

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 16, 2021
Baccalaureate and Youth Sunday

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Suite No. 1 in G Major
Kathryn Blanding, Cello Soloist

J. S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Taylor Geddings

*** PROCESSIONAL**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hayden Lyons

One: Open our ears

All: **To hear your word.**

One: Open our eyes

All: **To see your presence.**

One: Open our arms

All: **To the embrace of community.**

One: Open our minds

All: **To the beauty of truth.**

One: Open our hearts

All: **To the joy of new life.**

*** HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cameron Coulter

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open a future to us in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Cooper Hill

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Anna Kate Coker

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Madison White and Abigail Peyton

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to go to Children in Worship.

Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Riley Berger

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Timothy 4:11-16
John 17:6-19

Ellie Stutz
Madelynn Davis

SERMON Gracyn Coker, Kathryn Blanding, Andrew Bratton, William Coulter, Owings Holler

ANTHEM *Ashokan Farwell* Arr. by Erik Hines
Madison White and Ansley Blanding, Violin, Kathryn Blanding, Cello

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed Caroline Moorman
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 Ansley Blanding

RECOGNITION & BLESSING OF 2021 GRADUATES Taylor Geddings & Katherine Brogdon

Sarah Elizabeth Alexander	Rebecca Edens Cromer
Kathryn Kennedy Blanding	Owings Elizabeth Holler
Andrew Thomas Bratton	Isabella Ricci Land
Claude Victor Brown, IV	Mary Ellis Luebbert
Gracyn McCabe Coker	Luxey Anne Peyton
William Neal Coulter, Jr.	Sandra Ndambombi Pungong

Congregation: We offer you this blanket as a symbol of the continuing embrace of your parents, the unwavering care and support of this congregation, and the steadfast love of Christ. You will always have a place to call home right here at First Presbyterian Church.

* **HYMN** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

* **BENEDICTION** Taylor Geddings

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Arr. by David Winkler

* **All who are able, please stand.**

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Special thanks to Denise Lynch, guest organist, for sharing her musical talents with us today.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Crucifer: Nicholas White
Beadle: Brian Frerichs

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 23, for the purpose of electing officers to the class of 2023.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Be sure to check out FPC's Children's Facebook Page or
the FPC website for the registration link.



CAMP

July 19-22, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rising 3rd grade-8th grade

Cost: \$50.

Registration deadline is June 19, 2021

Registration is now open. Please look on FPC's website (www.fpcsumter.org) for the registration form or stop by the church office.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lake Marion Nursing Home (Summerton): Richard Mey

Home: David R. Brown, Bill Scobee, Tiny Owens,

Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister), Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother),

Charles King (Greg King's Father), Robert Stage II (son of Marta Stage),

Beth Byce, (Sibbie McFaddin's Daughter), Angela Bouknecht (Mallory Beaton's Mother)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Dot Spencer, who died May 8.