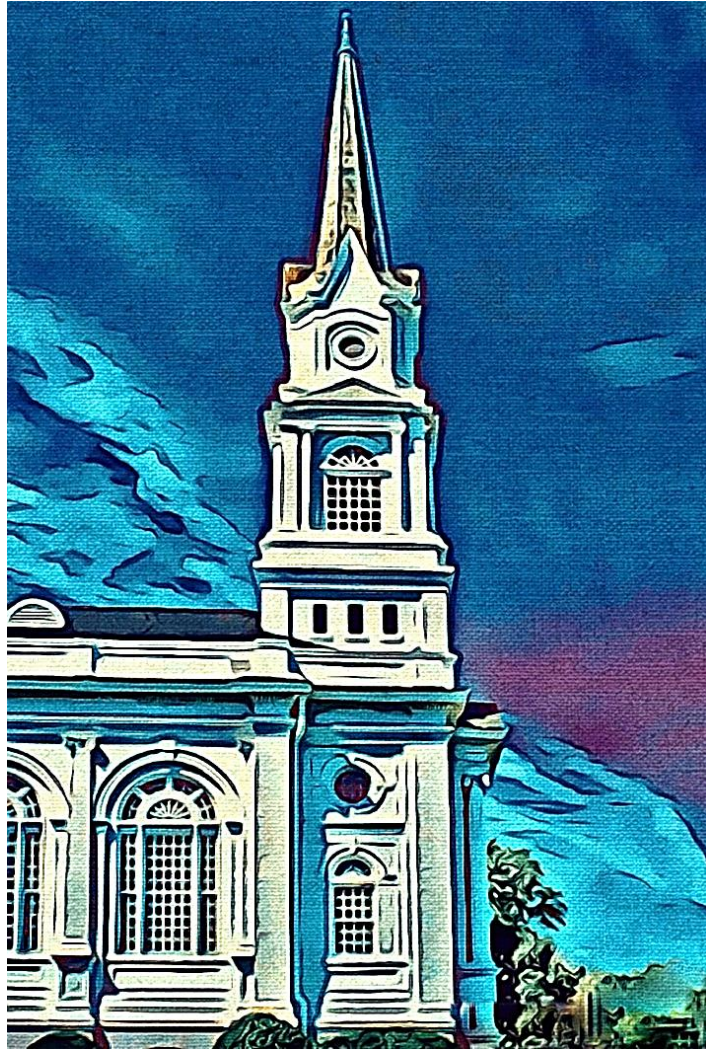


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 9, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Laudation

Gilbert M. Martin

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Linda Hogon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From the midst of our real lives with all of our concerns and problems,

People: We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and the support of one another.

Leader: As persons who love imperfectly and are loved imperfectly,

People: We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in the community of love and faith.

Leader: As persons who never fully live up to their high calling in Jesus Christ,

People: We come to be encouraged to do our best for the God who gives us life.

Leader: Let us worship, with hearts open to the love of God, with hands outstretched to one another, and with whole selves willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 375**

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us, and free us from sin. Help us to rise to new life, and live together in grace as we encourage one another in faith.

(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! In baptism we were buried with Christ. In baptism also we were raised to life with him. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Since we have been raised with Christ, we will seek the things that are above.
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 29:1-11

Anna Kate Coker

(Pew Bible, pg. 504, Old Testament)

HYMN OF PREPARATION 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

NEWS TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:15-22

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 60, New Testament)

SERMON

"Named and Claimed"

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

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

Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir with Lauren Decker, Violin

* 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 547

Go My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AR HYD Y NOS

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude

Edouard Batiste

*** 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: Dan Spencer, Kay Smith
Assisting in Worship: Linda Hogon
Deacons: Charlie White, Kimberly Land
Youth Liturgist: Anna Kate Coker
Junior Usher: Stuart Ward

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

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

This morning we welcome our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Bob Brearley. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College, the University of South Carolina, and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Bob has served as Pastor at Concord Presbyterian Church in Sumter, White Bluff Presbyterian Church in Savannah, and St. Simons Presbyterian Church in St. Simons Island, Georgia. He has also served as Interim Pastor at Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

The reception to welcome Reverend Brearley will be held at a later date.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Nativity and Children's Christmas Party for all 3K-5th grade students, originally scheduled for today, has been cancelled.

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday school for all middle and high school students will take place today from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the West Building. Youth Group will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and end at 6:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class, originally scheduled to begin today, has been postponed until February 13.

SIX-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning by O. S. Hawkins

Beginning next Sunday, January 16, Adelaide Spencer will lead a six-week Bible Study - *The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning*. This study will meet each Sunday in the Chapel from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. **If you are interested in joining this study, please contact Kelly Hickey today.** The cost for the study material is \$15. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and earmark it *The Nehemiah Study*. Childcare will be available upon request.

M&M MINISTRY (Mission Minds)

A Ministry for 1st – 5th grade

Beginning January 16, elementary students are invited to join Ms. Kelly and friends for Mission Minds. We will meet on the third Sunday of each month (January – May) engaging in outreach ministries and service projects. We will meet from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm to travel to a certain destination to complete our mission for that day. This month we will focus on a mission project for FPC.

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

Preschool and Elementary Ministry

Beginning Sunday, January 16, children, 3K – 5th grade, are encouraged to join Ms. Kelly, Ms. Jessica, and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 pm to learn more about the Bible, learn memory verses and sing in the Children's Choir. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall each week. This ministry will meet January 16 through February 20, 2022, and then again from March 20 through May 1, 2022. During March – May, the children will be working on plans to lead worship on Children's Sunday, May 8, 2022. Please be sure to mark your calendars. Should you have any questions please contact Kelly Hickey.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Suzanna Foley, Bill Scobee,
Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother), Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

This morning's rosebud is placed in celebration of the birth of Arella Rose Beaton, daughter of Alex and Mallory Beaton, who was born January 5.