



## WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

It is a joy to have you worship with us today. We believe everyone who worships with us is sent to us by God. So, welcome.

As we gather for worship, we want to remind everyone of a few important items:

- Please turn off or silence your electronic devices.
- We strongly encourage you to enter the sanctuary in silence as you prepare for worship.
- Before worship begins, we encourage you to speak to God. During worship, be ready for God to speak to you.
- After worship, we invite you to fellowship with one another, especially those God has brought to us — our visitors.

## WHY ARE YOU HERE?

As you come in and settle into your seat, I invite you to think about the following:

- ❖ Wherever we go, we have a reason for going there. What is your reason for being here today?
- ❖ God is merciful and kind to us each and every day. What thanksgiving do you bring to God today?
- ❖ Because each day brings many challenges, what concern(s) do you bring to God today?
- ❖ As your Rector, I have come with thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy and to worship Him; because today I am reminded that another week has ended and a new week has begun. It is my hope that you have come to do the same. I encourage you to join me as we call upon our God and worship Him.

***Canon Wilmot—a son of God***

Prelude     ***There's a Voice in the Wilderness***     R. Rowland-Raybold

Opening Hymn     ***Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies***     Hymnal 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

❖ ***This symbol represents the point at which we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.***

## **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation

*The People standing, the Celebrant says:*

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant and People continue*

**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.**

*Gloria, all standing*

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***Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis***

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect for The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People*** ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***People*** ***Amen.***

## **The Lessons**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 58:1–12*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord

**People      Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 112:1—10**

*(to be read responsively by the Lay Reader and the Congregation)*

- L      Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- C      Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- L      Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- C      Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- L      It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- C      For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- L      They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

**C    Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
      until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

L    They have given freely to the poor, \*  
      and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
      they will hold up their head with honor.

**C    The wicked will see it and be angry;  
      they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
      the desires of the wicked will perish.]**

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2:1–16*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord  
**People      Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn    ***How Bright Appears the Morning Star***    Hymnal 497

How bright appears the Morning Star,  
    with mercy beaming from afar;  
the host of heaven rejoices;  
    O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!  
Thou Son of Man and Son of God!  
    We, too, will lift our voices: Jesus, Jesus!  
Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us;  
    great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high,  
    he deigned to cast a pitying eye  
upon his helpless creature;  
    the whole creation's Head and Lord,  
by highest seraphim adored,  
    assumed our very nature; Jesus, grant us,  
through thy merit, to inherit thy salvation;  
    hear, O hear our supplication.

*When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,*

✝ (on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,

✝ (on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and

✝ (over the heart) in my heart to live it.

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:13—20*

**People      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**People      *Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon Hymn

Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply;  
with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,  
for this his Incarnation.

Incarnate God, put forth thy power,  
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,  
till all know thy salvation. Amen, amen!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given  
evermore, by earth and heaven.

❖ Sermon *Wilmot T. Merchant, II* ❖

*Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.*

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God**, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

*(We bow for the two lines in bold.)*

**he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

+ We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.*

*Please sit or kneel for the Prayers.*

## The Prayers of the People

*The Prayer Leader and People pray responsively.*

Prayer Leader      The Lord be with you.

**People**              **And also with you.**

Prayer Leader      Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
**People**      **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People** *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Wilmot our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People** *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for Joseph our President, Henry our Governor, and Marilyn our Mayor;

**People** *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People** *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People** *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People** *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People** *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of our loved ones and others, for the men and women who are serving in the armed forces, and all others who serve to preserve and protect lives, and those who have asked us to remember them in our prayers, especially our families, friends, and loved ones.

Lord in your mercy

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the people in disaster and troubled areas and those affected by acts of violence here at home and all around the world, especially in those communities where mass shootings or other forms of violence have occurred. Let us also pray for the many volunteers who are working to assist our brothers and sisters in those areas that have been devastated either by man-made or natural disaster.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Today we are praying for:  
Lord, in your mercy.

***People Hear our prayer.***

***A Prayer for the Human Family***

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth, especially during this time of war for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, that in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***People Amen***

*\*Additional Prayers*

***LET US PRAY AND GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.***

***LET US PRAY FOR TRAVELERS THIS WEEK.***

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:*** Jackie Buckley (2/5), Judy Mohr (2/5), Carmen Royall (2/6), Izetta Sirleaf (2/6), Sherry Carr (2/7), Terry Barbee (2/8), Bobbie Lybrand (2/10), Hollis Colie (2/11).

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:*** John & Esther Bilton (2/6).

***LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.***

**INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER.** As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for:

**Dean Graves, Elaine & Jim Guillot, Ron Hall, Patricia & James Harrison, Jim & Barbara Haslett, Ray Hemby, Michele & Jim Hennessy, Sharon & Dave Herron, Gloria Hickey, Maria Higgins.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Celebrant Stands and Says*

Almighty God have mercy † on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

***People      Amen***

❖ Installation of Vestry Members and Officers ❖

**The Peace** *Please stand.*

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you.* John 14:27

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People      And also with you.***

***At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says:***

*Celebrant* God is Good!

***People      All the Time.***



## The Holy Communion

Offertory	8:00	<b><i>Shelter Me</i></b>	Michael Joncas
		Pam Morrill—soloist	
	10:30	<b><i>Christ, Be Our Light</i></b>	Bernadette Farrell

*Doxology:*

**From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung  
through every land, by every tongue!**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer A

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Bow during the underlined text*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit, kneel or remain standing.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, let us sing in thanksgiving the prayer our Savior Christ taught us,

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, which 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. *Amen.***



***The Breaking of the Bread***  
*Celebrant and People (to be sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia**  
**Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;**  
**There-fore let us keep the feast.**  
**Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

*This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.*  
*It is made ready for those who love Him*  
*and for those who want to love Him more.*  
*So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;*  
*You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;*  
*You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;*  
*Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.*  
*It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.*

*The congregation is asked to join in singing the communion hymns.*

***Let Us Break Bread Together***

Hymnal 325

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

***Be Thou My Vision***

Hymnal 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, 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 Celebrant gives the blessing*

May Christ, the Son of God be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your loved ones far and near, and remain with you for ever.

**People Amen.**

*Please sit for a brief announcement.*

**Benediction**—*to be sung*

**God be with you till we meet again;**

**By His counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With His sheep securely fold you,**

**God be with you till we meet again.**



As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may  
we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger-bed;  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus! every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down:  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King

*Priest* We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.

*People* ***By living the Gospel with love and compassion.***

*Priest* Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Postlude

***Earth and All Stars***

M. Burkhardt

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.**

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

**God is good! All the time!**

The flowers on the altar are given today by Cathy Kahl-Dunn and Rick Dunn

“In loving memory of Cathy’s father, *Paul L. Kahl, Sr.*

He was born on this day, February 5, in 1916  
and departed this life on January 19, 1998.

May his soul Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.”

The purple flowers on the altar are given today by Carolyn and David Huyck

“In loving memory of our dear friend, Kim,  
on her first birthday in Heaven.”

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## Calendar Items

- ❖ Monday, February 6, Property Commission Meeting, 9:00 am
- ❖ Wednesday, February 8, Adopt-A-Beach Clean-up, 9:00 am, 12th Avenue North Beach Access.
- ❖ CANCELLED—Wednesday, February 8, Public Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist.
- ❖ Friday, February 10, ECM Valentine Dinner Dance, 5:00—8:00 pm.
- ❖ Ash Wednesday, February 22, 12:00 noon **and** 6:00 pm services, *Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes*.
- ❖ Wednesday's in Lent, *Community Lenten Services* at Little River United Methodist Church, Little River, SC.

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