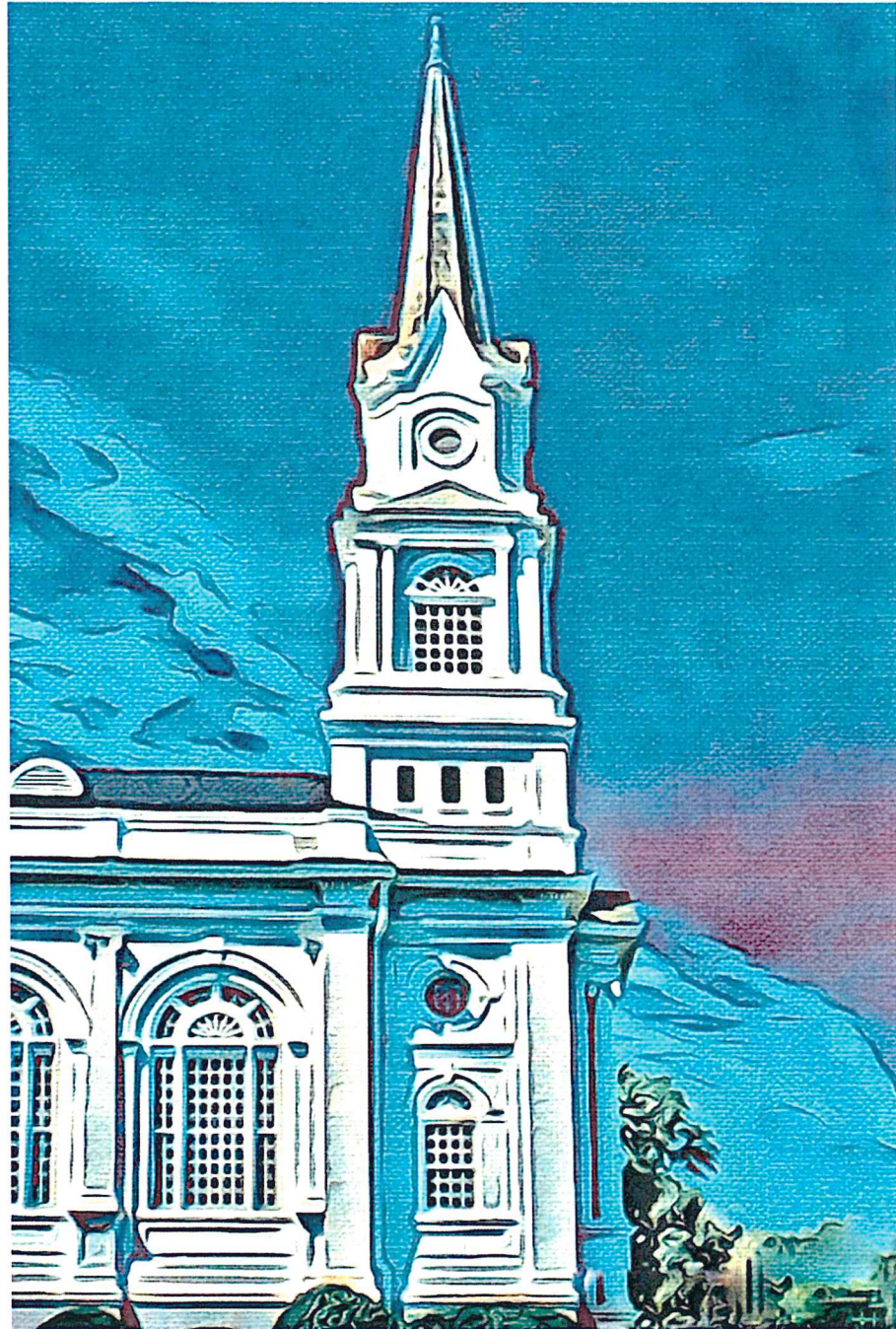


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 25, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Praise the Lord* César Franck

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME John Jackson

MINUTE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Ashley Blum

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ once more, though we are aware that we often lack the courage to speak words of truth and love in our daily life.

People: We come to worship the God of compassion, even in the midst of a world where there is much poverty and suffering.

Leader: We gather as witnesses that God is at work in human lives and that love will triumph in the end.

People: Christ, by your presence among us, give us courage to live as your people day by day.

Leader: Glory be to the living God of mercy and compassion, and to Jesus Christ the faithful witness.

People: As disciples of our Lord, we lift our voices and sing praises to God!

*** HYMN** 299 *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. Some of our sins are a burden to us, and we are weary of their weight. Some of our sins do not bother us because we are blind to them or have become used to them. Forgive us, O Lord. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us, and we are sorry. We have not given ourselves in love and service, and we have not noticed those who need our care. Send the Holy Spirit to us that we may risk who we are on who we may become as agents of your Kingdom on earth. Hear our prayers and prompt us to repent.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, we have been called and claimed by God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. God's grace is abundant, and God's love is healing. Know this day that your sins are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God for the salvation of our souls and for the renewal of our lives. Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI** GLORIA PATRI

*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 *Jesus Loves Me!* Rev. Bob Brearley

(Children come forward during singing.)

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 LESSON Amos 6:1, 4-7 Grayson Alexander
(Pew Bible, pg. 854, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 16:19-31 Rev. Bob Brearley
(Pew Bible, pg. 79, New Testament)

SERMON "The Man Who Never Noticed" 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.

HYMN 466 (Sing twice)

Come and Fill Our Hearts

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

Arr. by Paul Haack

Emmett Anglin, Euphonium Solo

* 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 711 (V. 1-2)

Lord of All Good

TOULON

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 711

TOULON

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sing a New Song

Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

* Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME!

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: Bonnie Disney, John Jackson
Assisting in Worship: John Jackson
Deacons: Jim Alexander, Suzanne Wates
Youth Liturgist: Grayson Alexander
Jr. Usher: Adelaide McElveen, Mary Taylor Moorman

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Liza Cooper, John James
Assisting in Worship: John James
Deacons: Gary Bratton, Virginia Hutchens
Youth Liturgist: Madison White
Jr. Usher: Lucas DuBose, Caroline Thames

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

September 25, October 2, 16, and 23

Children, 3K-5th grade, are encouraged to join Ashley Blum and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to learn more about the Armor of God.

Adults will meet in the Chapel for a Bible study with Reverend Brearley and focus on Luke, the faithful editor of Mark's gospel, and discover new questions to ask as we seek to follow Jesus. Everyone is welcome!

A light dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Following dinner, Reverend Brearley will be hosting "Listening Sessions" in the Chapel on September 25, October 2, 16, and 23 and invites everyone to come to one or more to share thoughts and hopes for First Presbyterian Church.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are restarting our Sumter Crisis Center (formerly Samaritan House) Meals and Fellowship Ministry. Our first outing is Wednesday Sept 28 starting at 5:30 pm and will last about an hour. If you can prepare a side dish or dessert and/or would like to join us as we interact with the residents, please contact Glenn Woodrum - 803-983-4897 or woodglenn@aol.com.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday, on October 2, is a celebration that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The Worship & Music Committee would like to display linens from around the world in the Sanctuary in honor of this worldwide service. Please bring any that you would like to share for this display to the Fellowship Hall on September 28 or 29. They will be available to pick up after the service on October 2. Please contact Linda Hogon at 803-840-7671 if you have any questions.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Join us for a Fall Clean-up on Saturday, October 15, from 9-12 am. Tasks will be assigned in your comfort zone. Sign up to help by October 10 at the Information Desk or by calling the church office and you will be contacted with more information. Your response will help determine the jobs on our "To-do list" that can be accomplished. There will be something for everyone!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Richland: Vern Disney

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams (Daughter of Barney W. Williams)

Pocataligo River Health & Rehab (Manning): Wanda Casker

Home: Isabel Gist, Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott), Billy Lyons, Priscilla Dickey,
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)