

Glorifying God Forever

1823 - 2023



Celebrating
Our
Preaching
Mission

Dr. Ed McLeod

September 17, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

A New Day Psalm
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

WELCOME

Linda Hogan

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we gather to worship, know that you are God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved.

People: We are God's children, and we will clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Leader: Bear with each other and be forgiving because God has forgiven you.

People: And over all these things, we will clothe ourselves with love.

Leader: As brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come into this place to worship the living God.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 620**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are our refuge and strength and a very present help in time of trouble; enable us, we pray, to put our trust in you. Help us now to wait upon you with reverent and submissive hearts. In the silence of this hour speak to us of eternal things, that through patience and comfort of the scriptures we may have hope, and be lifted into the light and peace of your presence. We bring to you our brokenness and our needs.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation. Praise 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

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.

*** HYMN 314**

+ Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

During the singing of our anniversary hymn, we are invited to come forward with our offerings for the Bicentennial Fund, which will support Sumter United Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. Checks and money may be placed in the large church banks, and our individual smaller banks may be placed on the table. Please be sure that you have printed your name on the bottom of your bank if you would like to have it returned to you as a keepsake of this generous offering. Thank you.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 131
(Pew Bible, pg. 574, Old Testament)

Brogdon Hill

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17
(Pew Bible, pg. 201, New Testament)

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SERMON

"The Tie That Binds"

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From The Confession of Belhar, PCUSA Book of Confessions

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly, that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity; to the glory of God. Amen.

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

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
Chancel Choir

Charles V. Stanford

* 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 306 (V. 1-4)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

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* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 306

DENNIS

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free:
And perfect love and friendship reign throughout eternity.

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Classical Postlude

Franz Joseph Haydn

* Please stand as you are able

+ *Christ, Be Our Light* is our 200th Anniversary theme song.

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of
Hamilton Stoddard and Bill Scobee by the Music Ministry.

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 Hogon, Gus Blum
Assisting with Worship: Linda Hogon
Deacons: Virginia Hutchens, Kenny Jordan
Youth Liturgist: Brogdon Hill
Junior Ushers: Gwen Bettinger, Ligon Ferguson

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Kimberly Land, Becky Owens
Assisting with Worship: Kimberly Land
Deacons: Debbie Jackson, Kathy Lyons
Youth Liturgist: Bee Smith
Junior Ushers: Millie Davis, Murrell Smith

WELCOME DR. McLEOD

We welcome Dr. Ed McLeod to our pulpit this morning. Ed served our church as senior pastor from 1995–2004 and retired as senior pastor from First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC in May, 2023. He has served as Presbytery Moderator, Commission on the Ministry and various search committees of New Hope Presbytery, the Board of Trustees of Union Presbyterian Seminary and William Peace University. He and wife Jenny have two children: Randall, married to Luci and the proud parents of three children live in Bethesda, MD, and Amy, married to Russell and the proud parents of one child live in Raleigh.

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Bicentennial Celebration Concert

September 17 ~ 4:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

Featuring Hamilton Stoddard and Bill Scobee, Organists

Sumter Brass Ensemble

Kara Grover, Soprano Soloist

Lauren Decker and Gracie Reynolds, Violin

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the Concert.

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS!

Help us celebrate our Bicentennial as we emphasize the preaching mission of our church with former pastors returning to our pulpit.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Dr. Mark Durrett (2006-2012) will be our guest preacher.

BICENTENNIAL FUND

During this Bicentennial Year, the Session has approved a gift to Habitat for Humanity and Sumter United Ministries. Our special fund-raising goal is \$200,000. The first \$125,000 in congregational giving will be matched by our reserve funds for local mission. Our culminating offering will be received on Sunday, September 17. Please prayerfully consider a gift. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark "Bicentennial Fund" in the memo line. 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

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital (Charleston): John Michael Osteen

National Healthcare: Isabel Gist

Richland: Shuler Griffin

Home: Sherri Redmond

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .

. . . the family of Aggie White, who died September 9, 2023;

. . . Peggy Curlovic on the death of her husband, Don Curlovic, who died September 12, 2023.