

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

March 8, 2022

Sunday, March 27 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

Introit: Children's Choir will sing "Come! Come! Everybody Worship!" by Natalie Sleeth.

Offertory Anthem: "Come By Here" by Kyle Pederson

Elders: Linda Hagon, John Moorman

Assisting in Worship: Linda Hagon

Deacons: John Michael Osteen, Lark Haynie

Youth Liturgist: Edmunds DuBose

Junior Usher: Lucas DuBose

Sunday, April 3 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

Offertory Anthem: Sean Hackett, alto sax, will play "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child."

Elders: Jack Osteen, Whit Shaw

Assisting in Worship: Jack Osteen

Deacons: Elyn Croft, Colin Davis

Youth Liturgist: Madison White

Junior Usher: Stuart Ward

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 10

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



As we start preparing for this fun event, we need your help with Easter eggs. We need plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy or stickers. Please no chocolate (it melts), or peanuts (due to peanut allergies). All donations are needed in the church office by Sunday, April 3. Any questions, please contact Ashley Blum.

EASTER CHOIR

Attention, all singers! We are rehearsing now for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. Please join us for Choir practice on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Call Joni or email jonibrown@fpcsumter.org for more information.



FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Registration has started for the 2022/2023 school year. Open Enrollment will 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!

FRASER EDMUNDS CLASS TO BEGIN NEW 6-WEEK STUDY

The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning
By O. S. Hawkins

All men are invited to join the Fraser Edmunds Sunday School Class as they begin a new study on April 3, *The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning*. The Fraser Edmunds Class meets in the Chapel on Sunday mornings.

From Bob's Desk . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is fun to see faces at church again. A pastor friend shared with me that she arrived at her new congregation during the pandemic and learned everyone's eyes and ears, and now she gets to learn their mouths and noses! Masks are still welcome, but First Presbyterian Church is re-opening. I really want that to be true in many ways.



We are re-opening in ministry. We hosted Boston College students who were in town for their spring break working with Habitat for Humanity. We continue to deliver bags of food to five elementary schools through our backpack ministry to children. Dresses and shoes are flowing in for the Cinderella Shop for upcoming proms. Confirmation class is going well on Sunday afternoons, and Sunday school and youth fellowships are happening again. People tell me the coffee is tasting better at church these days!

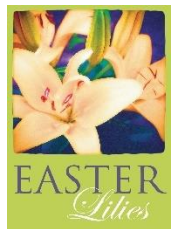
We are re-opening as a church when members and friends, who for various reasons have stepped away from First Presbyterian, decide to return. I am available to visit with those contemplating a return. I am praying for those who are here today and for those who might be here tomorrow. Your arrival is an answer to our prayers! God bless you.

Love,

Bob

ORDER EASTER LILIES

We will once again place Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 17. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with a lily, **please complete the form below and return it with \$11.00 per lily to the Church Office no later than Friday, March 25.**



I would like to purchase _____ Easter lilies
at \$11.00/each = Total \$ _____.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir.....Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Confirmation Room

MONDAY, MARCH 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Session Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- 5:30 p.m. CONC..... Parlor

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
- 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, APRIL 4

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Council of Pres. Women..... McLaurin Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Circles – See full schedule below

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Session Room

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room.

Circles will meet as follows:

- #1 - Tuesday, April 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Contact: Linda Brown
- #4 - Tuesday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the McLaurin Room
Contact: Norma Abbott
- #6 - Wednesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building
Contact: Ashley Blum
- #7 - Wednesday, April 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the West Building
Contact: Robin Thames
- #8 - Wednesday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place
Contact: Winnie Gee and Fran Kay
- #9 - Tuesday, April 5, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sibbie McFaddin, 321 W. Calhoun Street
Contact: Pam George



CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Confirmation Room.

Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 1.

2022 ZOOM LENTEN SERVICES

12:00 Noon

Christ's Death on the Cross . . .

- March 23 **Heals & Restores to Wholeness** Dr. Larry Hill
Isaiah 53:4-6/1 Peter 2:24
- March 30 **Reveals God's Amazing Grace** Dorothy McBride
Hebrews 4:14-16

Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92413750242?pwd=Q1RQUURwN3YrRTRrRVloT2Y3R2lyZz09>

Zoom: Meeting ID: **924 1375 0242** Passcode: **636048**

Dial phone: **1 646 558 8656** then ID: **924 1375 0242#**
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10

- 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship with Communion
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday, April 15

- 7:00 p.m. ~ Worship with Communion

Easter Sunday, April 17

- 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

Please bring blooms from your yard to decorate the cross in celebration of the risen Christ.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Linda Brown on the death of her brother, Joseph Crawford Culp, who died March 4 in Peachtree City, Georgia. There will be a Celebration of Life Service at Isle of Palms Methodist Church on Friday, April 1, at 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, March 20, the Sacrament of Baptist was administered to Burke ("Buck") Tecklenburg McElveen, son of Bronwyn and Thomas McElveen.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

**Two Weeks Beginning
March 6 and 13, 2022**

	Received		2022 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
*Contributions	\$ 40,377.	\$ 229,403.	\$ 126,317.
Other Sources	\$ <u>20.</u>	\$ <u>361.</u>	\$ <u>3,398.</u>
	\$ 40,397.	\$ 229,764.	\$ 129,715.

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