



September 23, 2018

11:00 AM

First Presbyterian Church
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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eighteenth Sunday in Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship this Lord's Day. †Please stand as you are able.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Chancel Ringers

WELCOME Dr. Dan Sansbury

PRELUDE Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices Burkhardt

†CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Miss Isobel Morphis

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! (from Psalm 150)

†HYMN 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†CALL TO CONFESSION

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creating and Redeeming God, you spoke and the world was created; and you sent us your Son, the Living Word, Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord. To you we confess that sometimes our words are not as kind and loving, helpful and encouraging as they should be. Sometimes we speak when we should be silent, and we are silent when we should speak. Forgive us, O Lord, for our failures to think, speak and act in ways that are pleasing to you. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us anew. Convert our hearts, minds and tongues to worshipful and faithful service to you, so that we may honor you always. We ask this in the name of your obedient Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†RESPONSE 468 In My Life LORD, BE GLORIFIED
Stanza 3

GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND BLANKETS/KITS OFFERING

OFFERTORY Variations on Azmon Glaser

†DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Elder Alan Hubbard

Loving God, again today we have the opportunity to bless other people out of the great blessings that we have already received. Whether it is helping children and families in poverty in other nations, or helping the people in neighboring states and counties affected by the latest hurricane, we ask that you make us more generous, thoughtful and kind people. Take these gifts today, and take our very lives, and use them to show the love of Christ to all people, wherever they may be. Amen.

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN

WE HEAR AND RESPOND

FIRST READING Psalm 1 Elder Alan Hubbard
OT, p. 489

ANTHEM Come My Way, My Truth, My Life Scott
SECOND READING James 3 NT, p. 230
MESSAGE "BACK TO SCHOOL WITH JAMES, III: Some Words Weigh More" Dr. Sansbury
†HYMN 697 Take My Life HENDON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. The Apostles' Creed

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.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

†HYMN 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 765 May the God of Hope Go with Us ARGENTINA

†POSTLUDE March Bloch

WELCOME to the worship of Jesus Christ at First Presbyterian Church! If you have any questions, such as how to locate the nursery or restrooms, please ask an usher, and he or she will gladly assist you. If you would like to learn more about becoming a part of First Presbyterian Church, please speak to the pastor.

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE to the children, ages 3K-5K are invited to go with a worship caregiver to Children in Worship in Room 207B (upstairs East Wing) while 1st-5th are invited to Room 219 (upstairs Education Wing). All children should be picked up from these rooms immediately following worship. A nursery is provided for infants-2K in Room 132 (downstairs Education Wing).

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY of the congregation is extended to Cameren Kinsley and Mason Herlihy at the death of her sister, Sutton Kinsley. Please keep the family in your prayers.

WE WILL RECEIVE the Church World Service Blankets and Kits Offering today. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your support of special offerings!

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Register and pass it down the pew.

TODAY, Dr. Sansbury continues his new series of messages entitled "Back to School with James." Please read the letter of James in the New Testament, and be more prepared for September worship services.

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER SUPPER - Join us every Wednesday at 6 PM in the fellowship hall! Menu for 9/26: marinated chicken breast, twice baked potatoes, salad, roll and homemade banana pudding. Children's menu: chicken nuggets, tater tots, applesauce and cookies. RSVP due to the church office by Mondays at noon.

VOLUNTEERS are needed this Thursday, September 27, to assemble bagged lunches at the Hartsville Soup Kitchen. Please contact the church office to sign up to help.

THE ELDERS have called for a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING during the worship service next Sunday, September 30, to elect 8 elders and 1 trustee. All active members present for the meeting may vote.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE of FPC will again sponsor a table at *The Taste of Coker* on Monday, October 1. Andy Eaddy will prepare his famous Lowcountry gumbo accompanied by additional "gaming" recipes provided by committee members. Your contributions are welcomed! Please call P.J. McGirt at 843.309.9436 to donate. Come join us for what is always an enjoyable evening in supporting the Athletic Department at Coker College.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend First Presbyterian Church's First Friday Concert Series! Join us on Friday, October 5, from 12:00 – 12:30 PM in the sanctuary. The first concert will feature Sarah Floyd, soprano, Christopher Moore, tenor; and, Ronda Wilkes McElveen, piano. Program includes art songs, spirituals and Broadway show tunes. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. Join us!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ELDER GREETER

September: Alan Hubbard

ACOLYTE

September 23: Miriam Powell

September 30: Flora Byrd

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (RM 207B)

September 23: Katie Liddle, Kevin Norwood

September 30: Sonja Gibson, Youth

PASTOR'S AIDES

September 24-28: Cecelia Brown, Beverley Dodson

October 1-5: Gwen Davis, Joye Sansbury

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEALS

September 23: Lyne Askins

September 30: Barbara Lee

HEAD USHERS

September: Dan Miller, Emma Zold

AUDIO/VISUAL

September 23: John Henderson

September 30: Ken Hughes

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (RM 219)

September 23: Rita Daniel, Bobbi Nutt

September 30: Lacey and Wes Daniels

PRAYER BREAKFAST COOKS

September 26: Paula Terry

Pam Youngblood

October 3: Cathy and Jim Hines

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

September 24: Jane Wheeler, Emma Zold

September 25: Ginny Hays

September 26: Barbara Lee

September 27: Rita Daniel, Ann Gettys

September 28: Betty Shepard

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sundays Together, September 23

9:45 AM Sunday Funday for Children - Fellowship Hall

S.M.Y.L.E. Youth Class - RM 219

S.A.L.T. Class - GRACE RM

Busy Adult Class - Conference RM

11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

4:00 PM Youth Bells - Bell RM

4:30 PM Youth Choir - Chancel Choir RM
5:00 PM Chancel Ringers - Bell RM
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship - Fish House (610 Prestwood Drive)

Monday, September 24

12:05 PM Pastor's Lunch at the Presbyterian Community, Florence
3:00 PM Budget Team Meeting - Conference RM

Tuesday, September 25

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group - McAlpine RM
6:30 PM Session Meeting - Conference RM

Wednesdays Together, September 26

7:00 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM Celebration Ringers - Bell RM
4:30 PM Genesis Ringers - Bell RM
5:00 PM Choristers (1st-5th) - GRACE RM
5:00 PM Christian Education (3K-5K) - GRACE RM
5:15 PM Adult Bible Study with Dr. Dan - Fellowship Hall; Focus: Luke 3
5:30 PM Cherubs (3K-5K) - GRACE RM
5:30 PM Christian Education (1st-3rd) - RM 215
5:30 PM Christian Education (4th-5th) - RM 219
6:00 PM Church Family Supper - Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir RM

Thursday, September 27

10:00 AM Soup Kitchen