

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 14, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus Shall Reign!

Douglas E. Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Ann Geddings

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: Let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely,

Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: We keep our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Leader: Called to mission by the Holy Spirit, we do not grow weary or lose heart.

People: With hearts and hands and voices, we worship and serve the Lord!

*** HYMN 305**

Come Sing, O Church In Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor. We seem to have more energy for pursuing our own ambitions and desires than we have for seeking the welfare of all your children, O God. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we bring to you the mistakes and burdens of our lives.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, and humble in mind. Thank God this day for a love that we do not deserve. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to be a servant people in our church and in our world.

People: Thanks be to God! All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. 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**

BLESSING OF EDUCATORS

A Litany for Schools, Educators, Staff, and Students

Bonnie Disney

Leader: Today, we remember the children and youth of this congregation, the community, and all who participate in their education. The call to be involved in education is a high calling. Those who instruct our children help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers, school administrators, counselors, homeschool families, school volunteers, support staff, cafeteria workers, school bus drivers, and all others in our congregation and community who work in our schools.

People: We celebrate their calling and pledge our support to those in our community who participate in the education of children and youth.

Leader: Education involves partnerships between school, home, and community. The support of parents and guardians is essential to a child's success. This morning we recognize all who give support to students in our homes. May we pray daily for those in this congregation who have children and youth who attend school. May their homes be places where families value education and encourage excellence in learning.

People: We pledge our support to parents and guardians. We pray that our ministries will encourage and strengthen those in our church families who provide care for children.

- Leader:* Our church family believes that students are gifts from God, filled with potential and possibility. We pray that as they learn and grow, they will develop caring hearts and disciplined minds.
- People:* **We will do all that is possible to ensure that our schools are hope-filled environments providing positive opportunities for growth and resources necessary for learning.**
- Leader:* Let us pray—Gracious God, we pray for all who play vital roles in the educational efforts of this community, our nation, and our world. Great God, guide us as we seek to discern the most effective ways to show our interest in and support for our students, teachers, and all involved in education. We pray this prayer in the name of the greatest teacher, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3
(Pew Bible, pg. 226, New Testament)

Ann Geddings

* **HYMN** 41 (v. 1, 2, 5)

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:35-40
(Pew Bible, pg. 75, New Testament)

Rev. Bob Brearley

SERMON

"On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!"

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

Down to the River to Pray
Bella Land, Soprano

Traditional

* 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** 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 765

ARGENTINA

*Praying, let us work for peace: singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Give To Our God Immortal Praise

Setting by Wilbur Held

* Please stand as you are able

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W E L C O M E !

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: Ann Geddings, John James
Assisting in Worship: Ann Geddings
Deacons: Paul Herrmann, Valerie James

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Jack Osteen, Bill Richardson
Assisting in Worship: Jack Osteen
Deacons: Katherine Brogdon, Kimberly Land

COVERED DISH LUNCH

Today Immediately Following Worship

Individuals who have traveled on mission trips and to conferences over the summer will share their stories.

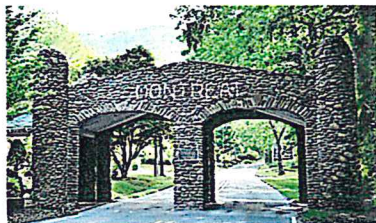
OFFICER TRAINING

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

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

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams (Daughter of Barney W. Williams)

Grand Strand Medical Center (Myrtle Beach): Jason Cranford (Joel & Ann Long's son)

Pocataligo River Health & Rehab (Manning): Wanda Casker

National Healthcare: Carolita Cantrell

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