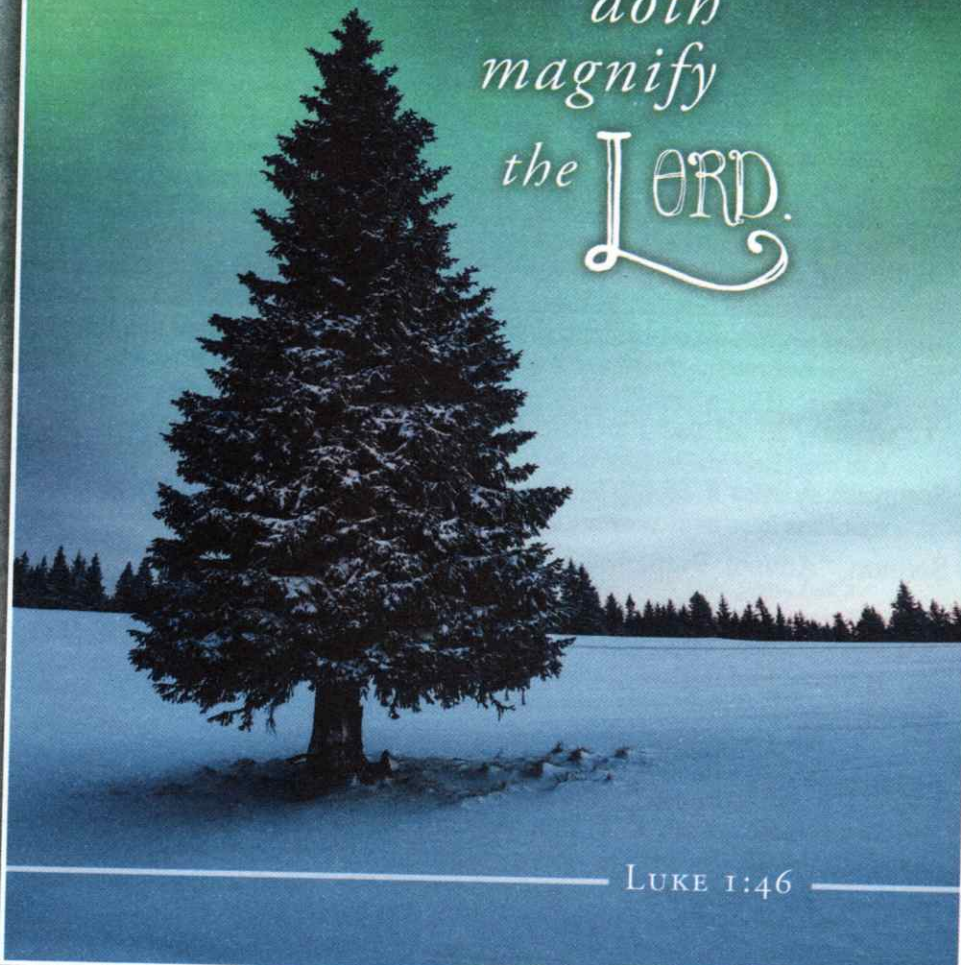


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LUKE 1:46

Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Preach the Word, Teach the Word, Live the Word, Spread the Word

December 12, 2021

Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude: God Rest Ye Gentlemen

Choral Call to Worship: What Can I Give Him?

We welcome Bryant Fersner to bring God's Word today

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No.133

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Bryant Family

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music: Mary, Did You Know

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:18-20

Sermon: "Advent: Preparing for the Priceless Gift"

*Hymn: "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

No.147

Benediction:

Postlude:

Congregational Meeting

* All who are able are invited to stand and sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Sunday School on December 19 at 9:30 in the Educational Building with Scott Croxton.** This week's lesson is "Justice And Righteousness" with scripture from Isaiah 9:1-7.

† **Bryant Fersner** will preach the month of December.

† **The Mamie Rice Circle** will meet Tuesday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m.

† **Choir Practice** is on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

† **Today we will hold a Congregational Meeting** at 12:00 noon to hear the report of the Elder Nominating committee and elect 2 people to serve a three year term on the Session.

† **We will have communion next Sunday, December 19.**

† **The Kershaw EPC Post Office** will operate through December 19.

† **Kershaw EPC meals-on Wheels week** is December 27-31. We can still use some additional volunteers to help our delivery weeks.

† **Thank you to Kershaw EPC for your generous spirit to support the mission of Thornwell.** Our current offering totals \$1,395.00

† **First Baptist Church** has invited KEPC to their Christmas Eve Service at 5:00. Through the prophet Isaiah, God directed King Ahaz to ask Him "for a sign" to strengthen his faith (Isaiah 7:10-11). Though the king refused to ask for a sign, God gave him one anyway: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (v.14). God named the child, and He would be a sign of hope to people going through despair. The name stuck and Matthew breathed new meaning into it when he wrote the narrative of Jesus' birth (Matthew 1:23). Jesus would be "Immanuel." He wouldn't just be a representative of God, but He would be God in the flesh, coming to rescue His people from the despair of sin. God gave us a sign. The sign is a Son. The Son's name is Immanuel-God with us. It's a name that reflects His presence and love. Today, He invites us to embrace Immanuel and know that He's with us. By Marvin Williams in Our Daily Bread

Don't forget the greatest thing we can do for God or for man is to pray. Let's spend time with the Lord in prayer, in repentance, in thanksgiving, and presenting our petitions before Him. Our Session; Scott/Amanda Mosley; Joan Clyburn; Charles/Billy/Jerry Jones; military-(Brandon Primm/Tyler Granata/Tanner McIsaac); Janet Smith; Virginia McDowell; Donna Steele; Lynn Lee; Jesse/Beth McDonald; Curtis Crenshaw; Thomas Woods; Ruth Lucas; Matthew/Makayla Gunn; Bella Stroud; Justin Peavy; Matthew Green; Raleigh Rainey; Ken Faulkenberry; Liz George's family with the passing of her mother; Bob/Randy Beaumont; Clay Brewer; Faye Bennett; Phil Hydrick; Vera Phillips; those who have lost love ones in the community; Lisa Kirkley; Archie & Dayna Singleton; Mark Cook; Anita Lawrence; Floyd Rollins; Robert McManus; Mike Gandy; Opioid epidemic; new cases of Omicron variant of COVID; rain; schools; prisons; President Biden; our Nation; leaders; military; police; doctors; nurses; EMS; missionaries; enemies; Israel (Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem); Canadian pastors; North Korea; China; Iran; Turkey; Russia; Afghanistan; Myanmar; Haiti (12 Missionaries abducted); those in nursing homes; remember that God's Word is the plumb line for knowing what is right from wrong; break the chains of fear, hate, and greed; persecuted church; a great awakening.

**** If there are names that can be taken off the prayer list or names that need to be added, please let Scott or Patricia Croxton know.**