



PALMETTO HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Celebrating Life in Christ
By Reaching Out and Building Up
For God's Kingdom and Glory*

December 28th, 2025

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

SONG OF EXALTATION

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth;

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light: [Refrain]

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (#218)

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One: [Refrain]

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

All praise to thee, eternal Lord,
clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
choosing a manger for thy throne,
while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

Once did the skies before thee bow;
a virgin's arms contain thee now:
angels who did in thee rejoice
now listen for thine infant voice.

A little child, thou art our guest,
that weary ones in thee may rest;
forlorn and lowly is thy birth,
that we may rise to heav'n from earth.

All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord (#219)

Thou comest in the darksome night
to make us children of the light,
to make us, in the realms divine,
like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love hath done;
by this to thee our love is won:
for this we tune our cheerful lays,
and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting and eternal God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all. In your light do we see light. Yet we freely acknowledge this morning that we still hide in the darkness. Instead of walking in the light, we settle for false gods—sinful lust, greed, bitterness, malice, gossip, fear, apathy, arrogance, pride, and self-righteousness—preferring the shadows. Lord Jesus, our merciful and faithful High Priest, give us gospel courage and confidence to confess our sins to you and to one another. Grant us repentance and renewal, O Lord. Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, and let your light shine through us. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Behold the Lamb of God

We who walk in darkness deep
now see the light of morning,
The mighty God,
the Prince of Peace,
a Child to us is born.

Wanderers in the wilderness,
oh hear, a voice is crying.
Prepare the way,
make straight the path,
your King has come to die

*Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away our sin.
Behold the Lamb of God,
the life and light of men.
Behold the Lamb of God,
who died and rose again.
Behold the Lamb of God who comes
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Son of God,
Son of Man,
Behold the Lamb, the hope of man,
Behold the Lamb.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹catholic = universal

SONG OF APPROACH

All my heart this night rejoices
as I hear far and near
sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing
till the air ev'rywhere
now with joy is ringing.

Forth today the Conqu'ror goeth,
who the foe, sin and woe,
death and hell, o'erthroweth.
God is man, man to deliver;
his dear Son now is one
with our blood forever.

Shall we still dread God's displeasure,
who, to save, freely gave
his most cherished Treasure?
To redeem us, he hath given
his own Son from the throne
of his might in heaven.

All My Heart This Night Rejoices (#217)

He becomes the Lamb that taketh
sin away and for aye
full atonement maketh.
For our life his own he tenders;
and our race, by his grace,
meet for glory renders.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
soft and sweet, doth entreat:
"Flee from woe and danger.
Brethren, from all ills that grieve you,
you are freed; all you need
I will surely give you."

Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
Though my breath fail in death,
yet I shall not perish,
but with thee abide forever
there on high, in that joy
which can vanish never.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Once in Royal David's City (#225)

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary Christmas Gifts	This Christmas we have the opportunity to show special love to our missionary families. In the foyer there is a Christmas tree with a gift idea for each family member of our supported missionaries. Please choose a gift to send to our missionaries. Any questions can be directed to Allene Davis.
Year End Giving Dec 31 st	We often see an increase in year-end giving. The deacons would like to remind the congregation that all financial gifts must be submitted by December 31 st for your contribution to be recorded for 2025 tax purposes. Thank you for your generosity!
Ladies' Coffee Fellowship	The ladies' coffee fellowship partners women for one-on-one fellowship with other women. If you are interested, then please see the weekly email and sign-up by Dec 31 st .
Officer Installation & Ordination Service Jan 11 th	Newly elected elders and deacons will be installed and/or ordained at the worship service on Jan 11 th . Please pray for them as they prepare to serve on the Session and Diaconate.
Wednesday Evening Activities	There will be no Wednesday evening activities on Dec 31 st or Jan 7 th . Youth Group resumes on Jan 14 th (but no other adult or youth activities), and full activities resume on Jan 21 st . The Wednesday evening seminar begins on Jan 21 st .
OCC Collection January	We are collecting bandanas, headbands, brushes, and combs during the month of January for Operation Christmas Child. Place your donations in the OCC box in the foyer in January.

WEEKLY SERVICE ROTATION

	December 28 th	January 4 th	January 11 th
Infant Nursery	Abbie & Michael M.	TBD	TBD
Toddler Nursery	Davis Family	Peggy H. & Melissa T.	Ben & Meg E.
SS Nursery	<i>No Sunday School</i>	TBD	Suzy S. & Julie W.
Deacon on Duty	Scott R.	Scott H.	David B.
Sound Room	Tommy C.	Reese T.	Dwayne T.
Refreshments	Allene D. & Cathey H.	Roy & Tina C.	Vann & Kelley H.

THIS WEEK AT PHPC

Mon Dec 29	Tues Dec 30	Wed Dec 31	Thurs Jan 1	Fri Jan 2	Sat Jan 3	Sun Jan 4
			<i>Happy New Year!</i>			

GIVING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week's Giving	Last Week's Budget	Fiscal YTD Giving	Fiscal YTD Budget	Last Week's Attendance
\$30,148	\$11,159	\$304,210	\$278,988	145

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