

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 2, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Lift Thine Eyes

Setting by Edward Broughton

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Kimberly Land

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned.

A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

People: We gather as the church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts,
to thank God for our nation, and to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

Leader: May God bless us so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred,
and faithful.

People: We claim our freedom in Jesus Christ that we might be a servant people,
honoring our God and loving one another.

Leader: As thankful children of a gracious God, we lift our voices in songs of praise.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Help us to care for it and all its people that we might be good stewards of the earth. Bless our nation with honest industry, sound learning, and shared prosperity. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion. Grant us the wisdom and compassion to seek peace and justice for all. We confess that we have taken the precious resources of your creation for granted, and we have been careless in how we have lived. O God, let us know the gravity of our sin, and let us know the expansiveness of your mercy. We beg your pardon for a past that we cannot change, and we pray for your grace this day and every day. Heal us and renew us even as we pray to you.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, this news gives us life: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. To God be the glory in the community of faith, in our nation, and in all the world. 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. Lucy Youngblood

*Following the Children's Moment, children will stay with their parents.
Children in Worship will not meet again until September.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-6
(Pew Bible, pg. 193, New Testament)

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 46
(Pew Bible, pg. 517, Old Testament)

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SERMON

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*** 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 482**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

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

America, the Beautiful
Denise Lynch, Piano

Thomas Keesecker

*** 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 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

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 the theme song for our 200th Anniversary.

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We welcome Rev. Lucy Youngblood to our pulpit this morning. She graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2001 and is a Minister of Word and Sacrament with the PC (USA). She has studied Music, Theatre, Theology, Pastoral Care, and Nursing. She works in the Prisma Health Hospital System as a Nurse Tech. For fun, she takes walks and argues with the evening news.

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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Bill Richardson, Glenn Woodrum
Assisting with Worship: Bill Richardson
Deacons: Mike Blanding, Gary Bratton

The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4.

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals as they travel to Costa Rica on a mission trip: Ashley Blum, Gus Blum, (Mr.) Dee Dailey, (Mrs.) Dee Dailey, J.D. Dunn, Jimmy Ezell, Margaret Ezell, Alex Leasure, Patricia Leasure.



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)