

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 9, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Hymn

Douglas E. Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Linda Hogon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: A day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

People: A time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

People: A life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

Leader: On this day, at this time, with the life, we will sing praises to our God!

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 634**

To God Be the Glory

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Sometimes, O Lord, we prefer to dwell on what we have done to justify ourselves. We count all that we have done to earn your love, rather than confessing our need for your grace and mercy. We point to the shortcomings of others rather than examine our own waywardness. Forgive us. Teach us the generous love of Jesus that we might know the things that make for peace. Free us from our need to justify ourselves in your sight and guide us in the path of righteousness. Help us to bless others, and thus honor our God, all our days. Hear us as we come into your presence with our heartfelt needs and hopes.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus Christ gave his life on the cross that the world might be saved through him. Such amazing love demands our soul, our life, our all.

People: Our response to such love is a generous faith that bears witness to this good news: in Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people. 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. 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

II Corinthians 9:6-12

Linda Hogon

(Pew Bible, pg. 183, New Testament)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

I Chronicles 29:10-18

Rev. Lucy Youngblood

(Pew Bible, pg. 387, Old Testament)

SERMON

Rev. Lucy Youngblood

*** 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 708**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

Michelle Blassengale, Soprano

*** 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 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**

Come, Let Us Sing

David Paxton

*** Please stand as you are able**

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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: Linda Hogan, Glenn Woodrum
Assisting with Worship: Linda Hogan
Deacons: Mike Blanding, Suzanne Wates

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Norma Abbott, Gus Blum
Assisting with Worship: Norma Abbott
Deacons: Valerie James, Joe McElveen

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Susanne Dwight on the death of her father, Tommy Luther Eady, who died June 21.