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Edisto is one of South Carolina's earlier-settled sea islands, the Earl of Shaflesbury (Lord Ashley Cooper) acquiring plantation lands there in 1674 (when it was called Locke Island for John Locke) and South Carolina's Colonial Governor Joseph Morton building a home there in the 1680's. A number of residences and several historic churches remain from the island's flourishing plantation period, the late 18th and first half of the 19th centuries, when wealth from long-staple sea island cotton produced elegant homes for an educated, cultured society. Already on the National Register, as a National Historic Landmark, is Edisto's Brick House.

This church serves one of the oldest Presbyterian congregations in South Carolina, having been formed about 1695. The present church dates from 1831 and has been in continuous use since that time.

The massive columns of the portico with its pediment above give# the building a feeling of strength, as if it would endure for all ages. This massiveness is well balanced by the obvious woodenness of the edifice behind the portico and the lightness conveyed by fanlighted windows. The use of a cupola in place of a steeple, the use of small square windows along the upper sides with arched windows on the lower sides add an unexpected pleasure in viewing.

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