

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

February 22, 2022

Sunday, February 27

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

Offertory Anthem: Chancel Choir will sing "All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice" by Vivaldi.

Elders: Kay Smith, Dan Spencer

Assisting in Worship: John Moorman

Deacons: Meg Hill, Gary Bratton

Youth Liturgist: Cooper Hill

Junior Usher: Brogdon Hill

*You are invited to a
Reception to Welcome
Rev. Bob Brearley
Sunday, February 27
In the Fellowship Hall*

Immediately following the Worship Service

Sunday, March 6 ~ First Sunday in Lent

Offertory Anthem: Chancel Choir will sing "What Wondrous Love Is This" by Michael Burkhardt

Elders: Gus Blum, Liza Cooper

Assisting in Worship: Gus Blum

Deacons: Colin Davis, Taylor Geddings

Youth Liturgist: Madelynn Davis

Junior Usher: Millie Davis



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
March 2, 2022
6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, March 13, 2022, during the worship service for the purpose of electing an Officer Nominating Committee.

Two at-large members are to be nominated by the congregation. If anyone has a member they would like to nominate, the nominee must understand the duties and responsibilities of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and have previously agreed to serve if elected. Names of at-large nominees can be forwarded to Missy Coulter (coultervm@aol.com) before the meeting on March 13.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

AUDIOVISUAL TEAM

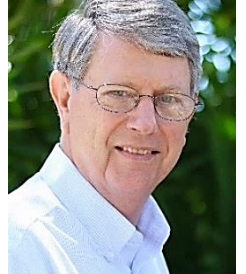
We would like to assimilate an audiovisual team to assist Ike Jenkins with the online broadcasts of our Sunday morning worship services. If you have an interest in becoming a part of this team or know someone who would be interested (all ages are welcome), please contact Shirley in the church office (803-773-3814 or shirley@fpcsumter.org) or Debby Williams (803-491-5303 or dfordwilliams@yahoo.com)



From Bob's Desk . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today I am sharing with you the last paragraph of my faith journey that I wrote recently as I was received into New Harmony Presbytery. It is the shortest paragraph, but it may hold the key to our health at First Presbyterian Church. I would love to know what comes to your mind as you read these words that conclude my faith journey statement:



The cultural context for faithful ministry is more difficult that it has been in a long, long time; however, I am hopeful that authentic, inclusive communities of faith can join hands and live out their prayers for peace and justice for all people. There is no better life. There is no better time.

As a church we are re-opening once again and inviting our members and friends to gather in person as safely as possible for youth and children's ministry, for confirmation, and for fellowship times and meetings of all kinds. Some folks have told me that they have become comfortable worshipping from home casually with coffee in hand! It is good that such an option is available, but there might also be a good ministry in coming to church to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ. We will be glad to see you!

The door to my church office stands open most of the time. Please come for a visit.

Love,

Bob

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room.

Circles will meet as follows:

- #1 - Tuesday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Linda Brown
- #4 - Tuesday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the McLaurin Room.
Contact: Norma Abbott
- #6 - Wednesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building.
Contact: Ashley Blum
- #7 - Wednesday, March 2, at 9:00 a.m. in the West Building. Contact: Robin Thames
- #8 - Wednesday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place
Contact: Winnie Gee and Fran Kay
- #9 - Tuesday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sbbie McFaddin (321 W. Calhoun Street)
Contact: Pam George



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Reception for Bob Brearley..... Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus..... Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Sunday SchoolWest Bldg.
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Food/Fellowship.....West Bldg.
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Confirmation Room
- 5:30 p.m. Youth GroupWest Bldg.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Circles – See Full Schedule Below

- 4:00 p.m. Music & Worship Parlor

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 ~ Ash Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service..... Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 ~ Girl Scout Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Bible StudyChapel
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus..... Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Sunday SchoolWest Bldg.
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Food/Fellowship.....West Bldg.
- 5:30 p.m. ConfirmationConfirmation Class
- 5:30 p.m. Youth GroupWest Bldg.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Fellowship Hall

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

Preschool and Elementary Ministry

Children, 3K – 5th grade, are encouraged to join Ms. Ashley, Ms. Jessica, and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 pm to learn more about the Bible, learn memory verses and sing in the Children’s Choir. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. This ministry will meet February 13 through March 20. On Sunday, March 27, the children will sing during worship. Contact Ashley Blum with any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Sunday school for middle and high school meets every Sunday, from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the West Building. Missy Coulter and friends will be leading.

Youth group will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and end at 6:30 p.m. High School Youth will begin a new series by Bob Goff: “Love Does.” Please contact Liza Cooper with questions.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Class (6th – 9th grade students) meets Sundays through April 24 on the third floor of the Educational Building from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 1.



We are happy to report that \$1,206 and 43 boxes of juice boxes were collected on Souper Bowl Sunday that will be donated to the Backpack Blessings Ministry. Thanks to all who contributed!

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FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Registration will begin for the 2022-2023 school year beginning Monday, February 28th for currently enrolled students, siblings, church members, and grandchildren of church members. Open Enrollment will begin on March 7th and continue until all classes are filled.



We offer classes for Toddlers, 2, 3, 4’s and Kindergarten. Please call the preschool office for additional information (803-773-9027). Check out our website also!



The Women’s Afternoon Music Club presents
An Afternoon of Sacred Music
Sunday, March 13, 2022
3:00 p.m.
FPC Sanctuary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

National Healthcare: Jennie Linn Duffie
Home: Nancy Smith, Harold Gadson,
Caroline Sigmon, Bill Scobee,
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)



The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Taylor McKinley Harvin, daughter of Lauren and Cameron Harvin, Jr., during last Sunday’s worship service. Taylor is the granddaughter of Cam and Mary Anne Harvin.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning
February 6 and 13, 2022

	Received		2022 Budgeted
	<i>Two Weeks</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Revenue			
*Contributions	\$ 77,913.	\$ 174,890.	Budget
Other Sources	\$ 5.	\$ 161.	Pending
	\$ 77,918.	\$ 175,051.	

**Includes \$24,739 in 2022 pledges prepaid in 2021, carried over and recognized as revenue in 2022.*