

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Air* Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

All: We come today, to be reminded of God's love for us.

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

All: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

One: In this time of reflection and repentance,

All: We affirm our identity, we claim our security as children of God.

One: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* BUNNESAN

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play,
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:

All: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

One: When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:

All: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

One: When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:

All: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

One: When we are tempted to manipulate the Gospel, O God, to satisfy our own needs:

All: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. This we ask in the name of Christ. *(Silent Reflection)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice) LOE DI ÍSÁ
Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **GLORIA PATRI**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kelly Hickey

DEDICATION OF GIFT OF THE HEART KITS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 3:1-20
Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON "We're Not Built to Last" Rev. Nick Cheek

ANTHEM Arr. by Margaret Bonds

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Michelle Blassengale, Soprano Solo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN** *Take My Life* HENDON

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.*

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** HENDON

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only all for thee.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Concertino* Gordon Young

* **Please stand as you are able**

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Special thanks to Denise Lynch, guest organist, for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.



Youth will meet temporarily via Zoom on Sunday evenings.
Middle School 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Senior High 6:00-6:45 p.m.

An email is to parents each week with the Zoom link. Please contact Taylor with any questions or if you have any problems connecting to Zoom.

Valentine Treats for FPC Children & Youth (Preschool – High School)

Today, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

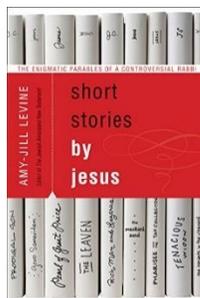
FPC children, youth and families are invited to drive under the awning at the FPC Preschool entrance to pickup Valentines treats.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 17 ~ Online Only
6:00 p.m.

Nick is offering a “Noon-Zoom” book study beginning Thursday, February 25. The study will be on the book, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Levine is a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and Department of Jewish Studies. To sign up, please email Shirley at shirley@fpcsumter.org. You can find the book on Amazon or Cokesbury. If you would like the office to order it for you, please let us know.



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Levine Cancer Hospital (Charlotte): Ceasie Myers Johnson
Home: David McInnis, Sr., David R. Brown, Bill Scobee,
Tiny Owens, Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),
Charles King (Greg King's Father)

West Chester, NY: Rhodes Danner (Pam George's Nephew)

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

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