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The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

March 30, 2021

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Good Friday, April 2
7:00 p.m. ~ Online Worship Only

Easter Sunday, April 4
11:00 a.m. ~ Outside and Online Worship
*Please bring blooms from your yard to decorate
the cross in celebration of the risen Christ.
The cross will be located by the fountain.*

WORSHIP MUSIC

Good Friday, April 2

Lauren Decker, violin soloist, will play *Ave Verum* by W. A. Mozart and *When I am Laid in Earth* by Henry Purcell. John Michael Osteen will serve as hymn leader.

Easter, April 4

Music will be presented by featured soloists, members of the Chancel Choir, and Evan Thompson, Trumpet
Introit: *Celtic Alleluia*, featuring John Michael Osteen, soloist
Vocal Solo: *Alleluia* by W. A. Mozart, featuring Bella Land, vocalist and Evan Thompson, trumpet
Anthem: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* By Michael Burkhardt

April 11

Special music will be provided by Lauren Decker, violin soloist.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY RESUMES SUNDAY, APRIL 11!!!

10:30 a.m.

The doors to the sanctuary will be open 30 minutes before the service is scheduled to begin. All attendees are encouraged to enter through the front doors on Main Street. The breezeway doors will be open for those needing handicapped parking. The elevator will follow a one on, one off rule. Facemasks and social distancing are required.

A nursery will be provided for children 2 years old and younger in Room 309 on the third floor of the Educational Building. Children 3 years old through 2nd grade are invited to join Ms. Kelly for Children in Worship immediately following Children's Time in Room 304 on the 3rd floor of the Educational Building. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship from the nursery and/or Children in Worship.

In-person Sunday School will not be offered until the fall.

"HALLELUIAH"

I'm ready for Easter to be here. I'm ready for the bright colors. I'm ready for joy and laughter. I'm ready to say, "Christ is risen!"

But, it's not time yet. We still have one of the most dreadful weeks of Jesus' ministry to walk through. Holy Week begins after Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. During Holy Week, we pause to remember.

- We remember Jesus' supper in the upper room with the disciples when he said, "my body broken for you."
- We remember Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane when he asked for God to "take this cup from me."
- We remember the betrayal, arrest, and trial.
- We remember the crown of thorns and the long walk towards Calvary as he carried the cross.
- We remember the agony of his crucifixion and the sadness of his burial.

It's not a pretty week, but remember it, we must. As Holy Week approaches, we are challenged to prepare our hearts for the journey. Let us not forget the moments of trial that came before the Halleluiah of Easter Sunday. For the Halleluiah resounds deeper, louder, and more joyous because of what Jesus went through to get us there. Thanks be to God.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For FPC Children and Grandchildren
Monday, June 21 – Thursday, June 24
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Registration will open soon!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Massanetta Springs
June 17-20

HIGH SCHOOL MONTREAT

July 11-17

*Be on the lookout for information regarding
a Parent Meeting coming soon regarding
summer youth trips and
Covid guidelines and restrictions.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 ~ Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Easter Soloists Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
- Youth Groups will not meet tonight!*

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Preschool and Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 6 ~ Preschool Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 ~ Preschool Closed

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 ~ Preschool Closed

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 ~ Preschool Closed

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Youth

MONDAY, APRIL 12

- 10:00 a.m. Council of Presbyterian Women (Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Circle 1 (Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers EnsembleSanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast..... Mary Ann's Deli
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Circle #6 (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Zoom)

Youth Groups meets in person every Sunday!

Middle school ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Senior High ~ 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor.



NURSERY AND CHILDREN IN WORSHIP NEWS

With indoor worship starting back on April 11, we are excited to announce a nursery will be

provided for children 2 years old and younger in Room 309 on the third floor of the Educational Building. In addition, children 3 years old through 2nd grade are invited to join Ms. Kelly for Children in Worship immediately following Children's Time. We will meet in the Children in Worship Room, Room 304 on the 3rd floor of the Educational Building. We will be following COVID 19 guidelines in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. We can't wait to see you! Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.

"ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS" CONTINUES!

A Ministry for Preschool and Elementary

Since we have had so much fun during the month of March, "On the Move for Jesus" will continue through the month of April. All preschool and elementary (3K-5th grade) children are invited to join Ms. Kelly and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 11, 18 and 25 to learn more about the Bible. Any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PIANISTS!

We would love for our talented children and youth to play piano preludes the month of May. Please email Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call 803-773-3814 to schedule a date!

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The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m. using Zoom.

Circles will meet as follows:

- #1 - Will meet Tuesday, April 13, at 12:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Contact: Linda Brown
- #4 - Will not meet in April; Contact: Norma Abbott
- #6 - Will meet Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Contact: Ashley Blum
- #7 - Please contact Robin Thames (803-972-3207) for meeting information
- #8 - Will not meet in April
Contact: Winnie Gee and Fran Kay
- #9 - Will not meet in April; Contact: Pam George



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Carol Reese, Kathy Lyons, Charles Hodgkin, Darryl Peyton, Bill Scobee, Marilyn Jenkins, David R. Brown, Tiny Owens,

Robert Stage II (son of Marta Stage),
Angela Bouknecht (Mallory Beaton's Mother),
Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),
Charles King (Greg King's Father)

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended Jim Beard on the death of his brother, Rev. Dr. Joseph Franklin Beard, who died March 16 in Savannah.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher and McNair Somheil on the birth of a daughter, Camellia Rhodes Somheil, born December 23, 2020 in Charleston. Proud grandparents are Chris and Marsha Somheil.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning March 14 & 21, 2021

	Received		2021 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 23,909.	\$155,169.	\$150,034.
*Other Sources	\$ 11.	\$ 2,605.	\$ 21,644.
	\$ 23,920.	\$157,774.	\$171,678.

**Includes Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*