#### PREACHING THE TREASURE OF THE GOSPEL TO MYSELF EVERY DAY

Preaching the gospel to myself each day nourishes within me a holy brazenness to believe what God says, enjoy what He offers, and do what He commands.

Admittedly, I don't deserve to be a child of God and I don't deserve to be free of sin's guilt and power.

I don't deserve the staggering privilege of intimacy with God, nor any other blessing that Christ has purchased for me with His blood.

I don't deserve to be useful to God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am and I have what I have, and I hereby resolve not to let any portion of God's grace prove vain in me!

And to the degree that I fail to live up to this resolve, I will boldly take for myself the forgiveness that God says is mine and continue walking in His grace.

This is my manifesto, my daily resolve; and may God be glorified by this confidence that I place in Him.

-- Milton Vincent

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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TREASURE WAM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

I will store my treasure up in heaven; Nothing can destroy this kingdom prize. I will lift my eyes up to Your mountain, Jesus, You're my help, right by my side.

You are the Treasure of my heart, You are the Kingdom that I seek. You're the First, You're the last, my Everything. Whatever my treasure is I find That my heart's not far behind; You are the Treasure of my heart, my Everything.

> I will store my treasure up in heaven, There is nothing greater in this world. I will lift my hands to You in worship, Jesus, You're the One that I adore.

You are the One I share my secrets with, And You keep them. You are the One that makes my dreams come true, I'm believing. You are the One that holds my destiny, Lord, I am Your Child. I will seek You Lord for all my life.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto You. Alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto You, Seek and Ye shall find; Knock and the door shall be opened unto You. Alleluia!

#### **CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS**

## THE BABY DEDICATIONS PIPER NOELLE BUSBY

PIPER NOELLE BUSBY JOHN CANNON FISHER GRADY LOUISE MILLS NYLUND CADE THURMOND

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD VIDEO UPDATE

### THE MORNING SERMON CONRAD "BUSTER" BROWN, PASTOR

#### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

IESUS, OUR LORD AND KING

Jesus, our Lord and King, To You our praises rise; To You our bodies we present, A living sacrifice.

Now justified by grace And made alive to God, Formed for Yourself to show Your praise, We sound Your love abroad.

As dead indeed to sin, We rise to walk anew, Henceforth, as not our own, but Yours, We follow only You.

Baptized into Your death, With You again we rise, To newness of a life of faith, To new and endless joys.

#### THE POSTLUDE

## START YOUR SEASON OFF MERRY AND BRIGHT! INVITE A FRIEND AND GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY TO:



Join the ECBC Choir, Orchestra, Worship Band and the Choirs from Charleston Southern University in three joyful Christmas Concert Celebrations of Worship!

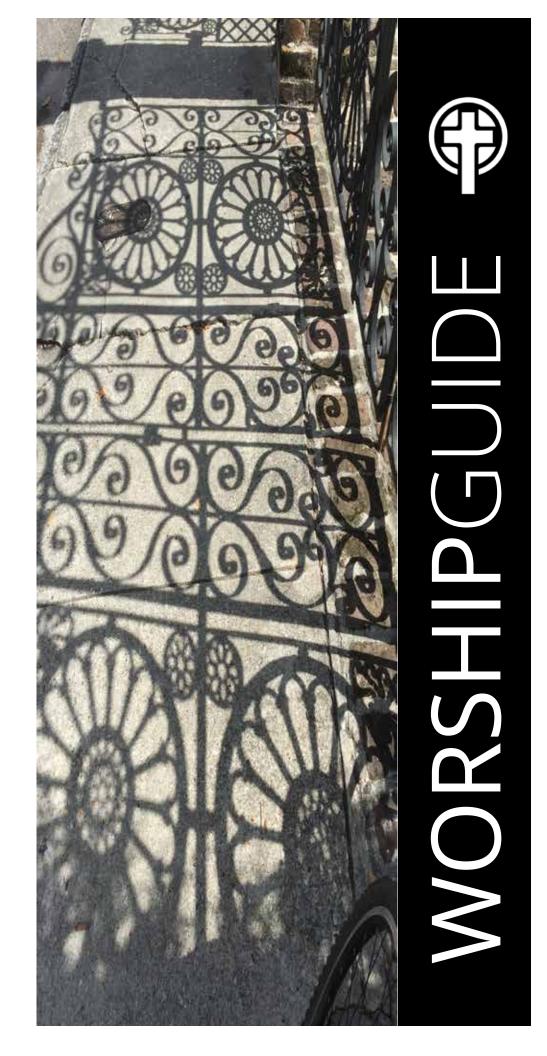
# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7:30 pm SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Tickets are free but needed for priority seating available at **www.eastcooperbaptist.com** 

PLEASE BRING DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, BABY LOTION, BABY SHAMPOO and other items to the concert to benefit the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center.

A love offering will be received to support Charleston Southern University's Choral Area Ministry and International Missions Opportunities

#### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY INVITE A FRIEND





Please use the following prayer to

for worship.

AS WE ARE CALLED INTO WORSHIP TODAY,

prepare your hearts

it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of lesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see King Jesus for who he is that we might worship him in truth.

> People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

> We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our

> Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee!

> > Amen.

Today we join our hearts and voices in joyful praise as we give thanks for the marvelous grace of our Lord through His Word that makes us...

"a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

#### **REFLECTION**

THOUGHTS FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.

G.K. Chesterton

The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

> - Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. One

Christ offers you what you cannot earn and what the physical creation can never offer: the all-surpassing glory of knowing Him. This is the world's best prize. This is the universe's best meal. This is the only thing that will give life meaning and fill you with lasting joy.

- Paul David Tripp

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. -- Psalm 9:1-2

Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of pow'r, the God of love, The God of our salvation; With healing balm my soul He fills, And ev'ry faithfuless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory!

-- Johann Shutz (1675)

#### BELIEVERS' BAPTISM **Baptist Faith and** Message

Christian baptism is the immersion of a heliever in water in the name of the Father, the Son. and the Holy Spirit.

It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of

> Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

> > We celebrate today with:

Alex Avinger Conner Cole Lee Cumbee Gannon Green Regan McKinney

#### **PRELUDE**

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY **ECBC ORCHESTRA** 

#### MORNING WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VIDEO

#### THE MORNING ANTHEM

**HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION ECBC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA** 

> How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, *Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!* What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee. O be not dismayed. For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

PLEASE STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING AS DIRECTED

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake. I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SCOTS' CONFESSION, ART. 1

**LEADER:** We stand this day and every day on the firm foundation of God's Word that assures us of God's Sovereignty. What comfort does the truth that God is intimately involved in what happens in our world give

CONGREGATION: This truth gives us unspeakable comfort since it shows us that nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father. He watches over us with fatherly care, keeping all creatures so under his power that not one of the hairs on our heads (for they are all numbered), nor a sparrow can fall to the ground without the will of our Father, in whom we do entirely trust; being persuaded that he so restrains the devil and all our enemies that without his will and permission they cannot hurt us.

### THE MORNING PRAYER

OF PRAISE

#### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, St. Francis of Assisi arrived at the Convent of St. Damian to bid goodbye to his dear friend, Sister Clara, the first woman to follow the call of St. Francis and take vows

Clara built him a small reed hut in the garden of her little monastery.

of the Order.

It's said that at times St. Francis could be heard singing faint melodies from within the hut.

It was at a meal with the sisters after having stayed for some time at the monas tery that he wrote his famous text, "Canticle of the Sun," later paraphrased into the beloved hymn we sing today.

As we sing this hymn, we join with Chris-Creation to sing our praises to God the Creator

Psalm 145 says, "My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

This is our call and our invitation, and now, using the words God has given us through the voice of a Saint, we answer that invitation with a joyful

#### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING OUR GOD AND KING LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing Ó praise Him! Alleluia! Thou, burning sun with golden beam Thou, silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him! O praise Him! Álleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless And worship Him in humbleness O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign Heaven and earth will join to say O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King O praise Him! O praise Him! Álleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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