

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 9, 2021

OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Melody in E Flat</i>	P. I. Tchaikovsky
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		Children of the Church
WELCOME		Elder John Moorman
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Mother's Day Offering	Susan Price
INTROIT	<i>Sing to God with Joy and Gladness</i>	John L. Bell

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ is calling you as disciples.
All: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.
One: You will be led into fields of mission and service.
All: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.
One: Listen for Christ's call to you.
All: We are ready to serve the Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command and we do not obey; you bless us, but we do not thank you.
All: Please forgive and help us.
One: Lord you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.
All: Please forgive and help us.
One: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
All: Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(Silent Reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice) 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 2nd grade are invited to join Ms. Kelly for Children in Worship.
Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 31:10-31

SERMON "Mother Nurture" Elder Chuck Fienning

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* K. Lee Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder John Moorman

*** HYMN**

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

HYFRYDOL

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

HYFRYDOL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on Beecher

Arr. by Julia Morgan

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

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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 memory and in honor of the mothers of First Presbyterian Church by Chuck and Sue Fienning.

We welcome Elder Chuck Fienning to our pulpit this morning.

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

**YOUTH SUNDAY AND BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 16**

Come hear how the Lord is working in our Youth group and celebrate our graduating Seniors.

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Our graduating seniors will bring you a sermon on how this church has prepared them to go out into the world and show God's love to others. There will also be a receiving line and reception to honor our graduating seniors at the West Building immediately following the service.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FPC assists First Baptist Missionary Church with their food pantry. Volunteers are now needed once a month to cover two 3-hour shifts. The first shift is 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to bag the food. The second shift is 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to hand out the food. Please contact Steve Creech (stevecreech@crwins.com or text 803-983-5288).



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.



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: Emmett Anglin, 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 . . .

. . . Max Goodson on the death of his mother and Gloria Coker on the death of her stepsister, Stella Weeks Goodson, who died April 30;

. . . Carol Reese on the death of her niece, Pamela Marie Wilder, who died April 22.