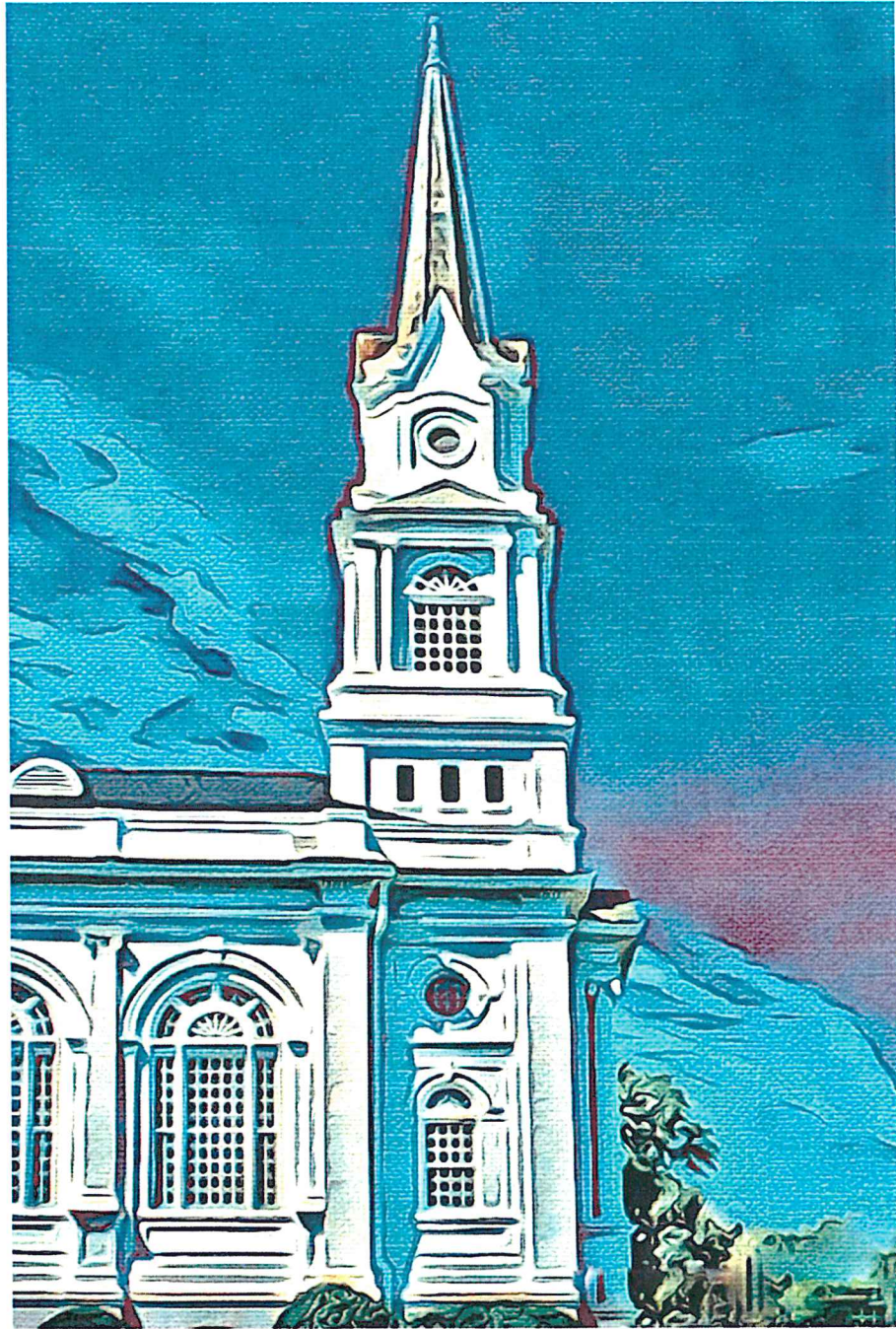


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 31, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Come, Let Us Sing

David Paxton

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Gus Blum

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: It is good to give thanks and praise to God:

People: For life abundant, filled with promise, beauty, and wonder.

Leader: It is good to gather in the name of Jesus Christ:

People: Young and old, friend and stranger, bound together by faith.

Leader: It is good to hear God's word and to sing songs of praise, to pray and to learn,
to worship and to serve the Lord.

People: We give as we have received from God, with thankful hearts and abiding joy!

*** HYMN 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Creator God, who gives all that is good, we come this day with thanksgiving, for you have blessed our lives. You have made our world, and you promise the fullness of life for all creation. Yet, we take for granted your gifts and blessings. We are often led by selfish desires and ambitions, and we hoard possessions in a feeble attempt to be safe and secure from all threats. The good you give to us, we destroy or refashion for our own purposes. Forgive us, O God, and join us together as we forgive one another and seek new beginnings as your church. Call us again to be your people, to share with others, and to declare your love in all we say and do. We bring the regrets of yesterday and the worries of today to you as we name our needs.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has promised never to break covenant with us and to love us without end. We trust this day that the good news of God's grace is true: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: May we respond to God's gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. 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

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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Gus Blum

(Pew Bible, pg. 201, New Testament)

*** HYMN 175**

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 12:13-21

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 74, New Testament)

SERMON

"Building Bigger Barns"

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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER (Remain seated) (Sing twice)

SHEPHERD ME

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

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

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

Sarah Alexander, Soprano Soloist

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide:

May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you: when you wake, may he fill you with his grace.

May you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face.

May the Lord's loving kindness surround you; keep you safe as you journey on your way:

May he lead you and inspire you as he grants you the gift of each new day.

May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them; every friend, every stranger at your door:

In the name of his Son, our Saviour Christ, may God bless you, now and evermore.

* 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** 716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 543

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me: O Christ, surround me.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Strong Praise!

Paul Davis

* 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: Gus Blum, Ann Geddings
Assisting in Worship: Gus Blum
Deacons: Jim Alexander, Suzanne Wates

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Ann Geddings, Linda Hagon
Assisting in Worship: Ann Geddings
Deacons: Gary Bratton, Virginia Hutchens

GEAR UP FOR LEARNING



Sumter United Ministries has asked for our help with Gear Up for Learning. First Presbyterian Church has volunteered to collect 2600 college ruled spiral notebooks for donation to the Sumter School District. Please donate notebooks by August 8. You may leave them in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping gather these school supplies for Sumter children.

OFFICER TRAINING

Officer training for all Elders and Deacons will be held in the Fellowship Hall:

- Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 15, at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 25, at 5:00 p.m.

COVERED DISH LUNCH

Sunday, August 14 Immediately Following Worship

Individuals who have traveled on mission trips and to conferences over the summer will share their stories. The church will provide chicken and drinks.



COME SEE MONTREAT

October 9-12



"Come See Montreat" is a trip to see the Presbyterian Conference Center near Black Mountain, North Carolina. We will travel on Sunday, have Monday and Tuesday to explore Montreat and the surrounding area, and then journey home on Wednesday. We have reserved some rooms in the South Carolina Inn in Montreat, but we need to know who would like to go on this trip. **PLEASE SIGN UP NOW** so we can secure our lodging. Just call the church office at (803) 773-3814.

200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1823 ~ 2023

Exciting plans are being made to commemorate and celebrate the past 200 years of First Presbyterian Church! Throughout next year, we will be sharing and learning about the rich history of our past ministers, teachers, leaders, and faithful members, and the ways in which we have glorified God through our service to others. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help with our celebration. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Join in the fun of being involved in our milestone event. Your valuable participation will be greatly appreciated.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Wanda Casker

National Healthcare: Carolita Cantrell

Home: John Michael Osteen, Sue Fienning, Windy Corbett, Chuck Fienning, Caroline Sigmon, Bill Scobee, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)