



ST. HELENA'S

CHURCH AT FRIPP ISLAND

Raising up Servant Leaders and Gospel Communities in Beaufort and Beyond



SUNDAY 9AM

December 21, 2025

Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!** (Revelation 22:20)

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

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What Child is This

What Child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise the song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

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Prayers of the People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (saying together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: “Lasting Peace”

The Rev. Todd Simonis

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy Communion

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words at the Table

Officiant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (saying together)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

I Wonder as I Wander

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ornery people like you and like I
I wonder as I wander out under the sky

When Mary birthed Jesus twas in a cows stall
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall
And the promise of ages it then did recall

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing
He surely could have it for He was the King

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Holy Forever (Christmas)

Held within a manger, the Son of God arrived
The one who would be called Emmanuel
The promise was delivered unto a virgin bride
The one who would be called Emmanuel

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry holy
All creation cries holy
You are lifted high holy
Holy forever

In the humble town of David a Savior born today
The one who would be called Emmanuel
Behold the host of heaven with holy roar proclaim
The one who would be called Emmanuel
The Messiah our God is with us now

Hear Your people sing holy
To the King of kings holy
You will always be holy, holy forever
You will always be holy, holy forever

Ending

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Post-Communion Prayer (saying together)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains.
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.
And wonders, wonders of His love.
And wonders, wonders of His love!

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The Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***The flowers today are given to the glory of God
with grateful appreciation for Pastor Todd, Elizabeth,
Annie and Luke Simonis. Your love blesses all of us
as you have shown us how to truly serve God.***

Schedule of Christmas Season Services

Christmas Eve Services at St. Helena's Downtown

- 3:30 pm- Contemporary Service in the Parish Hall
with Children's Pageant
- 5:30 pm- Traditional Service in the Church with
Brass Instrumentalists
- 8:00 pm- Traditional Service in the Church with
Brass Instrumentalists
- 10:00 pm- Candlelight Service in the Church

No Worship Service on Christmas Day

No Worship Service on Fripp on December 28.

You are invited to join us for worship at St. Helena's at
9:15 am in the Parish Hall (contemporary service) or at
10:30 am in the Sanctuary (traditional service).

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