

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 11, 2022

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## WELCOME

Liza Cooper

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love.

*People:* And open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.

*Leader:* We have gathered to hear the good news of Jesus Christ,

*People:* And to sing the hymns of faith that renew us again and again.

*Leader:* Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who gives us hope.

*People:* We have come into this place to worship the living God.

## \* HYMN 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDREDTH

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. Forgive us. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. Hear us as we bring our needs to you.

*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Leader:* The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in tender compassion. Our only hope in life and in death is God's eternal love. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people.

*People:* God is our refuge and strength, and God's mercy welcomes us home. Thanks be to God!

## \* 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

*(Children come forward during singing.)*

*Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12

Sumter Cooper

*(Pew Bible, pg. 520, Old Testament)*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 14:12-24

Rev. Bob Brearley

*(Pew Bible, pg. 77, New Testament)*

## SERMON

*"Nothing Beats a Full House"*

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.

## HYMN 468

(Remain seated)

*In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)*

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

## 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 Jubilant Song*

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

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!*

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\* Offertory Prayer

## SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ, so you have been clothed with Christ.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

Leader: In baptism, the disciples before us were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.**

### Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons

Deacons to be Installed: Paul Herrmann, Valerie James, Harold Nixon, Susan W. Osteen

Deacons to be Ordained and Installed: Virginia Hutchens, Debbie Jackson

Elders to be Installed: Norma Abbott, John Jackson, John James, Bill Richardson

Elders to be Ordained and Installed: Bonnie Disney

### Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

## ORDINATION PRAYER

*All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

## DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

\* **HYMN** 301 (V. 1, 2, 5) *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)* TWO OAKS

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 301 TWO OAKS  
*All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*I Love Thee*

Arr. by Harold DeCou

\* 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: Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter  
Assisting in Worship: Liza Cooper  
Deacons: Lark Haynie, Harold Nixon  
Youth Liturgist: Sumter Cooper  
Jr. Usher: Caroline Thames

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Linda Hogon, Norma Abbott  
Assisting in Worship: Linda Hogon  
Deacons: Colin Davis, Kimberly Land  
Youth Liturgist: Madelynn Davis  
Jr. Usher: Millie Davis



**Middle and High School Youth** will kick off the new school year with Corn Hole and Ice Cream Sundaes today at 5:00 p.m. at the West Building.

### ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS September 25 ~ October 23

Children, 3K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, are encouraged to join Ashley Blum and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to learn more about the Armor of God.

Adults will meet in the Chapel for a Bible study with Reverend Brearley and focus on Luke, the faithful editor of Mark's gospel and discover new questions to ask as we seek to follow Jesus. Everyone is welcome!

*A light dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.*

Following dinner, Reverend Brearley will be hosting "Listening Sessions" in the Chapel on September 25, October 2, 16, and 23 and invites everyone to come to one or more to share thoughts and hopes for First Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are needed to serve in our Nursery on Sunday mornings (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.) If you are interested, please contact Ashley Blum ([doodlebugblum@yahoo.com](mailto:doodlebugblum@yahoo.com)) or 803-847-4406) or Liza Cooper ([tblandcooper@aol.com](mailto:tblandcooper@aol.com) or 704-577-1498).



### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

**Pocatigo River Health & Rehab (Manning):** Wanda Casker

**Home:** Isabel Gist, Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott), Billy Lyons,  
Jane Tisdale, Priscilla Dickey, John Michael Osteen,  
Bill Scobee, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)