

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 25, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Lead Me, Lord, In Thy Righteousness

Setting by Rick Parks

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Bill Richardson

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Open our lips, Lord, and our mouths will declare your praise.

People: **You do not delight in sacrifice, or we would bring it.**

Leader: Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart.

People: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight.**

Leader: O Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer. Praise be to God!

People: **Our words proclaim the goodness of God as we sing our faith together in worship.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we dare to approach you with confessions of sin upon our lips. We are the people who have trespassed against you in the thoughts of our mind, the words of our mouths, and the actions of our lives. We are the ones who have known what is right and done what is wrong. We have spoken in anger and have regretted what we said. We wound others with our harsh tongues. When we look in the mirror, we do not like what we see. We see a sinner standing in the need of forgiveness and clinging to God's mercy for a chance to begin life a new way. Yet we are your children whom you love. Hear us as we pray to the God we know in Jesus Christ.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The truth of God's amazing grace is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and offered new life.

People: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The Spirit of the living Christ set us free. 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 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 19:7-14

Bill Richardson

(Pew Bible, pg. 499, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:33-37

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 5, New Testament)

SERMON

"No Bloody Swearing"

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 693**

Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)

GIFT OF LOVE

Verse 1: Solo

Verse 2 and 3: Congregation

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.

COMMISSIONING OF COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Ashley Blum, Gus Blum, (Mr.) Dee Dailey, (Mrs.) Dee Dailey,
J.D. Dunn, Jimmy Ezell, Margaret Ezell, Alex Leasure, Patricia Leasure

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

The Lord Is My Light
Kara Grover, Soprano Solo

Mary Frances Allisten

*** 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 733**

We All Are One in Mission

G. R. Woodward

BENEDICTION

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

+ *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.*

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*** CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Sortita in B Flat

G. F. Handel

*** Please stand as you are able**

+ *Christ, Be Our Light* is our 200th Anniversary theme song.

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of John W. James, Jr., by his 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: Bill Richardson, John James
Assisting with Worship: Bill Richardson
Deacons: Kenny Jordan, John Michael Osteen

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Kimberly Land, Becky Owens
Assisting with Worship: Kimberly Land
Deacons: Jimmy Ezell, Suzanne Wates



Please pray for those attending the Montreat Worship and Music Conference June 25-July 1.

Jessica Bettinger
Joseph Bettinger
Joni Brown
Lauren Decker

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, Jackie Osteen,
Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott)