

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 7, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace

Arr. by Wilbur Held

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

John Jackson

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you,
and Christ's presence in your midst.

People: **Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning,
and the future will be bright with hope.**

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our
wisdom and strength.

People: **We place ourselves before this God, that we may be touched and cleansed by
God's Spirit.**

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Sing praises to the God who makes all things new.

People: **We gather with grateful hearts to worship the living God!**

* HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, all that we have and all that we are, come from you; yet we prefer to focus on what we have done to justify ourselves. We count all that we have done to earn your love rather than confess our need for your grace and mercy. We point to the shortcomings of others instead of examining our own waywardness. You ask us to trust, but we would rather control. You ask us to be faithful, but we choose to be fearful. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to our need for your unconditional love. Help us to journey in your mercy that we might be gentle with others. Free us from our need to justify ourselves and guide us to the fullness of life in Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, O Lord.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May Almighty God have mercy upon us, and pardon and deliver us from our sins,
and give us time to amend our lives that the Holy Spirit may be evident in our days.
This news gives us new beginnings: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

People: **Thanks be to God! Every day we will bless you and praise your name
forever and ever. 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.*

EPISTLE READING

Psalm 33:8-22

John Jackson

(Pew Bible, pg. 507, Old Testament)

* HYMN 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 12:22-34

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 74, New Testament)

SERMON

"God's Kingdom and Our Worry"

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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Arr. by K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

* 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

Postlude on NEW BRITAIN

Arr. by Jon Spong

* Please stand as you are able

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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: Linda Hogon, John Jackson
Assisting in Worship: John Jackson
Deacons: Virginia Hutchens, Susan W. Osteen

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

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

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)