

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 13, 2021

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Robert Powell
Rustington

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Liza Cooper

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come give thanks to our God. Come sing praise to the Holy name.

People: **With joy and harmony, we sing God's praise.
We proclaim God's steadfast love and declare it to all who will hear.**

Leader: God's works are glorious and we are filled with wonder.

People: **With joy and harmony, we sing God's praise.
We proclaim God's steadfast love and declare it to all who will hear.**

All: **Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let all who hear: Praise the Lord!**

*** HYMN 804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

*Rejoice ye pure in Heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)*

(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

*With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the study hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. (Refrain)*

*Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: (Refrain)*

*At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest,
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)*

*Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Introspection reveals our limitations and our transgressions. We fail to recognize the state of grace in which we live. It is through your great mercy and abounding love that we are sustained O Lord. We are quick to anger and frustrated by our shortcomings. Your patience and understanding are our salvation. Uncertainty plagues us and corruption surrounds us. Your steadfast presence and unwavering justice gives us strength. Lord forgive us and wash us in the light of your love. *(Silent Reflection)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! We are the blessed children of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's goodness and mercy restore us and gives us the opportunity to walk the path God lays before us. God gives us strength to face the challenges and courage to shine glory into the world.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kelly Hickey

*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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 20

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 4:26-34

SERMON "I am confused . . ." Rev. Mary McCutchen Ramirez

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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

* **HYMN** 817 (V. 1-3) *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on you where you are near and seek where you are found.*

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** DUNLAP'S CREEK

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Earth and All Stars* Setting by Robert Powell

* **Please stand as you are able**

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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.

We welcome Rev. Mary McCutchen Ramirez to our pulpit this morning. She grew up in Manning and is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary. She has served as a tent maker pastor for over 20 years. She works for the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

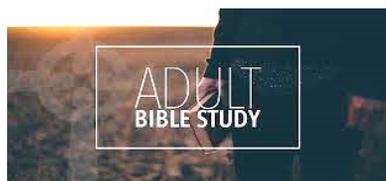
It won't be long before we travel the Rocky Railway to learn how Jesus' power pulls us through. Please contact Kelly Hickey for more information.

MUSIC AND ARTS 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

We are excited about this year's Music and Arts Camp. Since we are still following COVID guidelines, current plans include meeting Monday – Thursday with everyone bringing their own bag lunch. The church will provide drinks and snacks. This year children will be performing the drama Mission Impossible: Sharing the Gospel by Our Love. Registration is open. Please look on FPC's website (www.fpcsumter.org) for the registration form or stop by the church office. **We also hope you will consider volunteering to help make this week a success.** Teamwork makes dream work. For more information, please contact Kelly Hickey.



This summer an adult Bible study is held each Tuesday in the Chapel from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. We will be studying *The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning* by O. S. Hawkins. This study is based on the *Book of Nehemiah*. Nehemiah was a high official in the Persian court whose heart burned with passion for rebuilding Jerusalem.

Nehemiah's message to us across the centuries is plain and powerful. We hope you will come and join us!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Bill Scobee, Tiny Owens, Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister), Charles King (Greg King's Father), Robert Stage II (son of Marta Stage), Jeffery Pepper (grandson of Marta Stage), Beth Byce (Sibbie McFaddin's daughter), Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother)

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of David R. Brown, who died June 3.