

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 4, 2021

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Samuel Ward

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Dee Dailey

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Gracious and loving God,

People: we long to be truly free.

Leader: During this time of worship,

People: help us to grasp the freedom that comes from seeing you more clearly,
loving you more dearly and following you more nearly.

Leader: Day by day,

People: give us strength and courage to follow you and be your people in this time,
in this place, in this community and in the world. Amen.

*** HYMN 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before you as confessing Christians, people who believe in Jesus Christ and follow His teachings, but far too often we miss the mark. We tend to live in fear, instead of trusting you. We become self-centered instead of God-centered. We want what we want, instead of thinking of others. We fail to recognize your truth. Lord, please forgive us as we fall short of who you created us to be. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. *(Silent Reflection)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Robin Thames

*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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:31-32

SERMON

"The Truth Will Set You Free"

Kelly Hickey

*** 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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Be Still My Soul
Emmett Anglin, Recorder

FINLANDIA

* 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** 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

SANDON

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 543

O Christ, Surround Me

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

Postlude on "My Country Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

* **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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Dee Dailey, Whit Shaw

Deacons: Colin Davis, Charlie White

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Dan Spencer, Kay Smith

Deacons: Meg Hill, Andrew McCord



There is still time to join this summer's adult Bible study, held each Tuesday in the Chapel from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. We are 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 join us!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING RECEIVED

Applications for the Baker and West Scholarships are being received. These scholarships are awarded to members of our church entering college this fall. The application deadline is noon on Friday, July 9. For more information, please contact Bob Smith at 803-316-2299.



GEAR UP FOR LEARNING



Sumter United Ministries has asked for our help with Gear Up For Learning. This is where First Presbyterian Church has volunteered, before Covid, to collect *college ruled spiral notebooks* for donation to Sumter School District. Presbyterian Women would like to encourage you to please donate these notebooks by August 2. You may leave them in the Fellowship Hall. We will be distributing them in August. Thank you so much for helping gather these school supplies for Sumter children.

Help us collect 1800 college ruled spiral notebooks!

Youth group will meet on Wednesdays, July 7, 21 and 28
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the West Building

High School Montreat
July 11-17

July 27 ~ Middle School Fun Day
July 29 ~ High School Fun Day
Watch the Focus for more info!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

MUSC: Suzanna Foley

Home: Carol Reese, Bill Scobee, Tiny Owens, Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister), 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)