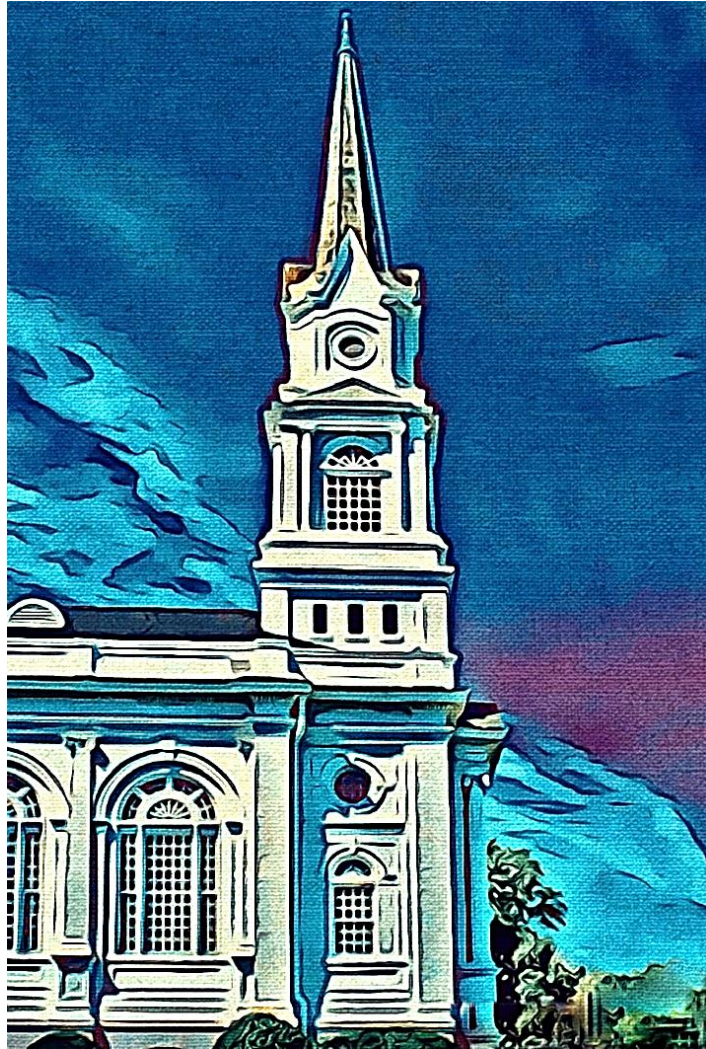


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 23, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Bachiana

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Dan Spencer

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We join with the people of all nations in thanking God for the wonders of creation.
Come and praise God!

People: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate without bounds.

People: Our God is merciful and forgiving without limit.

Leader: Our God is faithful and trustworthy, for God's truth never fails.

People: We join with all people in praising God for life and faith and hope.

Leader: With praise and thanksgiving in our hearts, we come together to worship the living God we know in Jesus Christ.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Help us to do justice for all your children. God of grace and God of glory, we thank you that the life of eternity can be ours even now. Teach us always to abide in Christ, that we may bear the fruits of love and joy through the guidance of your Spirit.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love for all creation.

People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life.

Leader: The old has gone; the new has come. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to love.

People: Thanks be to God!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kelly Hickey

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 19

Cameron Coulter

(Pew Bible, pg. 498, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:14-30

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 61, New Testament)

SERMON

"Too True to Be Good"

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

How Great Thou Art
Lauren Decker, Violin Soloist

Arr. by Gary Lanier

* 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 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

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

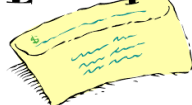
Elders: Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter
Assisting in Worship: Dan Spencer
Deacons: John Michael Osteen, Andrew McCord
Youth Liturgist: Cameron Coulter
Junior Usher: Charles McCord

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: JD Dunn, Caron DuRant
Assisting in Worship: Glenn Woodrum
Deacons: Elyn Croft, Kathy Lyons
Youth Liturgist: Anna Kate Coker
Junior Usher: Stuart Ward

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding of Maddie Varn and Jay Dailey, who were married in the sanctuary yesterday.

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.

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

Richland: Harold Gadson

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Kackie (Smith) and William DaSilva on the birth of a son, William Brooks DaSilva, Jr., born on January 9, 2022. Proud grandparents are Kay and Bob Smith.