

# First Presbyterian Church

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## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 8, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

*AUDIO LOOP – Our sanctuary is fitted with the Hearing Aid Induction Loop. Use the "T" switch on your hearing aid. Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it to others on your pew. \*All who are able please stand.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Youth Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Paula Terry

PRELUDE: *Suite Antique*

Rutter

Penny Rogers, flute

*The congregation is asked to make use of the prelude as a time of preparation, meditation and prayer.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)**

Ms. Sarah Lee

The good news of the Gospel is that God creates, redeems, sustains, rules and transforms all things and all people.

**The Living God was incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in our world, to die for this world, and was raised again to new life.**

The Gospel announces the nearness of God's kingdom.

**The Church participates in God's mission of transformation of the world.**

We proclaim to all people the good news of God's love.

**We offer all people the gracious love of Christ, and invite all people to be disciples of Christ.**

(from the opening words of The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church, USA)

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Elder Cate Henderson

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **(unison)**

**Gracious God, you have invited us into a fellowship that is closer than our own natural families. And yet, sometimes there are walls of exclusion instead of a welcome inclusion to all people. Sometimes we do not love everyone as graciously as you love us. Sometimes we devote too much of our energy to caring for ourselves instead of caring for other people. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways that we separate from other people, instead of join together into one gracious family. Pour out your Spirit upon us anew. So, may we love and serve all people as graciously and sacrificially as you serve us. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: #306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Stanzas 1 and 3  
Chancel Choir and Congregation

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *The Gift of Love*

arr. Rainey

\*DOXOLOGY: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Chancel Choir and Congregation

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **(unison)**

Elder Paula Terry

**Calling and Redeeming God, in such anxious and uncertain times, renew our faith in you as well as our commitment to Christian service in all that we say and do. Increase our love for one another. Strengthen our ties to your Church here and around your world. Use all of our gifts to give a positive witness for Jesus Christ in all that we do and say. Amen.**

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN

Following the message to the children, ages 3K-1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to go with a worship caregiver to Children in Worship in Room 207B and should be picked up from this room immediately following worship. A nursery is provided for infants-2K in Room 132. (Parents, please return to the sanctuary after the anthem.)

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

SOLO: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Roberts

Jim Money, baritone

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 133

Galatians 3.25-29

Pew Bible, page 575

Pew Bible, page 189

MESSAGE: A Report from the General Assembly

Elder Cate Henderson

\*RESPONSE HYMN: #769 *For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

\*All sing the refrain each time.

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Higher voices

Stanza 3: All

Stanza 4: Lower voices

Stanza 5: All

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (unison)**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA)

**SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (unison)**

**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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: #318 *In Christ There is No East or West*

ST. PETER

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: *God of Grace and Glory*

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**THE PEOPLE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**WELCOME** to the worship of Jesus Christ at First Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to our guest speaker today, Elder Cate Henderson. Cate recently graduated as a Full IB Diploma Candidate from Hartsville High School. She will attend Davidson College in the fall to study Environmental Science. In her spare time, Cate enjoys tap dancing, spending time her family, and taking beach trips with her friends. Cate will share information with us today from her being a youth advisory delegate at the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for *Lemonade in the Shade* after worship today! Follow the lemons out the entrance facing Home Ave. and look for our Fellowship Committee friends at the church fountain!

**MUSIC NEWS** – Today, Jim Money will do a solo as part of our Special Music Sundays. Join us again on the following dates: July 15 – our choir will sing Psalm 100; July 22 – solo by Paige Higgins; July 29 – solo by Holly Prescott.

**MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE MEETINGS** will be held today and next Sunday, July 15, at approximately 12:30 p.m. in the conference room. It is important for youth and parents to attend. Questions? Please contact Bo Hill (843.858.3245) or Katie Liddle (321.446.0351).

**ATTENDANCE** at last Sunday's worship service: 156.

**OUR SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE** registered 17 donors and collected 15 pints of blood during a very critical shortage of blood. Thanks to EVERYONE who donated, tried to donate or helped out with the drive! Your support and dedication to the American Red Cross is appreciated.

**OUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY** to serve others at the Hartsville Soup Kitchen is Thursday, July 26. A cook and volunteers are needed. Please call or stop by the church office to sign the volunteer sheet. Thank you!

**COPIES** of Dr. Sansbury's July 1 message, ""SUMMER SERIES ON PHRASES FROM THE APOSTLES' CREED, IV: *"I believe...in Jesus Christ His Son our Lord; who...suffered...was crucified, dead and buried; on the third day he rose again..."* are available in the narthex. Copies of previous Sunday messages can be made available by calling the church office at 843.332.3622.

**LIVE STREAMING** – FPC Hartsville has live streaming of Sunday worship services available through our website (firstpreshart.org) and our Facebook page. You can view the worship service on Sundays over the internet through your computer, television or mobile device. It's as if you're sitting in the pew and able to participate along with the congregation! If you miss the live cast, you can view the service at a later time.

**DR. SANSBURY** is on vacation today through Saturday, July 14. He will return to the pulpit on Sunday, July 15. Read Ephesians 4 and Colossians 3 in preparation for worship next Sunday.

### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

#### **ELDER GREETER**

**July:** Tim Smoak

#### **HEAD USHERS**

**July 8:** Bill Wilson

**July 15:** Graham Segars

#### **ACOLYTES**

**July 8:** Ann Frances Nutt

**July 15:** Ella Gray Camak

#### **AUDIO/VISUAL**

**July 8:** Ronnie Holden

**July 15:** Sarah Childers

#### **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (RM 207B)**

**July 8:** Graham Segars, helper needed

**July 15:** Kate Pennington, helper needed

#### **PASTOR'S AIDES**

**Week of July 9:** Bob Kearns, Becky Vincent

**Week of July 15:** Betty Shepard, Eloise Renck

#### **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

**July 9:** Emma Zold

**July 10:** Ginny Hays

**July 11:** Kathy Zalinski

**July 12:** Nancy Money

**July 13:** Betty Shepard

### **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 8 THROUGH JULY 14, 2018**

#### **Sunday, July 8**

11:00 AM      Worship Service

12:30 PM      Montreat Youth/Parent Meeting – Conference Room

#### **Monday, July 9**

9:00 AM      FPC Summer Fashion Camp – Memorial Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM ECEP Advisory Committee – Room 208

6:00 PM Finance Committee – Conference Room

**Tuesday, July 10**

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – McAlpine Room

**Wednesday, July 11**

9:00 AM FPC Summer Gardening Camp – Memorial Fellowship Hall

**The Session**

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Moderator

Bert Guerry, Clerk of Session

Vicki Eaddy, Assistant Clerk

**Class of 2018**

Scott Daniel, Vicki Eaddy, Trey Gibson

Flossie Hopkins, Alan Hubbard, Ashley Ingalls

Dick Porter, Pam Youngblood

**Class of 2019**

Alex Brito, Gwen Davis, Bert Guerry

PJ McGirt, Graham Segars, Paula Terry

John Webb, Bill Wilson

**Class of 2020**

Wayne Dodson, Sonja Gibson, Cate Henderson

Cathy Hines, Dan Miller, Jamie Morphis

Lindsay Powell, Tim Smoak, Emma Zold

**Youth Advisory Delegates**

Don Clark, Jr., Emily Stacy

**Trustees**

Bill Morrison, Drew Case, Gordon McBride