

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

October 19, 2021

Sunday, October 24

"Wherever You Go"

Joshua 1:1-9 Psalm 139:1-12

Joy Ringers will provide opening music for this service.

Prelude: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Introit: "Fanfare and Reflection" by Jason W. Krug.

In addition, guest vocalists Ann Long and Toby Jobe will sing "Press On" by Dan Burgess as the Offertory Anthem.

Elders: Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter

Deacons: Gary Bratton, Colin Davis

Youth Liturgist: Madelynn Davis

Junior Usher: Millie Davis

Children in Worship

Teacher: Missy Coulter Volunteer: Ginny Safford



TRUNK OR TREAT FOR FPC FAMILIES AND FPC PRESCHOOL

Sunday, October 24

This year FPC will be hosting a Trunk or Treat at the West Building parking lot for FPC children and families, and our Preschool. The event will begin at 5:00 pm and end around 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to wear their costumes and bring their trick or treat bags. Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.

Youth are encouraged to help with the Trunk or Treat from 5:00-5:45 p.m. We hope youth families will decorate a trunk and join us for the festivities.

Sunday, October 31

"Ambassadors For Christ"

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Numbers 6:24-26



KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS

Practice for the Kirkin' processional will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the hallway next to the Choir Room.

Grey Holler, bagpipes, will provide processional and recessional music for Kirkin' of the Tartans.

Offertory Anthem: Chancel Choir will sing "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Elders: John Dunn, Caron DuRant

Deacons: Matthew Berger, Katherine Brogdon

Youth Liturgist: Riley Berger

Junior Usher: Harry Berger

Children in Worship

Teacher: Kelly Hickey Volunteer: Liza Cooper

YOUTH GROUP

Youth will not meet on October 31 due to Halloween. Please contact Kelly Hickey if you have any questions or need additional information.



From The Bridge Interim's Desk

"NOW is the time!"

Sometimes, the greatest resources are right at our fingertips. Let me suggest that each of us count our blessings and take advantage of the gifts God has provided.

Here are just a few...a heart to trust God's word...hands to do God's bidding...feet to carry God's message to neighbors in need...and ... the time moment we call, **NOW**.

Don't wait to see what is going to happen when the next preacher comes. As your Bridge Interim, I am asking you to engage, **NOW!**

Start giving, **NOW**. Start back to Sunday School, **NOW**. Begin walking with others who believe a new day and time for our church is happening, **NOW**. **NOW** is the time to give our lives afresh and anew to our God. Currently, we have a host of people standing on the sidelines. Please come back, **NOW**.

You are needed, missed, and loved!!!

As my friend, David Lamotte, sings,

*"There's no time like the present and
there's no present like time."*

Making the most of my time for Christ's mission, **NOW...**

Ephesians 5:15-16

Pastor Joel

Joel



Dear Church Family,

Today, as I looked at the calendar, I had a hard time realizing we are only two months away from Christmas! As this news sank in, my mind began racing on all of the TO DOS that need to be added to my lists i.e. First Presbyterian Church list, Shopping list,

Christmas list, List of to dos at home, etc. (I have to write everything down or I will not remember.) As I started thinking through the details, I started to get overwhelmed. Then all of a sudden, God, in God's amazing and wonderful way, used Joel's scripture passage from Sunday, to remind me, *"With man (all of this) is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."* Mark 10:27

I am so grateful for the many ways God shows up and reminds me I am never doing anything on my own. He is with me every step of the way. To God be the glory.

Much love,

Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat..... West. Bldg. Parking Lot

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting..... Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
10:00 a.m. Pres. Women's Council McLaurin Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:30 p.m. Circle #1 McLaurin Room
3:00 p.m. Circle #9 321 W. Calhoun Street

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. Circle #7 Bakers' Sweets
3:00 p.m. Circle #8 Covenant Place
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Circle #6 West Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. Circles will meet as follows:

- #1 - Tuesday, November 2, at 12:30 p.m. in the McLaurin Room.
Contact: Linda Brown
- #4 - Will continue with Bible lessons and Council notes via mail. Contact: Norma Abbott
- #6 - Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building. Contact: Ashley Blum
- #7 - Wednesday, November 3, at Baker's Sweets at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Robin Thames
- #8 - Wednesday, November 3, at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place. Contact: Winnie Gee and Fran Kay
- #9 - Tuesday, November 2, at the home of Sibbie McFaddin, 321 W. Calhoun Street at 3:00 p.m. Contact: Pam George



Sumter United Ministries is in need of some winter items for their Homeless Shelter. Our church family is collecting SOCKS, GLOVES and/or WINTER HATS for men and women. Please consider donating any of these items. Please place your items in the container outside the church office by November 7.

**2021 ADVENT
WORKSHOP &
BOXED LUNCH**
Sunday, November 21
Immediately Following
Worship
Sign Up Is Required!!!

On Sunday, November 21, immediately following worship, the congregation is invited to FPC's Annual Advent Workshop. The cost is \$20 per family or \$10 per individual. The cost covers Advent supplies and a catered boxed lunch. Lunch choices will be available very soon. All participants must sign up by November 14. Please contact Kelly Hickey to sign up or if you have any questions.



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Love to sing but cannot make a yearlong commitment?
Join the Chancel Choir as we begin rehearsals for special music during the Advent and Christmas season.
We rehearse from 7-8:30 every Wednesday.
For more information, email Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call the church (803-773-3814).

NATIVITY STORY

It's time to sign up to be a part of this year's nativity! The Nativity will be on Sunday, December 19, during the worship service. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Kelly Hickey by November 21. Rehearsals will be held Sunday, November 28, December 5, and December 12 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, we will have a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 19 from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the sanctuary. This will be our final rehearsal before leading worship at 10:30 am. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Hickey.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Mike Carnes, Suzanna Foley, Bill Scobee, Ashley Long (Joel & Ann Long's daughter-in-law), Bill Bailey (Ashley Long's Father), Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother), Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)
Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning October 3 & 10, 2021

	Received		2021 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 22,253.	\$470,465.	\$476,063.
*Other Sources	\$ 183.	\$118,848.	\$137,059.
	\$ 22,436.	\$589,313.**	\$613,122.**

**Other sources YTD includes \$67,000 from SBA PPP Loan Forgiveness and \$45,034 from endowment funds distributions to general fund.*

***This summary indicates a second "Focus" report where "actual giving" numbers are less than "budget year-to-date" numbers!*