



# Christmas Eve

Service of Worship and  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Pickens Presbyterian Church

311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

*"To the Glory of God, and  
the Service of People"*

## The Church Gathers

### Chiming of the Hour Preparation for Worship

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.*

### Prelude “Selected Carols”

### Lighting the Advent Candle

*Peggy & David Torrey*

### \*Advent Wreath Song #12, vs 5

*“People, Look East”*

*5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.*

### \*Advent Wreath Prayer

*Lord Jesus, as we search for signs of Christ’s presence this week, help us to become the signs of Christ’s presence that others are searching for. As these candles are but a glimpse of the light of the heavens, help us to be a glimpse of heaven on earth. Help us to shine like stars in the world. Amen.*

### \*Hymn #41

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

## The Church Confesses

### \*Invitation to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

*Emmanuel, you have given us a gift that we can never deserve. You do not ask us to be worthy. You do not ask us to earn your love. Yet the ways we have fallen short threaten to overtake us. But we know we can come to you, even on this holiest of nights, to seek the forgiveness you offer so freely, grateful for your mercy. . . . (silent, personal confession)  
Amen.*

### \*Kyrie

*You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.  
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy.  
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.*

### \*Assurance of Pardon

*. . . in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

**\*Gloria Patri #579** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**The Church Proclaims God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Elder Tina LaFoy*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9.2-7

This Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

**\*Hymn #25** "Away in a Manger"

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 96.1-13

**Special Music:** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Spiritual*

Anna Chastain and Alex Armock – Clarinet Duet

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:** Luke 2.1-20

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**Special Music:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" *arr. Emily Hamlyn*

French Horn: June Simms, Trumpet: Adam Marsh

**Sermon**

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**Rev. Dr. David Torrey**

**The Church Responds in Faith**

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**Offertory**

"Sussex Carol"

*Trad. English Carol*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology#592** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

**Prayer of Consecration**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Holy God,

. . . joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

*Christ was born,*

*Christ has died,*

*Christ is risen,*

*Christ will come again.*

### **The Lord's Prayer (debts/Debtors)**

*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.*

### **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Wine**

### **Communion of the People**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and forget not all God's benefits.*

### **Special Music**

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

*Christina Rossetti*

Donna Simms – Soloist

### **The Service of Lights**

### **A Candlelight Hymn**

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

*(To be sung while the candlelight is being passed)*

- 1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*
- 2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."*
- 3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,*

*Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

- 4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

**\*Recessional Hymn**

*“Joy to the World”*

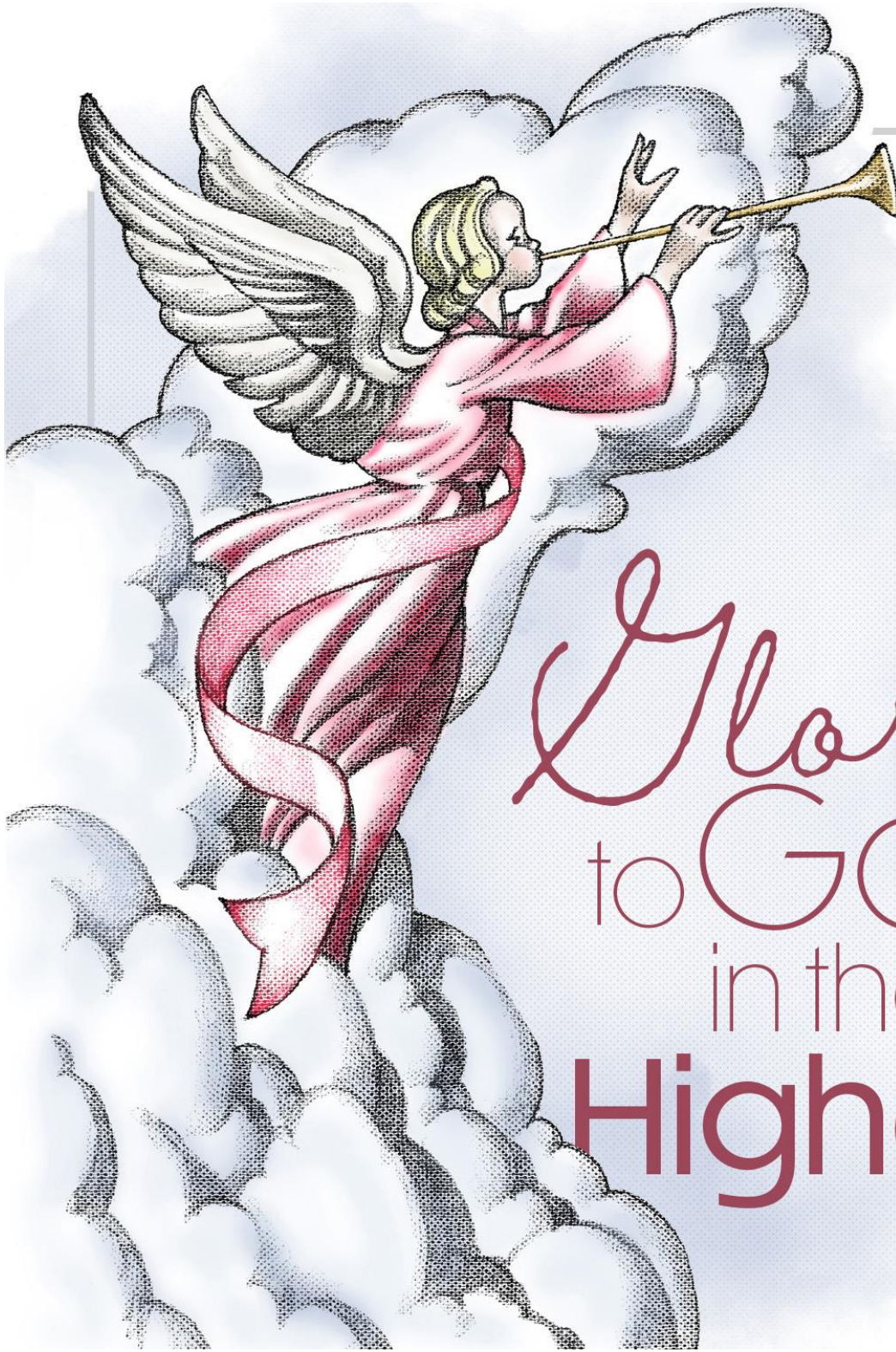
*(The congregation will form a circle on the front sidewalk and continue singing until all are outside)*

- 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*
- 2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
- 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.*
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

*(Continue singing until everyone is outside)*

**\*Christmas Blessing**

*The Church Enters the Mission Field*



*Glory*  
to GOD  
in the  
**Highest**

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The maintenance of divine worship  
The preservation of the truth  
The promotion of social righteousness  
The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

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