

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 16, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Air

G. F. Handel

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Glenn Woodrum

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Gus Blum and Bill Richardson

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to God a new song.

People: For God has done marvelous things.

Leader: For now is Christ risen from the dead!

People: Make a joyful noise unto God all the earth.

Leader: Break forth into joyous song and praise.

People: Nothing in all creation can separate us from
the love of God in Jesus our risen Lord.

Leader: Yes, indeed. Sing to God a new song!

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 248**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that sometimes we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn in this world of suffering. We seek our safety and security with the resources of our lives, but at times we fail to respond to the cries of those in need. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and to make us new. Your presence, O Lord, encourages us to be vulnerable to others and to know the joy of life in Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers as we come near to you.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news of Easter is still ringing in our ears. God has raised Jesus from the dead, authenticating his love for all people and redeeming us from sin. In Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus. Dying, you destroyed death, and rising, you restored life. Thanks be to God now and forever more. Amen.

*** 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

Jesus Loves Me!

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 16:5-11
(Pew Bible, pg. 496, Old Testament)

Caroline Moorman

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 20:19-23
(Pew Bible, pg. 115, New Testament)

Rev. Bob Brearley

SERMON

"Scared, Scarred, Sacred"

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.

*** HYMN 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

The Gift of Love

Daniel Kallman

Sean Hackett, Alto Saxophone Soloist

*** Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** Offertory Prayer**

*** HYMN 246 (V. 1 & 2)**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 246 (V.5)**

TRURO

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring,
With justice, love and praise.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

*** Please stand as you are able**

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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 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: Glenn Woodrum, Debby Williams
 Assisting with Worship: Glenn Woodrum
 Deacons: Matthew Berger, Debbie Jackson
 Youth Liturgist: Caroline Moorman
 Junior Ushers: Millie Davis, Mary Taylor Moorman

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Gus Blum, Liza Cooper
 Assisting with Worship: Gus Blum
 Deacons: Lark Haynie, Harold Nixon
 Youth Liturgist: Sumter Cooper
 Junior Ushers: Lucas DuBose, Ligon Ferguson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for this morning, for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons, and a Trustee to the Class of 2026, and at-large members of next year’s Congregational Nominating Committee.

Nominees for Elder: Jim Alexander, Margy Carpenter, Kimberly Land, Becky Owens, Bob Smith

Nominees for Deacon: Mike Blanding, J.D. Dunn, Jimmy Ezell, Kenny Jordan, Joe McElveen

Nominee for Trustee: William Croft

Nominees for At-large Members to the 2024 Congregational Nominating Committee: Fred Brogdon, Jr., Ann Geddings, Jim McQuage, and Scott Williams.

HOLY COW! NOW IS THE TIME!!

Holy Cow! Please don’t forget to complete the congregational survey that was emailed to you. If you didn’t receive it, please call the office (803-773-3814) and we will get you a copy! You can also use 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. This will help our Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue their journey for our next installed pastor!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

Dr. Nicolas Yoda, who served First Presbyterian Church from 1998 to 2003 as an Associate Pastor for Youth, will be with us to preach on Sunday, April 23rd. He is the Pastor of Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. You will have an opportunity to visit with him in the Fellowship Hall at the Presbyterian Women Birthday covered dish luncheon following the church service.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

A South Carolina Historical Marker commemorating our church and its 200-year history will be unveiled on Sunday, April 30, in a Dedication Ceremony on the lawn at the corner of W. Calhoun and Main. Join us for a gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for Coffee Time and a presentation of the Application and Approval Process to the South Carolina Preservation Office prior to the unveiling at 10:00. A portion of W. Calhoun St. will be blocked to traffic to allow for chairs to be set up nearby. Access to the Handicapped Parking lot will remain open.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

On May 7th Mark Champagne, Director of Sumter United Ministries, will be our Guest Preacher and also share an update on several projects underway in the Sumter Community. Following church, you are invited to join us for a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall and view a display to learn about ways to participate in Local Missions.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

McLeod (Florence): Patti Croft
National Healthcare: Wanda Casker
Home: Jackie Osteen, Norma Abbott,
 Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott)