

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 16, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary

Douglas E. Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Glenn Woodrum

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

People: We gather in this sanctuary and in our homes as those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Leader: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

People: We have tried many things to find our own meaning in life.
Yet we ache for something more.

Leader: We gather with our unsatisfied longings and our heart-felt yearnings, and we turn to our God in Jesus Christ to satisfy our souls and to give us direction for our journey.

People: O give thanks to the Lord and sing praises for God's steadfast love!

*** HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We continue to be tempted, Faithful God. We are blessed with gifts to use for others, but we want to keep them for ourselves. We easily notice the mistakes of those around us, but we are not eager to look in a mirror at our own lives. Help us to be honest with ourselves and less critical of others. Forgive us, God. Fill the poverty of our spirits with the richness of your grace. We stand in need of your cleansing mercy. We cry out to you day and night. Grant us your Holy Spirit as we bring our burdens to you in prayer.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. God's mercy endures forever!

People: As God's own people, we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, and humble in mind. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Loves Me!

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Children come forward during singing.)

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 123

Brogdon Hill

(Pew Bible, pg. 572, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 81, New Testament)

SERMON

"Against All Odds"

Rev. Bob Brearley

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** HYMN 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. by Emma Lou Diemer

Chancel Choir with Lauren Decker, Violin

*** Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*** Offertory Prayer**

*** HYMN 547 (V. 1-2)**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547**

AR HYD Y NOS

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Finale from "Music for the Royal Fireworks"*

G. F. Handel

*** Please stand as you are able**

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Kent Mims by Brenda and family.

WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Glenn Woodrum, Liza Cooper
Assisting in Worship: Glenn Woodrum
Deacons: Gary Bratton, Harold Nixon
Youth Liturgist: Brogdon Hill
Jr. Usher: Millie Davis, Richard Dwight

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Gus Blum, Norma Abbott
Assisting in Worship: Gus Blum
Deacons: Matthew Berger, Jim Alexander
Youth Liturgist: Riley Berger
Jr. Usher: Harry Berger

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

October 16 and 23

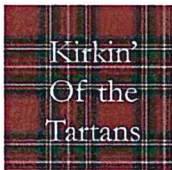
Children, 3K-5th grade, are encouraged to join Ashley Blum and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to learn more about the Armor of God. Adults will meet in the Chapel for a Bible study with Reverend Brearley and focus on Luke, the faithful editor of Mark's gospel, and discover new questions to ask as we seek to follow Jesus. Everyone is welcome!

A light dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Following dinner, Reverend Brearley will be hosting "Listening Sessions" in the Chapel and invites everyone to come to one or more to share thoughts and hopes for First Presbyterian Church.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

October 30, 2022



If you would like your family's tartan included in our Kirkin' o' the Tartans Service, please contact Linda Hogan at lhogan03@yahoo.com or call 803-840-7671 by Wednesday, October 19. A reservation is required in order for your tartan to be carried by a family member or a person to serve as your family's substitute. Carriers will meet in the hallway near the Choir Room on October 30 at 9:30 a.m. for the processional practice.

Sumter United Ministries is in need of winter items for their Homeless Shelter. Our church family is collecting SOCKS, GLOVES and/or WINTER HATS for men and women. Please consider donating any of these items. Please place your items in the container outside the church office.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Les Carpenter, Marilyn Jenkins

MUSC (Charleston): Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott)

National Healthcare: Mac DuBose

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams (Daughter of Barney W. Williams)

Home: Wanda Casker, Isabel Gist, Billy Lyons,
Priscilla Dickey, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)