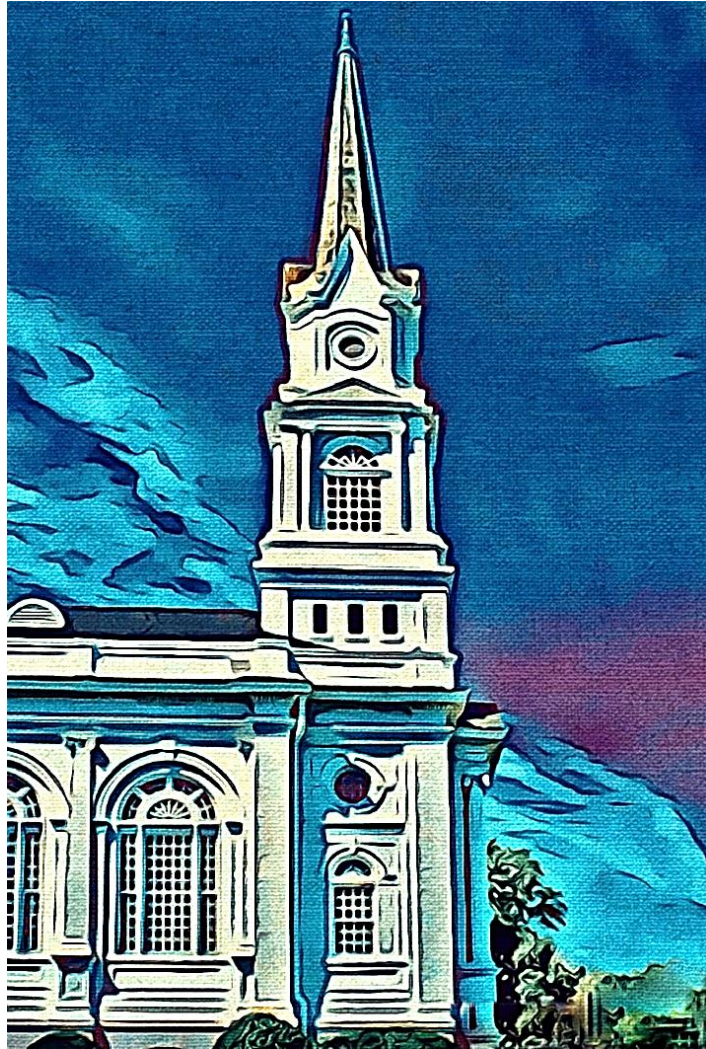


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 14, 2021

OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i>	Gordon Young
WELCOME		John Moorman
MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP		Duncan James

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

People: We have been blessed by God!

Leader: We gather together to give thanks for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

People: We have been blessed by God!

Leader: Siblings in Christ, God has given us so much. We are called to give back.

People: We are called to be good stewards; good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our money.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our efforts to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength often fall short. Our lack of trust in you hinders our ability to give ourselves completely to you. We often deny that you know what is best for us. Our mindset of meagerness keeps us from loving our neighbors as committed followers. Breathe on us your power and grace that we might be better stewards of your Lordship. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen!

(Silent Reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice) LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love – shown to us through Jesus – is greater than our shortcomings.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kelly Hickey

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 7:17-24

Cooper Hill

(Pew Bible, pg. 6, Old Testament)

*** HYMN** 721 (V. 1 and 4) *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Joel Long

(Pew Bible, pg. 39, New Testament)

SERMON

"Riding the Waves on the Steward Ship"

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 *Here I Am, Lord* Arr. by Joshua Evanovich
Lauren Decker, Violin Solo

* Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*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.*

* Offertory Prayer & Benediction

* **HYMN** 837 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

BENEDICTION

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** SHOWALTER

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Classical Postlude* Arr. by Thomas Chesterton

* **Please stand as you are able**

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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: John Moorman, Linda Hogon
Deacons: Meg Hill, Kimberly Land
Youth Liturgist: Cooper Hill
Junior Usher: Brogdon Hill

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teacher: Ashley Blum/Caron DuRant
Volunteer: Linda Hogon

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Whit Shaw, Dan Spencer
Deacons: Chris Somheil, Kathy Lyons
Youth Liturgist: Anna Kate Coker
Junior Usher: Riley Coker

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teacher: Karen Ingram
Volunteer: Janice Stavrou

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

The Faith Formation Team in partnership with the Personnel Committee is currently seeking a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. The job description is posted on FPC's website under Announcements. If you know anyone who may be interested, we would greatly appreciate you asking them to contact Kelly Hickey.



Angels are now available for pickup from the tables in the Fellowship Hall. When choosing an angel, please remember to sign the sheets provided. Wrapped gifts must be returned to the church no later than Wednesday, December 8. Please be sure to tape the angel to the top of the wrapped gift. Gift cards should be enclosed in a sealed Christmas card envelope with the angel taped to the top of the envelope. Please do NOT wrap gift cards as a present. There will be a special box in the Fellowship Hall for gift card envelopes.

NEXT SUNDAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

Please pray about your financial commitment as you bring your commitment card to worship on November 21.

2021 ANNUAL ADVENT WORKSHOP & CATERED BOXED LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 21

Immediately following worship

Today is the deadline for everyone to sign up!

If you would like to sign up, please contact Kelly Hickey.



NATIVITY STORY



It's time to sign up to be a part of this year's nativity! The Nativity will be on Sunday, December 19, during the worship service. **If your child is interested in participating, please contact Kelly Hickey by November 21.** Rehearsals will be held Sunday, November 28, December 5, and December 12 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, we will have a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 19 from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the sanctuary. This will be our final rehearsal before leading worship at 10:30 am. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Hickey.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

First Presbyterian will again decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias this year. Watch this week's Focus for order forms. All orders must be received no later than Friday, December 3. Please note that no phone orders will be accepted.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

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