

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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We welcome all who worship here today!

Please greet one another in the love of our Savior!

Pastor: Rev. Eric Little
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. G. Baylis Corley
Organist: C.B. Bull, Jr.
Cantor: Natalie Grace Porth
Lay Assistant: Youth
Lay Assistant Next Sunday: Johnny Evans
Altar Flowers: Christmas Poinsettias
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Nursery: Sharon Polin and Catherine Austin
 “ Next Sunday: Ansley Turnblad and Natalie Grace Porth
Altar Guild: Ashley Stowe, Ansley Turnblad, Kathy Stowe, and Mims Taylor
Ushers: Doug Doster; Capt., Denny Haigler, Brad Stowe,
..... Josh Johnson, and Drew Evans

Hearing devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

[Please see announcements printed in the back of this bulletin.]

Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Parish

Cameron, South Carolina

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

PRELUDE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

HANDBELL CHOIR

SHARING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

Amen.

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us.
Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins,
known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your
ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant
love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, ✝ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN NO: 264

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

HYMN NO: 240 (VS. 1-3)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10**

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
 like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
 and rejoice with joy and singing.
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

(sung responsively—cantor beginning)

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made | to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

And Mary said.

*My soul
magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit
rejoices in God
my Savior*

Luke 1:46-47

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Natalie Grace Porth

HYMN OF THE DAY NO.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

ANTHEM

“MARY, DID YOU KNOW?”

Youth Choir



OFFERTORY RESPONSE – HYMN NO. 884

“Praise God, from Whom ... ”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

Each portion of the prayers ends with

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

HYMN NO. 267

JOY TO THE WORLD

(Handbell choir performs 1st verse, congregation sings vs. 2-4)

****CONGREGATION PLEASE BE SEATED AFTER SONG****

SPECIAL CLOSING MUSIC

"LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY JESUS"
YOUTH CHOIR

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**Congregational Meetings at Resurrection to be held after
the morning worship services on the following dates:**

December 11, 2022

Purpose to consider and approve the budget for 2023 and to
elect council members for the term 2023-2025

January 22, 2023

Purpose to receive annual reports and any other business
that may come before the congregation.

What's Happening

Council meeting...

All RLC council members are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting just after the congregational meeting today. All members and members for next year are asked to be in attendance. If you cannot attend, please let Pat Black, our council chair, or the pastor know.

Welcome New Members...

today at Resurrection Church we receive *Krystal Zeigler* and her children, *Megan and Will Bozard*. We welcome them into our fellowship and pray God's blessing upon our life together.

Christmas Angels deadline is approaching...

We trust that you are making your lists and shopping for your Christmas Angels. This is truly a heartwarming project that is so appreciated by those we help. The deadline to turn in your gifts is Wed., December 14, 2022. Many thanks for your participation!

Special Services for Christmas...

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with a special service on Sat., Dec. 24, 2022 at 9:00 pm. Resurrection will have a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm on Sat., Dec. 24, 2022 and a Worship Service at 11:00 am on Christmas Day. There will be **no service** at St. Matthew's on Christmas Day.

Committee Assignments...

We are now working committee assignments for 2023. If you are listed on a committee and no longer wish to serve or if you wish to serve on another committee, please let us know in the office as soon as possible.



Memorials Given to Resurrection Lutheran Church

**In Memory of
Seba Stoudenmire**

Given by

Sara R. Lineberger

Mary Jo Spiers

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

Today	12:00 pm	Council Meeting: RLC
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice: RLC
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship: SMLC
	10:00 am	Sunday Church School: RLC
	10:00 am	Sunday Church School: SMLC
	11:00 am	Worship: RLC



MEMBERS:

Rev. & Mrs. Baylis Corley
Debbie Barwick
Chris Philpot

MILITARY:

Ryan Zitnick
Dominic Panza
Andrew Pekarek

SC SYNOD STAFF:

Rev. Rick Carter,
Asst. to the Bishop
Rev. Emily Edenfield,
Asst. to the Bishop
Rev. Ginny
Aebischer, Bishop
Rev. Elizabeth Eaton,
Presiding Bishop—ELCA

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARISH:

Jennifer Davy—cousin of Debbie Barwick
Carol Rivers—wife of Delmar Rivers
Ray Williams—friend of Delmar Rivers
Nancy Whetstone—relative of Kathy Stowe
Rev. Bob Young—former pastor of the parish
Ervene Hiers—friend of Nancy Smith
Mike Robinson—friend of Bates Houck
Nick Sonne—brother of Peter Sonne
Nancy Waugh—aunt of Nancy Smith
Emily Waugh—cousin of Nancy Smith
Olivia S. Daniels—friend of the Community
Patsy Brooks—friend of Esther Dufford
LeAnna Flynn—daughter of Reta Westbury
Jacquie Muir—friend of Larry and Debbie Barwick
Courtney Line—granddaughter of Lois “Bud” Porth
John Hager—son of Christine Philpot
Ricky Line—son-in-law of Lois “Bud” Porth
Laura Ann Merrill—niece of Nancy Smith
Alan Grimsley—brother-in-law of Larry & Debbie Barwick
David Hannah—friend of Danny Philpot
Bill Epting—friend of Gwen Fulmer
Gary Ryder—friend of Larry Barwick
Rosie French—friends of Larry Barwick
Adrienn Grimsley—niece of Larry Barwick
Gail Cooke—mother of Tony Cooke
Kristi Bolton—friend of the Community
Eleanor Bassett—friend of Caroline Porth
Matthew Wannamaker—friend of Gary Porth
Pete Lesesne—brother-in-law of Larry & Debbie Barwick
Blyth Lyons—friend of the Community
Rock Riser—friend of the Community