

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 23, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praise Song

Douglas E. Wagner

"Trust in the Lord and do good." Psalm 37:3

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND INTROIT

Arr. by Sondra Tucker

This is My Father's World

Lauren Decker, Joni Brown, and Gus Blum, Handbells

WELCOME

Gus Blum

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

People: **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**

Leader: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

People: **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you

People: **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; and give me an Undivided heart that I may worship you.**

Leader: Let us sing unto the Lord with joyful hearts.

*** HYMN 15 (V. 1-4)**

All Creatures of Our God and King

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to you and to one another after the example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your directions. We are blind both to our own selfishness and to your good purposes for us in Christ. We pursue our own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. O Lord, heal our blindness. Forgive us again. Return us to the life of love and compassion in your hurting world. Give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow where you lead us. We bring our brokenness and our regrets to your healing mercy.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God.
Through Jesus Christ, God heals us from all unrighteousness and invites us to the journey of faith.

People: **In Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Thanks be to God!**

*** 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 84:1-4, 8-12

Riley Berger

(Pew Bible, pg. 543, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 18:35-43

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 82, New Testament)

SERMON

"The Blind Beggar"

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 828**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

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

Adoro Te Devote

Arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

Handbells and Denise Lynch, Piano

*** 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 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 451**

OPEN MY EYES

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Recessional

Douglas E. Wagner

*** 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: Gus Blum, Dan Spencer

Assisting in Worship: Gus Blum

Deacons: Matthew Berger, Jim Alexander

Youth Liturgist: Riley Berger

Jr. Usher: Harry Berger

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Ann Geddings, Bonnie Disney

Assisting in Worship: Ann Geddings

Deacons: Harold Nixon, Susan W. Osteen

Youth Liturgist: Caroline Moorman

Jr. Usher: Caroline Thames, Charlie Thames

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

October 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!

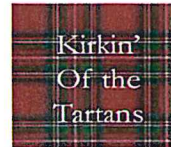
A light dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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. During Morning Worship

Tartan carriers will meet in the hallway near the Choir Room next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Processional Practice.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30 ~ 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in decorating a trunk, please contact Ashley Blum (doodlebugblum@yahoo.com) or 803-847-4406) or Liza Cooper (tblandcooper@aol.com) or 704-577-1498).

SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES HOMELESS SHELTER

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.



ONLINE GIVING

Online giving can be accessed from the FPC website, fpcsumter.org (press the red "Give" button), also from your mobile device (text FPCS to 73256). Follow the online instructions. You can also give online by using the QR code and your smartphone. Just hover over the QR code with the camera or scanner on your smartphone or tablet and click on the link that appears.

LOVE OFFERING

The Session has approved a love offering for the family of Harold Gadson, a faithful custodian who served our congregation for twelve years, who died October 15. Please make checks to First Presbyterian Church and mark Harold Gadson on the memo line.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Les Carpenter

National Healthcare: Mac DuBose

MUSC: Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott)

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

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Gary Bratton on the death of his father, Eugene Bratton, who died October 14, in Greenville, South Carolina.