

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 15, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Bill Richardson

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we gather to worship, we remember our Lord. Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross.

People: **Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.**

Leader: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

People: **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lamb of God, the crucified and risen Lord!

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

SHOWALTER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we lower our heads before you, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness for you. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your courage. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world. Remind us to be faithful disciples of your love, regardless of what we are doing or whom we are with. Hold us close to you, Holy Spirit. Help our lives to point beyond ourselves to the God of mercy we know in Jesus Christ. Be our purpose and our peace. Lord, hear our prayers.

(Silent Reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Jesus Christ entered the world to rescue sinners so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

People: **Such good news emboldens our witness to Christ in the world. Praise be to God!**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Loves Me!

Rev. Bob Brearley

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 40:1-8

John Land

(Pew Bible, pg. 513, Old Testament)

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** 353 (V. 1-2) *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:29-42

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 92, New Testament)

SERMON

"Oh, My Goodness"

Rev. Bob Brearley

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

John Michael Osteen, Baritone Soloist

* Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* Offertory Prayer

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 353 (V. 3-4) *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 543

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me: O Christ surround me.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sing a New Song

Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

* **Please stand as you are able**

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WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Norma Abbott, Bill Richardson
Assisting with Worship: Bill Richardson
Deacons: Kimberly Land, Suzanne Wates
Youth Liturgist: John Land
Junior Ushers: Charlie Coulter, Richard Dwight

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Gus Blum, Liza Cooper
Assisting with Worship: Gus Blum
Deacons: Gary Bratton, Virginia Hutchens
Youth Liturgist: Cameron Counter
Junior Ushers: Charlie Coulter, Adelaide McElveen

JANUARY CHILI FEST

January 22, 2023 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Make plans now to attend our Chili Cook-off 200th Anniversary Fund Raiser next Sunday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun and fellowship. Plan to enter the Cook-off with your favorite crock pot full of chili or volunteer to bring bread/cornbread or a dessert. Tastings will be \$1 each and bowls will be \$3 each. Chicken nuggets will be available for the children. A special surprise will be available, and funds raised will be designated for our 200th Anniversary Celebration. Please sign up by **January 16th** at the FPC Welcome Desk, contact Debbie Jackson at debbiejackson1954@gmail.com or Linda Hogon at lhogon03@yahoo.com.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

We are in need of nursery workers on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are needed until we hire a replacement. Markita is on maternity leave, and we need a volunteer for her position as well. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this paid position, please contact Debbie Jackson (djackson@fpcsumter.org).

200TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF

First Presbyterian is kicking off our 200th Anniversary celebration in grand style! On Sunday, February 12, we will have a special guest, Rev. John McCall, our missionary in Taiwan and a dear friend of our pastor. Please join us after worship for lunch with a mission presentation from Rev. McCall. It's important to make a reservation for the lunch so we know how much food to prepare. Sign up sheets are on the Welcome Desk or on tables outside the sanctuary or you can call or text Debbie Jackson (803-775-4814) by Sunday, February 5.

PASTORAL CARE

Session has approved the formation of a new "Pastoral Care" group. This will be an informal group of members that will assist the pastor and Prayer and Care by providing extra care to our members in need. Care may be in the form of visits, letters, delivering casseroles, etc, and will be on a volunteer basis only. No formal meetings will be held. Please contact Missy Coulter if interested at coultervm@aol.com.

ONLINE GIVING



Online giving can be accessed from the FPC website, fpcsumter.org (press the red "Give" button), also from your mobile device (text FPCS to 73256). Follow the online instructions. You can also give online by using the QR code and your smartphone. Just hover over the QR code with the camera or scanner on your smartphone or tablet and click on the link that appears.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott), Wanda Casker,
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)