

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

April 5, 2022



Sunday, April 10

Introit: The Chancel Choir will sing
"Processional and Hymn for Palm Sunday"
by Craig Courtney.

Offertory Anthem: "When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross" by Joseph Martin

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

Elders: Dan Spencer, Kay Smith

Assisting in Worship: Dan Spencer

Deacons: Suzanne Wates, Taylor Geddings

Youth Liturgist: Anna Kate Coker

Junior Usher: Riley Coker

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY

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.

PROCESSION OF PALMS

All children are invited to participate in the Procession of Palms this Sunday, April 10. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:50 a.m. Should you have any questions, please contact Ashley Blum.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Everyone is invited!

Palm Sunday, April 10

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Sunday, April 17 ~ Easter

Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble and Handbells. John Michael Osteen, vocalist, and Evan Thompson, trumpet, are featured soloists.

Introit: "Festival Introit for Easter Day" by Heinrich Schultz

Offertory: "We Know That Christ is Raised" arr. by Hal Hopson

Elders: Gus Blum, Glenn Woodrum

Assisting in Worship: Glenn Woodrum

Deacons: Charlie White, Jim Alexander

Youth Liturgist: Duncan James

Junior Usher: Brogdon Hill

EASTER CHOIR

Attention, all singers! We are rehearsing now for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. Please join us for Choir practice on

Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Call Joni or email jonibrown@fpcsumter.org for more information.



From Bob's Desk . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

A love letter is coming your way. We have just mailed to everyone in the church a letter that is written with love. It shares where we are as a wounded congregation, prays for healing to come to us, and asks all families to respond and to reaffirm their membership in First Presbyterian Church. We hope that it reads like a love letter to you. We also hope that you will complete and mail back to us the second page of the letter. Thank you.

I received a timely text message this week from a church member. She included the words that the Episcopal priest in Clarkesville, Georgia, uses to charge the congregation at the end of worship. These words describe the urgency of love.



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If Jesus taught us only one thing, it is this: the time to love is now. God bless us in this Eastertide.

Love,

Bob

OUR PRAYERS CONTINUE

Our prayers continue for the courageous people of Ukraine. Closer to home, we pray for the members of the Church Officer Nominating Committee as they seek individuals who will serve as Elders, Deacons, and Trustee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:50 a.m. Children’s Processional Rehearsal
..... Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
3:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt..... Lawn of West Building
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class..... Confirmation Room
MONDAY, APRIL 11
10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, APRIL 12
6:00 p.m. Faith FormationParlor
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
5:30 p.m. Brass EnsembleSanctuary
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
THURSDAY, APRIL 14 ~ Maundy Thursday
FRIDAY, APRIL 15 ~ Good Friday ~ Church Office Closed
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service.....Sanctuary
SUNDAY, APRIL 17
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
MONDAY, APRIL 18 ~ Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Executive CouncilParlor
TUESDAY, APRIL 19
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting..... Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10
10:30 a.m. ~ Worship with Communion
3:00 p.m. ~ Easter Egg Hunt
Good Friday, April 15
7:00 p.m. ~ Worship with Communion
Easter Sunday, April 17
10:30 a.m. ~ Worship
Please bring blooms from your yard to decorate the cross in celebration of the risen Christ.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. The Class will not meet Easter Sunday.
Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 1.

FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Registration has started for the 2022/2023 school year. Open Enrollment will continue until all classes are filled.
We offer classes for Toddlers, 2, 3, 4’s and Kindergarten. Please call the preschool office for additional information (803-773-9027). Check out our website also!



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FRASER EDMUNDS CLASS BEGINS
NEW 6-WEEK STUDY

The Nehemiah Code: It’s Never Too Late for a New Beginning
By O. S. Hawkins
All men are invited to join the Fraser Edmunds Sunday School Class as they begin a new study on April 3, The Nehemiah Code: It’s Never Too Late for a New Beginning. The Fraser Edmunds Class meets in the Chapel on Sunday mornings.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

National Healthcare: Jennie Linn Duffie
Home: Carolita Cantrell, Nancy Smith,
Harold Gadson, Bill Scobee,
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .
. . . Glenda Denny on the death of her brother, J.D. “Ty” Wininger, who died March 24 in Kingsport, Tennessee;
. . . Matt Blankenship on the death of his mother, Juanita Rose Blankenship, who died April 2 in Orangeburg.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nancy Cameron Smith and Patrick Kershaw Smith, who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 2.
CONGRATULATIONS to Debby Williams who was honored with the Presbyterian Women’s Life Membership Award during Sunday’s worship service.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelly and Scott Hodo on the birth of a son, Charles (Charlie) Henry Hodo, born March 7 in Mt. Pleasant. Proud grandparents are Susanne and Coles Dwight.

FOCUS ON FINANCES
Two Weeks Beginning
March 20 and 27, 2022

	Received		2022 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
*Contributions	\$ 14,322.	\$ 243,725.	\$ 152,772.
Other Sources	\$ 2,357	\$ 2,717.	\$ 3,434.
	\$ 16,679.	\$ 246,442.	\$ 156,206.