs.





Thank you for your continued support of Meals on Wheels by remembering the 300+ Meals on Wheels recipients. Together, we gifted 35 gifts!



Thank you for your generous giving to Christmas at Sea. Together we packed 52 boxes!



Calling all bakers to bring in cookies for the Live Nativity on Saturday, December 10th. Cookies may be dropped off at the church on Friday December 9th between 8 am and 12:30 pm or on Saturday afternoon. Thank You!



Live Nativity and Bethlehem Village planning and preparation is underway! Live animals and our congregation will present the “Live Nativity” and Bethlehem Village featuring crafts, bread making, coin stamping & refreshments. The event will be Saturday, December 10th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with showtimes at 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. **There is a volunteer signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex and online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA5A62BA0FC1-live>**

Elementary-age children are especially invited to participate in the Live Nativity on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 5pm. All ages are welcome to participate! You may take part in all or some of the presentations. Costumes will be in the Sanctuary.



ALL FEAST CHRISTMAS PARTY



VIC & KELLIE'S HOME
2272 PORTSIDE WAY CHARLESTON, SC 29407

HOSTED BY VIC & KELLIE APAT
843-224-7206

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 FROM 5:00 PM
TO 8:00 PM ET

Ham will be provided. Please email Kellie at ksa6604@aol.com with a side dish or dessert you will bring.

December at Sunrise



Start off your Tuesdays with the Jerry Dillon Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Start the day off right with great food, fellowship, and a devotion.

Growing Faith

Our next *Growing Faith* meeting is December 4 at 9am in the upstairs classroom which will include a Christmas party with treats. Our main topic of discussion will be The Greatest Commandment, but I'll throw in some interactive components to keep us thinking! ~ Reece

The Miriam-Naomi Circle

The Miriam-Naomi Circle will meet in the Sanctuary December 13th at 10am as we continue our study of the Gospel of Mark using *Mark's Story of Jesus* by Werner H. Kelber as our study guide. We welcome new participants in the Circle. After we meet, those of us who are able to do so usually regroup for lunch at a nearby restaurant. If you have any questions or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call Patsy Hindman (843) 906-8653.



Poinsettia and Music Dedication order forms are in the Narthex. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 18th. Dedications will appear in the December 24th Christmas Eve service and the December 25th bulletins.



JOHN PRICE
LAW FIRM, LLC

presents
THE SEASIDE SINGERS

A COASTAL CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4, 2022 @ 4 pm

visit seasidesingers.org for more

The poster features a teal background with white and gold decorative elements including starfish, seashells, and a snowflake. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts.

The Seaside Singers presents a Coastal Christmas on Sunday, December 4th at 4pm. All Sunrise congregants are invited to join the concert at Sunrise Church. Tickets are complimentary.

Cub Scout Pack 59

On the second Saturday in November, our Pack 59 had a Rain Gutter Regatta which was organized by Cubmaster, Jon Regan Walters here at Sunrise Church. The Cubs had loads of fun. Three weeks prior to the Regatta, each Cub Scout was given a kit to build a boat. The kit consisted of a sail, mast, catamaran platform and two rectangular blocks of wood. Blocks of wood were carved into a hull shape, then mounted on catamaran platform along with the mast and sail.



Each boat was painted and was ready to sail. The two Rain Gutter sets were set up before the races and taken down after the races by the adults. The boats are propelled by the Cub Scout blowing through a straw into the sail to move the boat to the finish line. They are not allowed to touch the boats or the tables. There are a series of races with two Cub Scouts racing each other in each heat. The winners have a final race series to determine a champion.



This was not a quiet event. The Cubs had a great time hooting, hollering and huffing and puffing and the Regatta was a big success. And we had a small miracle - no water spills on our Fellowship Hall floor. There were a few drops as the boats were taken out at the end of each race, but they were mopped up right away. All in all, a fun day for our Pack 59 Cub Scouts and their parents.

Submitted by,
Ross Heaton, Pack 59 Charter Organization Representative



Sunrise has much to be thankful for and celebrated thankfulness in November with wonderful fellowship, friends, and food!



December

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| 1 Shawna Tully | 15 Kristen Champagne |
| 1 Hannah Floyd | 15 Lily Evans |
| 2 Heather Heckart | 15 Kizer Nettles |
| 3 Nancy Guss | 15 Mae Elizabeth Nettles |
| 3 Annalise Hipps | 17 Alan Henderson |
| 4 Ed Weathers | 17 Susi Hasapis |
| 6 Jack Heidenreich | 17 Genevieve McKee |
| 6 Linda Parker | 18 Marty Belk |
| 6 Bonnie Lee | 19 Teagan Hinton |
| 6 Katie Catalana | 21 Carolyn Alexander |
| 9 Gail Jackson | 22 Bruce Hainley |
| 10 Marty Wisse | 22 Tim Kane |
| 12 Kathy Clark | 22 Owen Kimker |
| 12 Liz Nimmich | 27 Carol Bulwinkle |
| 12 Corinna Borden | 29 Judy Collins |
| 14 Jacob Long | 30 Mimi O'Brien |
| 14 Regan Walters | 31 Hannah Fowler |
| 15 Karen Pinson | 31 Eric White |

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singer Rehearsal -</p>	<p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - Fellowship</p>	<p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>10:30am - Memorial Service Robert</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8am - Seaside Singers Rehearsal</p>
<p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith - Upstairs</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4pm - Seaside Singer Recital</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - Fellowship</p>	<p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5pm - Live Nativity</p>
<p>CENTERS/ABILITY</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>3pm - Gregory Guay Recital ~ Sanctuary</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Miriam-Naomi Circle (Library)</p> <p>4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - Fellowship</p>	<p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1pm - PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall</p>
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<p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY (SUBSTITUTE)</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>

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