

2nd Sunday of Advent
Commitment Sunday
December 7th
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to the worshiping community of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church. If you are new to our community, you are welcomed by the God who welcomes us all, who in Jesus Christ calls us "friends." You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. An asterisk () indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. You are invited to read aloud those passages that are printed in **bold**. Welcome to this assembly of the people of God!*

THE PRELUDE **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
(arr. Carter)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES
Bill Sherrill

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (Old French Melody)

*HYMN- No. 203 **Hail to the
Lord's Anointed**

*OPENING PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Terri, Dennis, &
Denise McCloud

SUNG RESPONSE: No- 206
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (stanza 1)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11
Lisa Huffman

ANTHEM
Bill Sherrill)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(arr

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8
Huffman

Lisa

SERMON **"The Full Faith and Credit...of God!"**
Pastor Keith Ray

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come Lord Jesus. Amen.

MOMENTS OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMITTING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN 2009

COMMITMENT PRAYER

OFFERTORY **Pastorale**
(Graham)

*DOXOLOGY- No. 95

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal, p. 15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN- No. 393 **Spirit of
the Living God**

*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION – No. 665
(N. Sleeth)

Go Now In Peace

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.*

*POSTLUDE
(Young)

From Heaven Above

*The Flowers are placed in the church today for the glory of God
and in memory of Sam Philpot by Margie Philpot and
family.*

OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER Claire Rebecca Philpot, Joe Philpot, Jay and Vera Hunt, Helen Yockey, Carolyn Hunter, Nick Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Georgiana Dougherty and her neighbor, (Bobbie Brown), Edith Bynum, and her sons Carl and Jerry, Margaret Rivers, Eunice Looper, Shirley Dickson's friend, (Marvin Lollis), Dub Childs, Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred Pollard, Steve Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith, Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, and Doris Williams. Margaret Rivers is in The Cottages at Brushy Creek, (Rm. #2- Rose Cottage) 113 Cottage Creek Circle, Greer, SC 29650.

Thank You Dear Berea Friendship Church Members, Many thanks to each of you for helping our mother, Margaret Rivers, celebrate her 100th birthday. The cards, visits and gifts demonstrate such love and care that each of you have given to her. Our gratitude for all you have done for her.
In Love, John & Lillian Paxton

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers during the recent deaths of my two sisters. It means so much to me to have such a caring church family.
In Christian Love, Doris Hunt.

Bible Study Bible Study this Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 4:30 PM in the B.R. Huckaby classroom. Look forward to seeing you and bring your Bible. For any questions call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

Choir Practice The choir will meet this coming Saturday to practice for next Sunday when they will present Lessons in Carols on December 13th during the morning service.

Youth breakfast Our youth breakfast will be next Sunday at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join us for breakfast before Sunday School starts.

Morning Circle will meet at Bill's Restaurant at 11:30 on Tuesday, December 16th for their Christmas Luncheon. Jane Walker will lead the devotion. Please bring heavy socks to be given to Triune Mercy Center. Husbands and guests are welcome to attend.

Shalom Circle will meet at the home of Marsha Disher on December 16th, at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish dinner. We will be collecting food for a needy family for Christmas.

Administrative Council will not meet in December.

Staff

Pastor	Dr.Keith Ray II
Music Director	Bill Sherrill
Organist	Sibyl Thomas
Membership Secretary	Pat Teat
Youth Director	Patti Taylor
Treasurer	Marsha Disher
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Capps

THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Bill Sherrill, Lisa Huffman
Acolyte	Monroe Stone
Trustee	Patti Taylor
Stewardship	Pat Teat
Altar Guild	Mary Penland
Nursery	Lucy Hughes
Ushers:	Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

For Your Information (and inspiration)!

Attendance – Sunday November 30th:

Sunday School –58 Worship –114

Financial Report for November 30th:

Received for Budget	\$2,584.82
Received for November Budget	\$20,935.90
Needed for November Budget	\$23,431.40

Wednesday Night Supper

December 10th
Grilled Chicken,
Scalloped Potatoes
Lesueur Peas, Rolls,

Angel Food Cake w/pineapple topping

Happy Birthday

December 7 Buddy Stover

December 8 Betty Palmer

December 11 Garl Revis

December 12 Miller Bogan

December 13 Becky Philpot

