

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 11, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Setting by Don Hustad

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Liza Cooper

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Give praise to God the Almighty.

People: **Through God's grace we have been born anew to a living hope.**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: **They shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

Leader: They shall run and not be weary.

People: **They shall walk and not faint.**

Leader: We lift our voices in songs of praise and thanksgiving.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct by your Holy Spirit what we shall be. We have not been what we intended to be. We want to delight in your will, walk in the ways of Jesus, and love one another with a kind and generous spirit. Correct us, O God, by our confessions as we come to you in prayer.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

People: **The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

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*Glorify 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 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 1

Liza Cooper

(Pew Bible, pg. 489, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 15:1-11

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 109, New Testament)

SERMON

"Abiding in Jesus"

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.

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

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song
Chancel Choir with Lauren Decker, Violin

Arr. by Zebulon Highben

* 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!***

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* Offertory Prayer

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ, so you have been clothed with Christ.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

Leader: In baptism, the disciples before us were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.**

Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons

Deacons to be Installed: J.D. Dunn, Jimmy Ezell, Kenny Jordan, Joe McElveen

Deacons to be Ordained and Installed: Mike Blanding

Elders to be Installed: Margy Carpenter, Becky Owens, Bob Smith

Elders to be Ordained and Installed: Jim Alexander, Kimberly Land

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

* HYMN 700 (V. 1-3)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 700 (V. 4)

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I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

How Firm a Foundation

Setting by Don Hustad

* 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, Margy Carpenter
Assisting with Worship: Liza Cooper
Deacons: Harold Nixon, J.D. Dunn

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Jim Alexander, Bonnie Disney
Assisting with Worship: Jim Alexander
Deacons: Lark Haynie, Susan W. Osteen

THANK YOU OFFICERS

We thank our Elders and Deacons who are completing their term of active service to our church.

Elders: Missy Coulter, Ann Geddings, Jack Osteen, Dan Spencer and Debby Williams

Deacons: Jim Alexander, Matthew Berger, Katherine Brogdon, Colin Davis, Paul Herrmann, Kimberly Land

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.



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 (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

Home: Marilyn Jenkins, Bill Redmond, Tumpy Creech, Patti Croft, Jackie Osteen,
Beth Byce (Sibbie McFaddin's Daughter),
Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott)