

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 18, 2021

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Air*

G. F. Handel

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*One:* Come to worship the One who heals us,  
**All:** **who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.**  
*One:* Come to worship the One who frees us,  
**All:** **who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.**  
*One:* Come to worship the one who calls us,  
**All:** **who offers us life and showers us with grace.**  
*One:* Let us worship God

**\* HYMN**

*The Strife is O'er*

VICTORY

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger, the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need. Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories that we forget the truth of the Easter story. Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act, quick to speak and slow to listen, quick to fear and slow to care. Break into our lives, God of surprises, and grant us the faith to recognize you. *(Silent Reflection)*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Sing Twice)

SHEPHERD ME 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

*Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to join  
Ms. Kelly for Children in Worship.  
Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

John 21:1-14  
Luke 24:13-35

Riley Berger

**SERMON**

*"Christ in the Everyday"*

Rev. Nick Cheek

**ANTHEM**

*In Christ Alone*  
Alex Beaton, Tenor Soloist

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\* HYMN**

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory: great things he has done!*

*Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,*

*And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;*

*But purer and higher and greater will be*

*Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain.*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,*

*And give him the glory: great things he has done!*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Allegro Maestoso*

G. F. Handel

**\* 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.

A nursery is provided for children 2 years old and younger in Room 309 on the third floor of the Educational Building.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Joseph S. Williams, by his wife, Kay, and family.

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group meets in person on Sundays:  
Middle School 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Senior High 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

## “ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS”

### A Preschool and Elementary Ministry

We will meet April 18 and 25 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for this morning, for the purpose of presenting the terms of dissolution between Rev. Nick Cheek and First Presbyterian Church for approval and vote.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For FPC Children and Grandchildren  
Monday, June 21 – Thursday, June 24  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Online registration will opens today! Be sure to check out FPC’s Children’s Facebook Page or the FPC website for the registration link.

*You are invited to a  
Reception to Honor  
The Ministry  
of  
Rev. Nick Cheek  
April 25, 2021  
Immediately following worship.*

The congregation is encouraged to send notes and cards of thanks to Nick. Please mail them to First Presbyterian Church or drop them by the church office by April 23. They will be presented to Nick at his reception.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Tuomey:** Richard Mey

**Sumter Health & Rehab:** Tom Tindal (John Tindal’s Brother)

**Home:** Darryl Peyton, Kathy Lyons, Emmett Anglin, David R. Brown, Marilyn Jenkins, Bill Scobee, Tiny Owens, Serena Davell (Marie Mills’ Sister), Charles King (Greg King’s Father), Robert Stage II (son of Marta Stage), Angela Bouknecht (Mallory Beaton’s Mother)

**Austin, TX:** Robert Cain (George Cain’s Father)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Courtney and James DuRant on the birth of a daughter, Jordan Mack DuRant, born April 10. Proud big brother is Jack and proud grandparents are Caron and Jimmy DuRant.