

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 5, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Adagio Cantabile</i>	Giuseppe Tartini
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME		Ann Geddings
MINUTE FOR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING		Sumter Cooper
* CALL TO WORSHIP		
<i>Leader:</i> Listen! God's voice calls to us.		
People: We hear God calling.		
<i>Leader:</i> Look! God will provide for us.		
People: We see God working in our midst.		
<i>Leader:</i> Come! God leads us to the places we need to go.		
People: We welcome the Spirit's direction in our lives.		
* HYMN OF PRAISE 65	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
All-loving God, we are short-sighted, valuing appearances, shallow in our judgments, selective in our neighborliness.		
All-merciful God, forgive and free us, for we long to see with your eyes, to know ourselves and our neighbors through the eyes of love. O Lord, hear our prayers.		
	<i>(Silent Reflection)</i>	
In the name of Christ who sees, who loves, who forgives us all, we pray. Amen.		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
<i>Leader:</i> Despite the wrong choices we make, God forgives our human weakness!		
People: In God's grace our sinfulness is forgiven, and our lives restored!		
* GLORIA PATRI		
* PASSING OF THE PEACE		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	Rev. Joel Long
	<i>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.</i>	
MUSIC FOR WORSHIP	<i>Press On</i> Ann and Joel Long, Duet	Dan Burgess
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Matthew 7:24-27 (Pew Bible, pg. 7, New Testament)	Sumter Cooper
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Pew Bible, pg. 259, Old Testament)	Rev. Joel Long
SERMON	<i>"A Jesse's House In Your Future"</i>	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.

*** HYMN 300**

We Are One In The Spirit

Peter Scholtes

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

Offertory Anthem

What Shall I Bring to the Lord?

Robert Lau

Chancel Choir

*** 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 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 314**

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise the Lord

César Franck

*** Please stand as you are able**

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We welcome Rev. Joel Long to our pulpit this morning. He served as our Bridge Interim from August-December 2021. Joel is currently serving as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care/Staff Resource for Deacons at Trinity Presbyterian, Surfside Beach, SC. He sings baritone in the chancel choir and teaches a weekly Bible class in the Disciple Bible series. Ann continues to serve as Trinity's Church Accompanist.

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 plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Ann Geddings, Linda Hogon
Assisting with Worship: Ann Geddings
Deacons: Jim Alexander, Debbie Jackson
Youth Liturgist: Sumter Cooper
Junior Ushers: Charlie Thames, Colton Thames

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: John Jackson, John James
Assisting with Worship: John James
Deacons: Valerie James, Kathy Lyons
Youth Liturgist: Edmunds DuBose
Junior Ushers: Connor Thames, Charlie Thames

HELP US WELCOME REV. JOHN McCALL

February 12, 2023

First Presbyterian is kicking off our 200th Anniversary celebration in grand style! Next Sunday, we welcome special guest, Rev. John McCall, our missionary in Taiwan and a dear friend of our pastor. John will have breakfast with our youth at 9:00 a.m. and then preach the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Please join us after worship for lunch with a mission presentation from Rev. McCall. It's important to make a reservation for the lunch so we know how much food to prepare. Sign up sheets are on the Welcome Desk or on tables outside the sanctuary or you can call or text Debbie Jackson (803-775-4814) by Sunday, February 5.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 12, 2023

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this mission, First Presbyterian Church Sumter continues to make a positive difference in this world. Monetary donations can be sent to the church office earmarked "Souper Bowl of Caring." Donations can also be placed in soup pots following worship on Souper Bowl Sunday. Monetary donations will go to our Backpack Blessings Ministry and any inkind food donations will stock the pantry at Christian Charities.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 19, 2023 for the purpose of electing a seven member Pastor Nominating Committee. Nominees will be: Jessica Bettinger, Dee Dailey (Mrs.), Chuck Fienning, Karen Ingram, John Jackson, Kimberly Land, and Jack Osteen.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS BEING RECEIVED

Recommendations for the office of Elder and Deacon are now being received from the congregation by the Congregational Nominating Committee. Forms can be found on tables as you leave the Sanctuary or on the Welcome Desk outside the Church Office. The deadline to receive recommendations is **Sunday, February 19**. Please return the form to the church office or a member of the Nominating Committee: Liza Cooper, Chuck Fienning, Gloria Coker, Billy Coulter, J.D. Dunn, Kathy Lyons, or Kay Smith.

ONLINE GIVING



Online giving can be accessed from the FPC website, fpcsumter.org (press the red "Give" button), also from your mobile device (text FPCS to 73256). Follow the online instructions. You can also give online by using the QR code and your smartphone. Just hover over the QR code with the camera or scanner on your smartphone or tablet and click on the link that appears.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott), Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Priscilla Dickey, who died January 31.