



*As winter wraps
the world in wonder,
we discover beautiful new
reasons to praise God.*

*Every good gift and every perfect
gift is from above.*

James 1:17

*Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Preach the Word, Teach the Word, Live the Word, Spread the Word
December 4, 2022*

**Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent**

Prelude: Prelude on Antioch

Call to Worship:

We welcome Joel Haan to bring God's Word today

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No.145

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Beau and Jill Beaumont

*Hymn: "Silent Night! Holy Night!" vs.1 No.147

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "A Spiritual Christmas"

Scripture: Luke 2:22-38

Sermon: "Knowing the True Church"

*Hymn: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" vs.1 No.131

Benediction:

Postlude: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

* All who are able are invited to stand and sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Sunday School on December 11** at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall with Matt West. The lesson is “Zechariah Speaks” with scripture from Luke 1:57-66, 76-79.

† **Michael Smith** will speak next Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Tom Orred will speak on December 18 as well as having communion.

Also, a **church wide lunch** will be held after worship on the 18th.

A brief **Christmas Day Service** on December 25th will begin at 10:00 a.m.

† **The choir** will practice Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

† **Thank You** to all who helped with Meals-on-Wheels this past week. Volunteers reduce the cost of meal deliveries which, in turn, allows the Council on Aging to provide more services to Seniors. Our meal deliveries for December are 26th-30th.

† **Today is the final Sunday of our Thornwell Emphasis Campaign.** You may give today by writing a check to Kershaw EPC and marking the memo line Thornwell. Our gift for Thornwell now totals \$1350.

† **A Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, December 11 to elect two members to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee with Scott from the Session.

† **The Kershaw EPC Post Office** is open and will go through December 18.

† **Please Sign Up** to be a Sunday Morning Greeter for one month in 2023. The sign-up sheet is on the desk in the sanctuary foyer.

† **Make Christmas More Meaningful:** Read aloud the story of the Nativity with your family and friends.

God has graciously given each of us gifts. This Christmas season, celebrate the Lord by being thankful for the gifts that He's given us and by looking for opportunities to use those gifts effectively.

Don't forget the greatest thing we can do for God or for man is to pray. Our Session; pastor search committee; Scott/Amanda Mosley; Dr. W.L. & Sue McDow; Charles Jones; Dale Williams; military-(Tyler Granata/Tanner McIsaac); Janet Smith; Thomas Woods; Cindy Lebecky; Michael George; Ray Jones; Bella Stroud; Justin Peavy; Matthew and Colton Green; Ken Faulkenberry; Faye Bennett; Clay Brewer; Fred Kiser; Seth Ball; Roger Estridge; Tina Hicks; Dot Morgan; Fran Sellers; Donna Hardin; Phil Hydrick; Drake Starnes; Fred Keiser; Seth Ball; Megan Branham; Tucker Bradley; Matilda Hunsicker; Jean Reeves; Robert Roberts; Holly Everall; Hadlee Braswell; Robert McManus; those who have lost love ones in the community; Archie & Dayna Singleton; Mickey Clyburn; Parker Byrd; Mack/Ryan Blaich; Council on Aging; Opioid epidemic; schools; prisons; President Biden; our Nation; leaders; military; police; doctors; nurses; EMS; missionaries; enemies; Israel (Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem); North Korea; China; Taiwan; Iran; Turkey; Russia; Ukraine; Afghanistan; 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.**