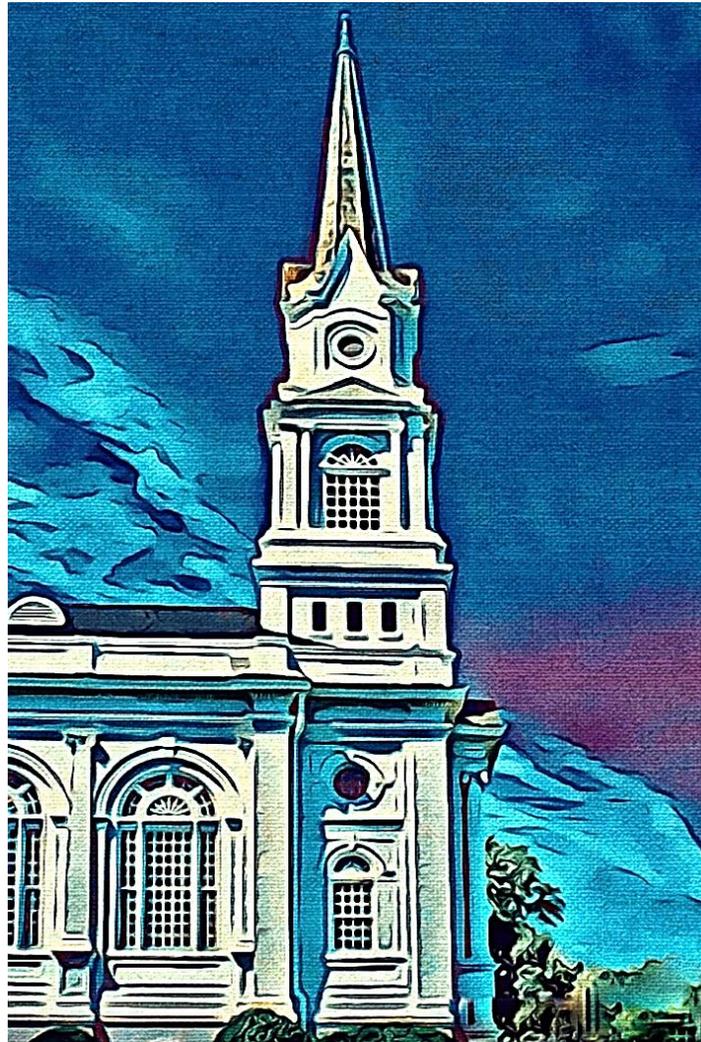


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 16, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Bachiana

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Jack Osteen

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, with undivided attention, to meet God, who calls us away from old routines.

People: **Our souls wait for God in silence. We hope in God, our salvation and our joy.**

Leader: Come without anxiety or fear, for God cares for all of us.

People: **We come with devotion to our Lord, who is our confidence in life and sustains us in faith.**

Leader: We worship the God who redeems us in Jesus Christ and who loves us now and always.
Rejoice in the Lord always!

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, Ruler of all peoples, you know us completely, how mean we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made, and the good we have neglected. We acknowledge the promises we have broken, and the duties we have refused. Let the power and joy of your love become a mighty force in our lives. Help us to develop the good that is in us, and not be afraid to care for all people. Fortify our decision to live with honesty, integrity, joy, and unselfishness, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

In the name of our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The good news that brings us great joy is that we are forgiven and set free in Jesus Christ.

People: **May the God, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. Thanks be to God!**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Bob Brearley

Children will remain seated with their parents this morning for the Children's Moment.

Children In Worship will not meet this morning.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 36:5-10

Caroline Moorman

(Pew Bible, pg. 510, Old Testament)

NEWS TESTAMENT READING

John 2:1-11

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 93, New Testament)

SERMON

"Cana Grace"

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

Please place your offering in the baskets located at the doors
as you leave worship this morning.

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace
Denise Lynch, Organ Solo

Arr. by Wilbur Held

* 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** 726 (V. 1, 2, 5) *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

KELVINGROVE

BENEDICTION

* **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

Concertino

Gordon Young

* **Please stand as you are able**

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W E L C O M E !

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 basket as you leave. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

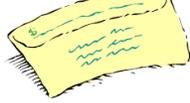
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Glenn Woodrum, Gus Blum
Assisting in Worship: Jack Osteen
Deacons: Macaulay Smith, Lark Haynie
Youth Liturgist: Caroline Moorman
Junior Usher: Caroline Thames

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter
Assisting in Worship: Dan Spencer
Deacons: John Michael Osteen, Andrew McCord
Youth Liturgist: Cameron Coulter
Junior Usher: Charles McCord

Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes for 2022 are now available from the tables outside the kitchen in the Education Building. If you find that you were not assigned envelopes and you wish to use them, please call Neil Ross (803-773-3814) and he will be happy to provide them. Please be sure to only use 2022 envelopes as your envelope number has likely changed and we want to ensure your offering is posted correctly.

SIX-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY

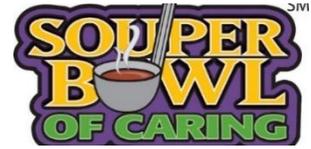
The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning

By O. S. Hawkins

It's not too late to join The Nehemiah Code Bible study. This study will meet each Sunday, **beginning February 13**, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Parlor. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kelly Hickey. The cost for the study material is \$15. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and earmark it The Nehemiah Study.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: **“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”** Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this mission, First Presbyterian Church Sumter continues to make a positive difference in this world. This year we will be collecting pouch drinks (Capri Suns/Kool Aid Jammers) for Backpack Blessings along with monetary donations. All pouch drinks should be placed in the bin marked Souper Bowl of Caring outside the church office. Any monetary donation can be sent to the church office earmarked “Souper Bowl of Caring” or placed in Soup Pots marked Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 13 before or after worship. Any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.



UPDATED GUIDELINES FROM THE REOPENING TASK FORCE

(January 10, 2022)

The following guidelines have been recommended by the Reopening Task Force and approved by Session:

- 1) We **strongly request** that all who are fully vaccinated and those who are unvaccinated wear a mask in indoor settings including children 2-years-old and up for all activities.
 - 2) During worship, Children will remain seated with their parents for the Children's Moment and Children in Worship will not meet.
 - 3) Offering will be collected at the end of each worship service with Ushers standing with collection baskets at the exit doors.
 - 4) Morning Fellowship has been canceled until further notice.
 - 5) All Children and Youth Programs (Sunday School, On the Move for Jesus, M&M (Mission Minds) Ministry, Youth Group) are postponed until February 13.
 - 6) Confirmation Class scheduled to begin January 9, will be postponed until February 13.
- The Reopening Task Force will continue to monitor the Covid situation and make changes as necessary.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Caroline Sigmon, Erin Ezell, Bill Scobee,
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

Happy Birthday to Mac DuBose, who celebrated his 102nd birthday on January 21, 2021