

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

March 16, 2021

WORSHIP MUSIC

March 21

John Michael Osteen will lead hymns and provide special music.

March 28

Procession of the Palms: Children of the Church

Introit: Joy Ringers will play “Hosanna!” by Jason Krug

Anthem: Mallory Beaton, Alex Beaton and John Michael Osteen will sing “Jesus, Feed Us” arranged by Brian Wentzel.

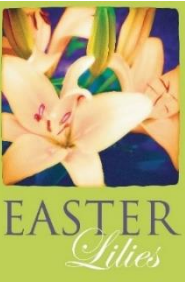
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 21

This offering is received during Lent in response to Christ’s call to ministries of compassion and justice on a continuum from disaster and poverty relief to development among the marginalized and oppressed (administered through the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry).

Causes:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 32 percent.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program, 36 percent.
- Self-Development of People, 32 percent

When writing a check, please note “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line.



DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER LILIES

We will once again place Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 4. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with a lily, please complete the form below and return it with \$10.00 per lily to the Church Office no later than Monday, March 22.

*(Please Note: No phone orders
will be accepted.)*

I would like to purchase _____ Easter lilies
at \$10.00/each = Total \$ _____.

In memory of

In honor of

Given by

This week’s Focus article is a devotional prayer based on Psalm 19. I would encourage you to take time and prayerfully read this on your own or with your family sometime in the coming days.



Psalm 19

God, your glory fills the heavens
and all that you have made bears your mark.

We pray for this creation:

we ask forgiveness for the ways in which we have disfigured it;

we pray for those who cannot enjoy

the warm sun or the cool night,

those who are imprisoned or alone . . .

those who are ill or infirm . . .

those who mourn . . .

Use all of us, our hearts, our hands,

to bring your wondrous power into their lives.

Let us glorify you, O God.

Let your hymn resound in our lives.

Silence

God, your perfect law protects and revives us
and your way enlightens and enlivens us.

We pray for all the peoples of this world,

people hungry for order and safety, warmth and shelter . . .

women and men who lay down their lives to keep their
neighbors safe . . .

and those who lead our nations, cities, and towns . . .

Help us unearth this treasure of justice and equality
and bring it to all the world.

Let us glorify you, O God.

Let your hymn resound in our lives.

Silence

God, who brings the true sweetness,
the true riches of life to those who serve you,
who gathers, protects and preserves us:

We pray for your holy Church . . .

Keep us blameless and innocent.

Cleanse our faults,

increase our faith,

inspire our work and witness in your name.

Let us glorify you, O God.

Let your hymn resound in our lives.

Silence

Hear these and all our prayers, great God.

Let the words of our mouths

and the meditations of our hearts

be acceptable to you, O Lord,

our Rock and our Redeemer.



EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

*Please bring blooms from your yard to
decorate the cross in celebration
of the risen Christ.*

The cross will be by the fountain.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Basics (6th Grade)
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus (3K-5th Grade)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth

MONDAY, MARCH 22

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers QuartetSanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Zoom)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 ~ Palm Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Basics (6th Grade)
- 3:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers EnsembleSanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast Mary Ann's Deli
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Zoom)

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 ~ Church Office Closed

- 5:00 p.m. Easter Musicians RehearsalSanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Online)



Youth Groups meets in person every Sunday!
 Middle school ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 Senior High ~ 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 If you have any questions, please contact Taylor.

CALLING ALL 6TH GRADERS!

Bible Basics

Come Join Taylor and Ms. Kelly over the next two Sundays to talk about some of the basics of the Bible. This ministry opportunity is in addition to youth group. We will meet immediately after worship from 12:00 – 12:30 pm.

“ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS”

A New Preschool and Elementary Ministry

This Sunday, March 21, Children, 3K – 5th grade, are encouraged to join Ms. Kelly and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 pm to learn more about the Bible and receive a memory verse. We will meet in the Chapel. Parents are asked to bring their children to the office entrance of the educational building. Ms. Kelly will be there to greet you.

PALM SUNDAY

All children are invited to participate in the Procession of Palms on Sunday, March 28. We will meet in front of the West Building at 10:50 am. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kelly.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, March 28

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

As we start preparing for this fun event, we need your help with Easter eggs. We need about 400 eggs filled with individually wrapped candy or stickers. (Please no chocolate, it melts, or peanuts due to peanut allergies.) All donations are needed in the church office by Sunday, March 21. Any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28

11:00 a.m. ~ Outside and Online Worship

3:00 p.m. ~ Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m. ~ Online Worship

Easter Sunday, April 4

11:00 a.m. ~ Outside and Online Worship

Please bring blooms from your yard to decorate the cross in celebration of the risen Christ. The cross will be located by the fountain.

The family of Betty Trapp would like to thank her church family for all the love, prayers, cards and food given to us during this unexpected sad time. We know she is rejoicing with the Lord and her vision has been healed.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Kathy Lyons, Darryl Peyton,

Carol Reese, Bill Scobee,

Marilyn Jenkins, David R. Brown,

Tiny Owens, Robert Stage II (son of Marta Stage),

Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),

Charles King (Greg King's Father)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Betty Trapp, who died March 6.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Holden George Anthony Cain during the worship service on Sunday, March 14.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning February 28 & March 7, 2021

	Received		2021 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 20,618.	\$131,260.	Budget
*Other Sources	<u>\$ 2,286.</u>	<u>\$ 2,594.</u>	Approval
	\$ 22,904.	\$133,854.	Pending

**Includes Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*