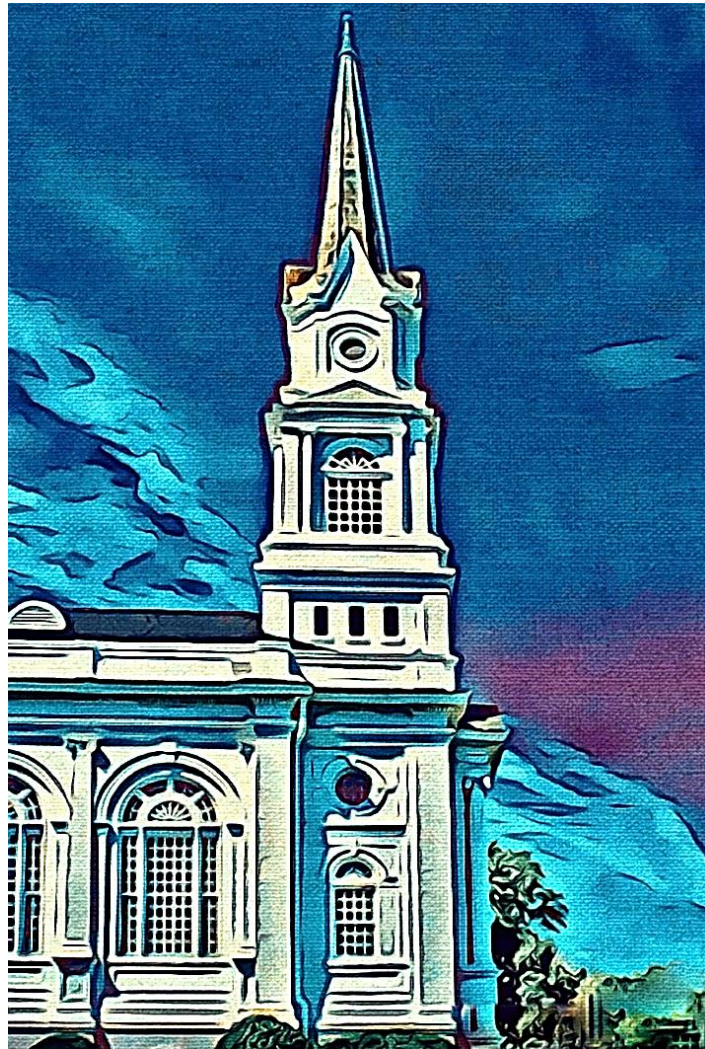


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 20, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arioso

Douglas Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Ann Geddings

*** 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 conflict and division,

People: **The Spirit invites us to love our enemies.**

Leader: Welcome to worship as God invites us to the land of beginning again.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 620**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life in Jesus Christ. We confess how difficult it is for us to live as you lived and to love as you loved. We flee for protection and safety at a moment's notice rather than praying for the courage to live the vulnerable life of our Lord. We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us. We quickly conform to the world's prejudices and fears, and we miss the life of faith you offer us. Stir up your Spirit in us, O Lord. Grant us mercy as we share our mistakes and our needs with you.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. I declare to you that by God's mercy, we are forgiven, and we are set free to love all people.

People: **We are grateful children of a compassionate God, whose Spirit enables us to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Bob Brearley

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Taylor McKinley Harvin

Daughter of Lauren and Cameron Harvin, Jr.

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

Questions to the Children of the Church

Question to the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Taylor by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church?

We do.

Profession 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Congregational Response *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 37:1-9 Grayson Alexander
(Pew Bible, pg. 510, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 6:27-38 Rev. Bob Brearley
(Pew Bible, pg. 64, New Testament)

SERMON *"The Love that Makes No Sense"* Rev. Bob Brearley

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 *Hope Lingers On* Arranged by Andrea Ramsey

Chancel Choir with Joseph Bettinger, Djembe

*I will not hate, and I will not fear,
In our darkest hour, hope lingers here.*

* 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

* **HYMN** 372 (V. 1-4) *O for a World* AZMON

BENEDICTION

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** AZMON

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Rondeau* Arr. by Rick Parks

* 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: Whit Shaw, Glenn Woodrum
Assisting in Worship: Ann Geddings
Deacons: Katherine Brogdon, Elyn Croft
Youth Liturgist: Grayson Alexander
Junior Usher: Richard Dwight

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Kay Smith, Dan Spencer
Assisting in Worship: John Moorman
Deacons: Meg Hill, Gary Bratton
Youth Liturgist: Cooper Hill
Junior Usher: Brogdon Hill

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

Preschool and Elementary Ministry

Children, 3K – 5th grade, are encouraged to join Ms. Ashley, Ms. Jessica, and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to learn more about the Bible, learn memory verses and sing in the Children's Choir. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. This ministry will meet February 13 through March 20. On Sunday, March 27, the children will sing during worship. Contact Ashley Blum with any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Sunday school for middle and high school students meets today from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the West Building. Missy Coulter and friends will be leading. Youth group will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and end at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Liza Cooper with questions.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday, February 20, through Sunday, April 24 on the third floor of the Educational Building from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Sunday will be May 1 during the 10:30 worship service. Please call Caron DuRant (803-491-8552) if you have any questions.

AUDIOVISUAL TEAM

We would like to assimilate an audiovisual team to assist Ike Jenkins in the online broad casts of our Sunday morning worship services. If you have an interest in becoming a part of this team or know of someone (all ages are welcome), please contact Shirley in the church office (803-773-3814 or shirley@fpcsumter.org) or Debby Williams (803-491-5303 or dfordwilliams@yahoo.com)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Nancy Smith, Harold Gadson, Caroline Sigmon, Bill Scobee,
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)