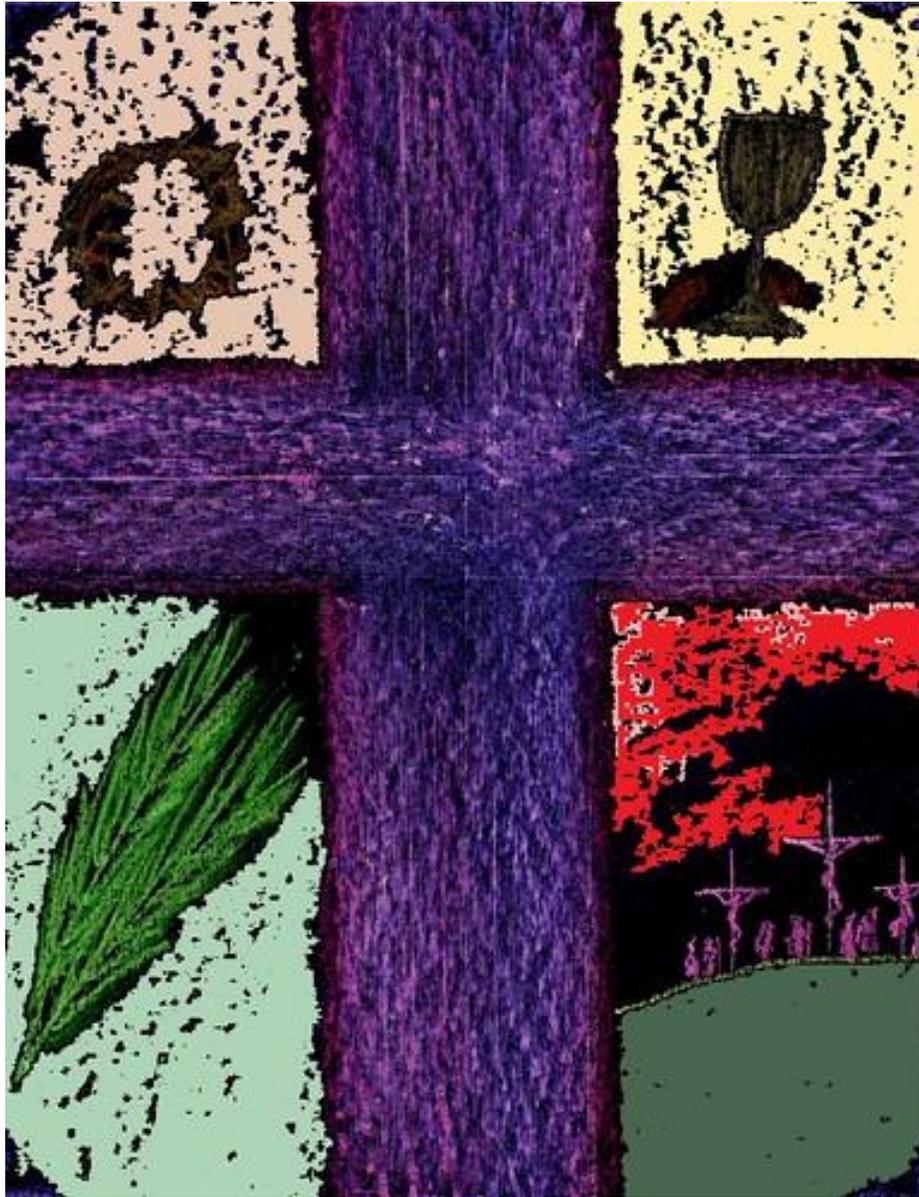


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 6, 2022**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Contemplation*

W. A. Mozart

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME**

John Moorman

**MINUTE FOR GIRL SCOUTS**

Robin Thames

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* The season of Lent sets us on a journey of faith.

**People:** **The journey begins in the wilderness with our Lord.**

*Leader:* We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**People:** **Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us,  
and God's word is on our lips.**

*Leader:* Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**People:** **We praise the God who finds us in all our desert places.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 415**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and he was tempted as we are but did not sin. Forgive us our sins and be with us in our struggles as we seek to be faithful to our callings in Jesus Christ. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit. Even as you know our mistakes and failures, may we know your cleansing mercy and your power to save. Renew us in our journey. Hear us now as we draw near to you in prayer.**

*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. We journey as a forgiven people.

**People:** **Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. Thanks be to God!**

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Bob Brearley

*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.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 86:1-12

Madelynn Davis

*(Pew Bible, pg. 544, Old Testament)*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Bob Brearley

*(Pew Bible, pg. 61, New Testament)*

**SERMON**

*"Sorely Tempted"*

Rev. Bob Brearley

**\* 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.**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER** (Remain seated) (Sing twice)

SHEPHERD ME

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

**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 Wondrous Love Is This*

Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir with Barbara Rearden, Flute

\* Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Offertory Prayer

\* **HYMN** 166 (V. 1-3) *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

**BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

ST. FLAVIAN

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Blessing and Honor*

Carl Simone

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

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If you would like to make a contribution to help with the emergency response to Ukraine, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church, and note "Ukraine" in the memo line.

**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. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

Elders: John Moorman, Liza Cooper  
Assisting in Worship: John Moorman  
Deacons: Colin Davis, Taylor Geddings  
Youth Liturgist: Madelynn Davis  
Junior Usher: Millie Davis

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

Elders: Missy Coulter, JD Dunn  
Assisting in Worship: Missy Coulter  
Deacons: Macaulay Smith, Kathy Lyons  
Youth Liturgist: Bee Smith  
Junior Usher: Murrell Smith



Lenten devotion books are available on the tables as you leave the Sanctuary this morning. They are also available outside the church office.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for next Sunday, March 13, 2022, during the worship service for the purpose of electing an Officer Nominating Committee. Nominees will include the following: Missy Coulter (Elder), Liza Cooper (Elder), Jim Alexander (Deacon), Linn Richardson (Presbyterian Women), Scott Williams (Presbyterian Men), Wilson Frerichs (Youth). Two at-large members are to be nominated by the congregation. If anyone has a member they would like to nominate, the nominee must understand the duties and responsibilities of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and have previously agreed to serve if elected. Names of at-large nominees can be forwarded to Missy Coulter ([coultervm@aol.com](mailto:coultervm@aol.com)) before the meeting on March 13.

In addition, the Session has approved asking the congregation at that meeting to vote on the following:

1. That each class of the Diaconate be composed of five (5) Deacons, a change from seven (7) Deacons presently;
2. That the Congregational Nominating Committee nominate four (4) at-large church members, including a youth, to be elected to next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. (The Session will elect two Elders, and the Diaconate will elect one Deacon to complete the committee.)

## ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

Children, 3K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, meet Sundays through March 20, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Sunday school for middle and high school students meets Sundays from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the West Building. Youth group begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and ends at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Liza Cooper with questions.

### *The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning*

Adult Bible Study

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel



*The Women's Afternoon Music Club presents*

*An Afternoon of Sacred Music*

*Experience a liturgical year of music!*

*Sunday, March 13, 2022*

*3:00 p.m.*

*FPC Sanctuary*

## UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES

After studying CDC updated guidelines and our local Covid 19 levels, the Reopening Task Force of our church recommends that we now make wearing masks optional, provide masks and hand sanitizer at all door entrances, and resume passing offering plates and celebrating traditional communion during worship. Individual communion packets will still be available to all who wish to use them instead. Please use masks, sanitizers, and distancing at your discretion to make all feel safe and welcome. Thank you.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

### AUDIOVISUAL TEAM

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



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**National Healthcare:** Jennie Linn Duffie

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