

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 1, 2022

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Lani Smith

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME**

Kay Smith

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

**People:** **By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

*Leader:* O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**People:** **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader:* Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!

**\* HYMN 826**

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, throughout our lives you have been calling us to love and serve you, yet we are often slow to respond to that call. Our senses are so dull that sometimes we fail to see you at work in our lives. Yet you patiently wait for us to recognize your presence in our midst. You are the One who offers us the gift of new life again and again. Forgive us for closing our lives from you and from one another. We are fearful when we could be faithful. Renew in us the courage and resolve to follow you. Prompt us to serve your good purposes in this broken and hurting world. We bring to you our needs in prayer this morning.**

*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, And by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Friends, believe the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus. Dying you destroyed death, and rising you restored life. 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 30

Sumter Cooper

*(Pew Bible, pg. 505, Old Testament)*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 21:1-14

Rev. Bob Brearley

*(Pew Bible, pg. 115, New Testament)*

**SERMON**

*"The Last Breakfast"*

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.**

## 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.**

## SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation

Madelynn Olivia Davis  
Edmunds Mayes DuBose  
William Cooper Hill, Jr.  
John Calhoun Land V  
Caroline Hope Moorman

Mary Brown Smith  
Elizabeth Raine Stutz  
Anne McCrea Williams  
Campbell Liles Williams

Questions to the Confirmands / Sacrament of Baptism for Madelynn Olivia Davis

\* Congregational Vows:

Do we as members of Christ's church promise to guide and nurture these newest members of our church?

**We do.**

By word and deed, with love and prayer, will you encourage each of them to know and follow Christ?

**We will.**

With an open mind and heart, will you hear their voices, ideas, beliefs and hopes for the church?

**We will.**

With a desire to witness the church grow and change, will you partner with them as leaders not only of tomorrow, but of today?

**We will.**

Confirmation Prayers

Welcome and Presentation of Gifts

Caron and Jimmy DuRant, Gary and Lisa Bratton

\* **COMMUNION HYMN** 515 (V. 1-3) *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

*I Will Rejoice*

G. P. Telemann

Chancel Choir with Lauren Decker, Violin

\* 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** 543 (V. 1-4) *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 543

GREEN TYLER

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Mary Ellen Kerrick

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

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 2022 Confirmation Class, its teachers, and its mentors by the Fred E. Brogdon, Jr. family.

## 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: Caron DuRant, Kay Smith  
Assisting in Worship: Kay Smith  
Deacons: Meg Hill, Kimberly Land  
Youth Liturgist: Sumter Cooper  
Junior Usher: Brogdon Hill

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Ann Geddings, Linda Hogon  
Assisting in Worship: Ann Geddings  
Deacons: Matthew Berger, Kathy Lyons  
Youth Liturgist: Cooper Hill  
Junior Ushers: Adelaide McElveen, Connor Thames



### “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

**Covenant Place:** Jennie Linn Duffie

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