

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 13, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save
God of Grace and Glory*

Arr. by Marty Parks
Eugene Butler

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Glenn Woodrum

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day we gather in oneness with our brothers and sisters in faith
to celebrate God's gifts in Jesus Christ.

People: We hear the call to rekindle our spirits and to receive strength for our common tasks.

Leader: On this day we will share the bread and wine which are symbols of God's mercy and love.

People: We will open our hearts to accept these gifts, seeking the grace to walk in
God's way and to encourage one another in the journey of faith.

Leader: We lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise as we worship the living God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 624 (V. 1, 2, 5) *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Creator, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in our daily lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you with us in all that comes our way. May we love others and act courageously as witnesses to your grace. We draw near to you in prayer as we offer you our deepest needs.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise is that God will never, ever give up on us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Praise be to God whose steadfast kindness endures forever. We rejoice in the Lord!

* 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 will stay with their parents.
Children in Worship will not meet again until September.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15
(Pew Bible, pg. 66 and 162, Old Testament)

Glenn Woodrum

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 6:25-33
(Pew Bible, pg. 6, New Testament)

Rev. Bob Brearley

SERMON "Whatever Happened to the Sabbath?"

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 COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion this morning will be served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, the cup and partake at one of the stations and return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would rather partake in the pew, please raise your hand and Elders will come to you where you are seated.

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Arr. by Robert Jackson

Anne Davé, Piano Soloist

* 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** 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

SOLID ROCK

BENEDICTION

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 543

GREEN TYLER

*This is my story: this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story: this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

With Joyful Hearts

Faye Lopez

* Please stand as you are able

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Special thanks to Anne Davé, guest pianist, for sharing her musical talents with us today.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of
Kathy Lyons' birthday on August 14.

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, Glenn Woodrum
Assisting with Worship: Glenn Woodrum
Deacons: JD Dunn, Kenny Jordan

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Bill Richardson, Becky Owens
Assisting with Worship: Becky Owens
Deacons: Jimmy Ezell

COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON

Sunday, August 20

Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, August 20, immediately following worship for a Welcome Back covered-dish luncheon. The church will provide chicken and drinks. We will enjoy a meal together, and our Session will share the results of the HolyCow! congregational survey.



ATTENTION ALL SINGERS!

Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 16 from 6-7:30 PM. Fellowship time will follow. We sing a variety of music and share a committed desire to serve and glorify God through song. New members are always welcome, and no audition is necessary.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Faith Formation is looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School and Children in Worship starting September 10th. Volunteers are also needed (no teaching) to assist these teachers. Lesson plans will be provided. Please consider volunteering for these important ways to help our children grow in their Bible journey. Please contact Debbie Jackson if you are able to help!

ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be a training session for all children who are interested in being an acolyte on Sunday, August 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the narthex. If your child is interested in serving First Presbyterian Church as an acolyte, please contact Debbie Jackson (debbiejackson1954@gmail.com).

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.

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: John Michael Osteen, Marilyn Jenkins