

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 24, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Air*

G. F. Handel

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Liza Cooper

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Leader:* We have not seen the risen Christ,

**People:** but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

*Leader:* We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**People:** but we have seen him in the faces of everyone who encourages us with love.

*Leader:* We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**People:** but we have been called to bring healing to those scarred by the sufferings of this world.

*Leader:* As Easter people, we lift our voices in praise of the risen Christ!

**\* HYMN 35**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us because, like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us that we are so easily given to despair. Forgive us that we take too much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service. We pray that you would heal us at all our broken places. We offer our prayers to you.

*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People:** Glory be to God in the church and in the world for ever and ever. 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**

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 150

Jennings Frerichs

(Pew Bible, pg. 583, Old Testament)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 20:19-31

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 115, New Testament)

**SERMON**

*"The Designated Doubter"*

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

*Embrace the Cross*  
John Michael Osteen, Soloist

Arranged by Bill Wolaver

\* 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 817

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 543

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me: O Christ, surround me.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Allegro Maestoso*

G. F. Handel

\* Please stand as you are able

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Lisa and Gary Bratton.

## 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: Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter  
Assisting in Worship: Liza Cooper  
Deacons: Taylor Geddings, Gary Bratton  
Youth Liturgist: Jennings Frerichs  
Junior Usher: Ligon Ferguson

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Caron DuRant, Kay Smith  
Assisting in Worship: Kay Smith  
Deacons: Meg Hill, Kimberly Land  
Youth Liturgist: John Land  
Junior Usher: Adelaide McElveen



### “LISTENING SESSIONS”

Reverend Brearley will be hosting “Listening Sessions” in the Fellowship Hall to give everyone an opportunity to ask questions or to share your thoughts and hopes for our church. Please come to one or more. He is also available at many other times to visit with you in the church office or in your homes. The Listening Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Sunday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m.

### CONGREGATIONAL COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

**Sponsored by Presbyterian Women**  
**Sunday, May 15. in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Immediately following morning Worship**

Everyone is invited to celebrate our return to church fellowship with a special Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, May 15, immediately following worship. Come, enjoy this time of fellowship! Please bring a covered dish to share. Fried chicken and dessert will be provided.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Prisma Tuomey:** Julian Moore

**McLeod (Florence):** Joel Long

Joel and Ann Long's Address: 6001 S. Kings Highway, Unit 262, Surfside Beach, SC 29575)

**Covenant Place:** Jennie Linn Duffie

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

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Linda Sublette on the death of her father, Dale Garrison, who died April 19.