

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**May 28, 2023**  
**Day of Pentecost**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

John Carter

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME**

Dan Spencer

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* A mighty wind has blown, and tongues of fire have danced!

**People:** The presence of the Spirit is with us, as Jesus the Christ promised.

*Leader:* The Holy Spirit moves and gathers us into community.

**People:** We come together to nurture and support one another,

*Leader:* To celebrate God and to witness to the love of Christ for all people.

**People:** God's power is at work in and through us as we worship on this Pentecost Sunday.

*Leader:* We lift our voices in praise to the risen Lord!

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE** 610 (V. 1, 2, 5) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen sometimes for your word of grace, or speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. We take ourselves too seriously. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. We bring our burdens and our needs to you even as we pray for your Spirit to change us, to renew us, to make us whole again.

*(Silent Reflection)*

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* The Spirit of the living God confirms in our hearts and minds the truth of the gospel. And this is truth: in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are redeemed; our sins forgiven.

**People:** The Holy Spirit breathes new life into us that we may love one another. Thanks be to God. 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

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

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 2:1-4

Dan Spencer

(Pew Bible, pg. 119, New Testament)

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 806, Old Testament)

**SERMON**

*"Hope in the Lord"*

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.**

**\* COMMUNION HYMN 288 (Sing twice) *Spirit of the Living God***

LIVING GOD

**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.**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Communion this morning will be served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, the cup and partake at one of the stations and return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would rather partake in the pew, please raise your hand and Elders will come to you where you are seated.

**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

*Here I Am, Lord*  
Lauren Decker, Violin Solo

Joshua Evanovich

**\* Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
***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!***

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\* Offertory Prayer**

**\* HYMN 543 (V.1-4)**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

**BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 543 (V. 5)**

GREEN TYLER

***Christ in the eyes of all who see me,***  
***Christ in the ears that hear my voice,***  
***Christ in the hearts of all who know me:***  
***O Christ, surround me: O Christ, surround me.***

**\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Festival Voluntary*

Arr. by Jon Spong

**\* Please stand as you are able**

## 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: Dan Spencer, Glenn Woodrum  
Assisting with Worship: Dan Spencer  
Deacons: Gary Bratton, Katherine Brogdon  
Junior Ushers: Richard Dwight, Connor Thames

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Norma Abbott, Gus Blum  
Assisting with Worship: Norma Abbott  
Deacons: Kathy Lyons, Susan W. Osteen  
Junior Ushers: Ligon Ferguson, Caroline Thames

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding of Mary Francis Newman and Garrett Linderman that took place last evening in the sanctuary.

### BI-CENTENNIAL FUND

During this Bi-Centennial Year, the Session has approved a gift to Habitat for Humanity and Sumter United Ministries. Our special fund-raising goal is \$200,000, half of which will come from one-time gifts from our congregation. The other half, \$100,000, will come from matching funds from our church's local mission reserves. Please prayerfully consider a gift. Thank you.

### PENTECOST OFFERING BEING RECEIVED

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



### GEAR UP FOR LEARNING



Sumter United Ministries has asked for our help with Gear Up for Learning again this year. First Presbyterian Church has volunteered to collect **1650 college ruled spiral notebooks** for donation to the Sumter School District. ***Please donate notebooks by August 6.*** You may leave them in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping gather these school supplies for Sumter children for the coming school year.

### ONLINE GIVING

Online giving can be accessed from the FPC website, [fpcsumter.org](http://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.



### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Sumter Grove Senior Living:** Tom & Wanda Casker

**Home:** Patti Croft, Lisa Bratton, Jackie Osteen,  
Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott)

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to . . .

- . . . the family of Henry McFaddin, who died May 19, 2023;
- . . . Tom and Cathy Jo Cuttino on the death of their son, Thomas Allen Cuttino, Jr., who died May 25, 2023.