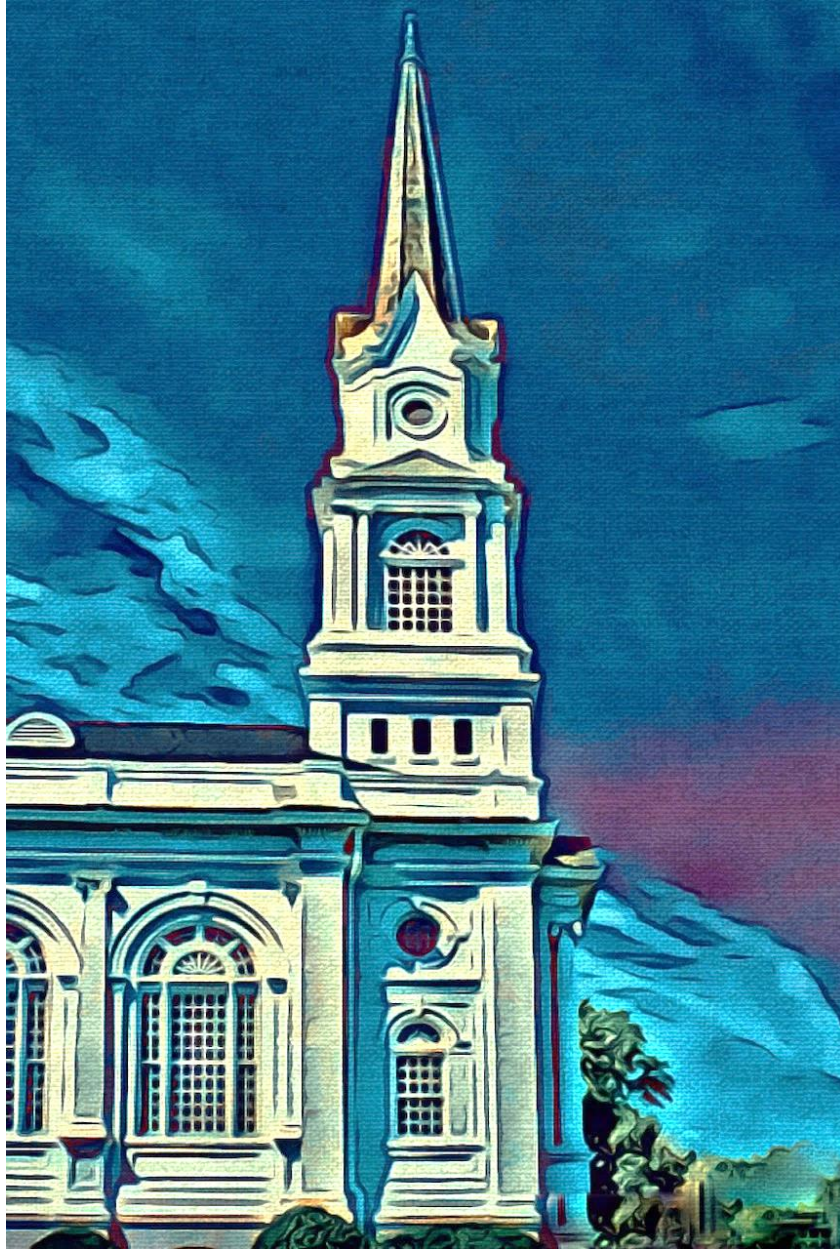


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 24, 2021

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*What a Friend We Have In Jesus*

Arr. by Howard F. Starks

**WELCOME**

Liza Cooper

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Bob Smith

**INTROIT**

*Fanfare and Reflection*

Jason W. Krug

Joy Ringers: Lauren Decker, Kayleigh Jordan, Joni Brown  
Dee Dailey, Norma Abbott, Lisa Hellams, Gus Blum

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

**People: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**

*Leader:* When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

**People: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**

*Leader:* When we stand at the edge of our failing strength and waning endurance,

**People: God says, "Do not tremble or be dismayed, the Lord your God goes with you  
wherever you go."**

**\* HYMN 41 (V. 1, 2, 5)**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

LYONS

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, you have promised to lead us to the promised land, yet we fall away when times are  
challenging. We want to remain steadfast, but our fear of the difficulties ahead cause us to run  
and hide. Forgive us, Lord, by reminding us that no matter where our journey leads us, you  
go with us wherever we go. We pray in Christ's name. Amen!**

*(Silent Reflection)*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)**

LOE DI ÍSÁ

*Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* Hear the Good News! No matter how often we fail, God is with us to forgive our  
failures and shortcomings!

**People: Comforted by God's grace, we press on to the mark of the high calling of  
Christ Jesus, our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Kelly Hickey

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 139:1-12

Madelynn Davis

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Joshua 1:1-9

Rev. Joel Long

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one

will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

**SERMON**

*"Wherever You Go"*

Rev. Joel Long

**\* 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

Offertory Anthem

*Press On*

Dan Burgess

Toby Jobe and Ann Long, Vocal Duet

**\* 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 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*O Christ, Surround Me*

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**

*Closing Allegro*

Arr. Rick Parks

**\* Please stand as you are able**



In today's sermon, Rev. Long will share his favorite verse of scripture. His message, **Wherever You Go**, will challenge us to be strong and of good courage wherever we go!

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A nursery is provided for children 2 years old and younger in the nursery on the first floor of the Educational Building.

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

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter  
Deacons: Gary Bratton, Colin Davis  
Youth Liturgist: Madelynn Davis  
Junior Usher: Millie Davis

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

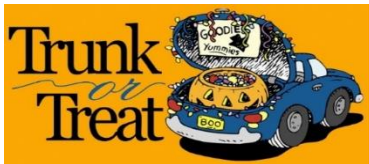
Teacher: Missy Coulter    Volunteer: Ginny Safford

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Caron DuRant, John Dunn  
Deacons: Matthew Berger, Katherine Brogdon  
Youth Liturgist: Riley Berger  
Junior Usher: Harry Berger

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teacher: Kelly Hickey    Volunteer: Liza Cooper



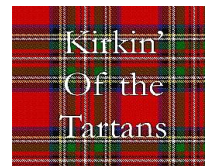
## TRUNK OR TREAT FOR FPC FAMILIES AND FPC PRESCHOOL Sunday, October 24

This year FPC will be hosting a Trunk or Treat at the West Building parking lot for FPC children and families, and our Preschool. The event will begin at 5:00 pm and end around 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to wear their costumes and bring their trick or treat bags. Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.

Youth are encouraged to help with the Trunk or Treat from 5:00-5:45 p.m. We hope youth families will decorate a trunk and join us for the festivities.

## KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS October 31, 2021

Practice for the Kirking Processional will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the hallway next to the Choir Room next Sunday, October 31.



Sumter United Ministries is in need of some winter items for their Homeless Shelter. Our church family is collecting SOCKS, GLOVES and/or WINTER HATS for men and women. Please consider donating any of these items. Please place your items in the container outside the church office by November 7.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Home:** Mike Carnes, Suzanna Foley, Bill Scobee,  
Ashley Long (Joel & Ann Long's daughter-in-law), Bill Bailey (Ashley Long's father),  
Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother),  
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

**Austin, TX:** Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)