

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 23, 2023

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Quasi Allegretto

Ludwig van Beethoven

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Gus Blum

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to God a new song.

People: For God has done marvelous things.

Leader: Because God's steadfast love is for the whole world in Jesus Christ,

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Leader: Break forth into joyous song and praises,

People: For God will rule the earth with justice and mercy. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus, your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family, take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love, and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth. Bless your church in faithful ministry and equip us by your Holy Spirit to go forth in love. Forgive our brokenness and our sin so that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne.

(Silent Reflection)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May God's peace dwell in your hearts. God gives us faith, gives us hope, and gives us new life. God's boundless mercy renews our souls.

People: We are grateful children committed to being the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Martha Kathryn Price
Daughter of Kate and Nick Price

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 Martha Kathryn by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of the 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 486 *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.*

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:1-8 Sumter Cooper
(Pew Bible, pg. 161, New Testament)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 16:8 Dr. Nicholas Yoda
(Pew Bible, pg. 12, Old Testament)

SERMON "Lest We Forget . . ." Dr. Nicholas Yoda

* **HYMN** 468 *In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)* LORD, BE GLORIFIED

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 *To God Sing Praises* Dietrich Buxtehude
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** 463 (V. 1, 2, and 5) *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION Dr. Nicholas Yoda

* **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 *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

* Please stand as you are able

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.

We welcome Dr. Nicholas Yoda to our pulpit this morning. He served First Presbyterian Church from 1998 to 2003 as our Associate Pastor for Youth. He is the Pastor of Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. You will have an opportunity to visit with him in the Chancel after worship and in the Fellowship Hall at the congregational covered dish luncheon, which celebrates the Presbyterian Women Birthday.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Les Carpenter by his family.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: John James, Bonnie Disney
Assisting with Worship: John James
Deacons: Colin Davis, John Michael Osteen
Youth Liturgist: Cameron Coulter
Junior Ushers: Murrell Smith, Richard Dwight

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 30

A South Carolina Historical Marker commemorating our church and its 200-year history will be unveiled next 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. West Calhoun Street will be blocked off to traffic between Washington Street and Main Street, beginning at 9:15 a.m., and seating will be available near the marker. Church members who need access to handicapped parking spaces from West Calhoun will be admitted by an officer on duty. Others are encouraged to park in the large parking lot across from the Post Office.

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

Sumter Grove Senior Living: Tom & Wanda Casker

Home: Jackie Osteen, Norma Abbott, Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Suzanna Foley, who died April 17, 2023.