

Hope

THE LORD HIMSELF
SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN;
BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL
CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHALL CALL
HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

ISAIAH 7:14



Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

December 3, 2023

Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Pastoral Symphony-The Messiah

Call to Worship:

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Hymn: "Joy to the World" No.125

*Invocation Prayer

Responsive Reading: No.634

Call to Confession/The Lord's Prayer

Doxology No.625

Minute for Missions: Thornwell Children's Home

Musical Offering: "Angels From the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)"

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Luke 1:33

Sermon: "The Son of the Highest"

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No.123

Benediction:

Postlude:

*All who are able are invited to stand and sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Sunday School** on December 10 at 9:30 in the Educational Building. Pastor Kevin continues with our survey study of the Old Testament.

† **Bible Study** with Pastor Kevin on Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m.

† **Choir practice** December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

† **Thank you** to all who made meal deliveries to about 30 individuals each day this past week. The Council on Aging deeply appreciates your volunteer time and service. Our meal deliveries for this month are December 27-29; no deliveries December 25-26.

† **Thornwell Campaign** continues today. Your generosity has already contributed \$1770 to support family-like residential care, community-based care, and education at Thornwell. Can we hit \$2000?

† **December Birthdays:** Patricia Croxton-1; Jill Beaumont-30.

† **Kershaw EPC Post Office** is open today. You can deliver your cards in person or drop them off on the front pews in the left wing of the sanctuary. You will see all the names of our Church family on these pews in alphabetical order.

† **KTown Carolers** will meet at 6pm at the Kershaw Library to go caroling in Kershaw and surrounding communities. Mondays and Tuesdays Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19th. All are welcome to join!

† **Please join us** for Christmas caroling and a soup dinner on Sunday, December 10th, 2023. We will be caroling at Heath Springs Residential Center. Please meet at the church at 4:00PM to drop off your food and then we will carpool at 4:15 to the Residential Center. Even if you choose not to go caroling, please join us for the chili/soup dinner at 5:30. Sign up is in the vestibule.

† **Christmas Eve Services:** The Session has canceled Sunday School for December 24. We will have morning worship at 10:00am, communion will be served.

† **Please sign up** to be a Sunday morning greeter for one month in 2024. The sign-up sheet is on the desk in the sanctuary foyer.

Don't forget the greatest thing we can do for God or for man is to pray: Pastor Kevin/Oneida Hartley; Session; Scott/Amanda Mosley; Sue McDow; Ernie Green; Charles Jones; Elaine McIsaac; Michael George; military-(Tyler Granata, Tanner McIsaac); Janet Smith; Thomas Woods; Cindy Lebecky; Ray Jones; Bella Stroud; Justin Peavy; Matthew and Colton Green; Ken Faulkenberry; Clay Brewer; Roger Estridge; Joe Bach & family; Tisha; Tiffany/Rob/Peyton; Dot Morgan; James Ussery; Joann Mackey; Ronnie Hinson; Donna Hardin; Phil Hydrick; Drake Starnes; Megan Branham; Robert Roberts; Holly Everall; Hadlee Braswell; David Williams; Fran Sellers; Robin Floyd; Anthony & Jackie Rodriguize; those who have lost love ones in the community; Archie & Dayna Singleton; Mickey Clyburn; Jimmy Farmer; Mack/Ryan Blaich; Council on Aging; Opioid epidemic; President Biden; our Nation; leaders; military; police; doctors; nurses; EMS; missionaries; enemies; Israel (Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem); rain; schools; North Korea; China; Taiwan; Iran; 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.**