

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Hymn

Douglas E. Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT 399

God Welcomes All

South African Song

(Solo, Choir, then Congregation)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

WELCOME

Bill Richardson

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine in shared faith.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind and spirit.

Leader: Around the world, the broken body is made whole, and the church is one.

People: As part of that body, we join in its unity, and we are thankful.

Leader: Around the world on this Lord's Day, the banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We share in the banquet of God's mercy, and we come eagerly to be fed.

Leader: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

*** HYMN 321 (V. 1, 2, 5)**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We stand before you in this moment, O God, and state what you already know. We speak of a unity that we have not shared with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our tears mark the pain that we have caused. Our hearts are empty because we have failed to comfort those we have hurt. We ask for your forgiveness of us, yet we have not forgiven one another. Our desires to win our arguments have taken us to places where we cannot sing your praises. We are false, and we know it. Have mercy upon us. Plant a tiny seed of hope in us that we can become tomorrow the people we have not been yesterday. Please do not give up on us. Fill us with the love that overwhelms all our complaints and rekindles our desire to follow you in the manner of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear our prayers.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them. May the mercy of God restore the unity of faithful people everywhere. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are one.

People: Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of God now and forever. Amen.

*** 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

Psalms 37:1-9

Madison White

(Pew Bible, pg. 510, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 192, New Testament)

SERMON

"Question Every Wall"

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 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican Folk Melody

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Praise the One Who Makes Us One

Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir and 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** 318 (V. 1-3)

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 711

ST. PETER

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Christ the Cornerstone

BETON

* Please stand as you are able

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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: Liza Cooper, Bill Richardson
Assisting in Worship: Bill Richardson
Deacons: Gary Bratton, Virginia Hutchens
Youth Liturgist: Madison White
Jr. Usher: Lucas DuBose, Caroline Thames

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Norma Abbott, John James
Assisting in Worship: John James
Deacons: Catherine Brogdon, Paul Herrmann
Youth Liturgist: Caroline Moorman
Jr. Usher: Murrell Smith, Connor Thames

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

October 2, 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 on September 25, October 2, 16, and 23 and invites everyone to come to one or more to share thoughts and hopes for First Presbyterian Church.

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room. Circles will meet as follows:

- Circle #1 will meet Tuesday, October 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Circle #4 will meet Tuesday, October 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the McLaurin Room
- Circle #6 will meet Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building
- Circle #8 will meet Wednesday, October 5, at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place

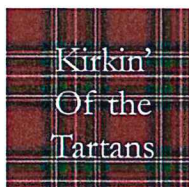


FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Join us for a Fall Clean-up on Saturday, October 15 from 9-12 am. Tasks will be assigned in your comfort zone. Sign up to help by October 10 at the Information Desk or by calling the church office and you will be contacted with more information. Your response will help determine the jobs on our "To-do list" that can be accomplished. There will be something for everyone!

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 lhogan02@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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Pocataligo River Health & Rehab (Manning): Wanda Casker

Home: Vern Disney, Isabel Gist, Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott), Billy Lyons, Priscilla Dickey, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

CONGRATULATIONS is extended to Kristen (Sublette) and Ben Timmons on the birth of a son, Benjamin Wyatt Timmons, born September 26. Proud big brothers are Griffin and Banks and proud grandparents are Shep and Linda Sublette.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Bill Nock, who died September 26, in Greenville, SC.

A memorial service for Ken McLeod, who passed away on April 28, 2022 in Richmond, Virginia, will be held at McLeod Chapel United Methodist Church in Rembert, South Carolina on Saturday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m.