

# FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sumter, South Carolina

September 21, 2021

## Sunday, Sunday 26

*"The Theology of Knee-ology"*

James 5:13-20

Prelude: *Sonata No. 4 in C*, Emmett Anglin, soloist

Introit: Chancel Choir will sing *A Jubilant Song* by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Offertory Anthem: *Even Here* by Mark Miller



Sunday, September 26, will be Hamilton Stoddard's official last day as our Church Organist. In her letter to the Session, Hamilton expressed a need to spend more time with her family. Additionally, the letter conveyed her desire to serve as a "substitute" when needed. Hamilton and her family will continue to worship with us at First Presbyterian. In lieu of financial gifts (Hamilton's request), and since Session has encouraged our church to be mindful of the continuing spread of the Delta variant, please express your love and thanksgiving for Hamilton's years of service by dropping a note or card in a basket marked by Hamilton's name near the sanctuary piano this Sunday.

**Elders Assisting in Worship:** Linda Hogon, John Moorman

**Deacons Assisting in Worship**

John Michael Osteen, Kathy Lyons

**Youth Liturgist:** Caroline Moorman

**Junior Usher:** Stuart Ward

**Children in Worship**

Teacher: Kelly Hickey Volunteer: Chris Herrmann

### "ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS"

Preschool and Elementary Ministry

Continuing Through October 17

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

### YOUTH GROUP

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the West Building

## Sunday, October 3

### World Communion Sunday

*"Different But the Same"*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Acts 2:5-12

Introit: Chancel Choir will sing *Gathered in God's Name* by Michael Burkhardt.

Offertory Anthem: *Hope Lingers On* arranged by Andrea Ramsey

**Elders Assisting in Worship:** Jack Osteen, Whit Shaw

**Deacons Assisting in Worship:** Elyn Croft, Jim Alexander

**Youth Liturgist:** Grayson Alexander

**Junior Usher:** Adelaide McElveen

**Children in Worship**

Teacher: Beth McCord Volunteer: Norma Abbott

### MISSIONS INFORMATION SESSION

As part of World Communion Sunday, the FPC Missions Committee will be hosting an information session on local and foreign mission opportunities in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Please join us to learn about how FPC is active in a variety of local and foreign missions and how you can get involved. Please contact Gus Blum, Missions Committee Moderator, at 803-847-4397.



## From Your Bridge Interim Pastor

*"A World Event 2021-October 3"*

World Communion Sunday symbolizes the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasizes that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Celebration of World-Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, **World Communion Sunday** is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

(copied from PCUSA Website)

Come (**October 3, 2021**), let us share the joyous feast of our Lord with neighbors around the world!

Blessings,

Joel

## DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!

### Advent

### Devotional 2021

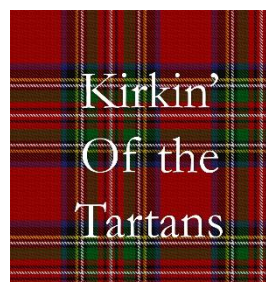
It's time to begin putting together this year's devotionals

with devotions written by you. We need 25 entries with no more than 400 words. If you are interested in writing a devotional or have any questions, please contact **Kelly Hickey by September 26**. Devotions are due no later than **October 10**.



## KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS October 31, 2021

Reserve your participation in the Kirkin' of the Tartans Processional by contacting Linda Hogon, 803-775-4167 or 803-840-7671, or [lhogon03@yahoo.com](mailto:lhogon03@yahoo.com). Reservations, including the name of the tartan and the carrier, are needed by **Monday, October 18**.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir ..... Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship ..... Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus ..... Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group ..... West Bldg.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting ..... Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting ..... McLaurin Room

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Quartet ..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 ~ World Communion Sunday**

- 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship ..... Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus ..... Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group ..... West Bldg.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting ..... Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Council of Presbyterian Women ..... Parlor

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Circles – See Schedule Below

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers ..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

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

Circles will meet as follows:

- #1 - Will meet Tuesday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the McLaurin Room  
Contact: Linda Brown
- #4 - Will not meet in October; Contact: Norma Abbott
- #6 - Will meet Wednesday, October 6, in the West Building at 6:30 p.m.; Contact: Ashley Blum
- #7 - Will meet Wednesday, October 6, at Baker’s Sweets at 9:00 a.m.; Contact: Robin Thames  
Circle #7 will begin a new study, *Forgiving What You Can’t Forget* by Lysa Terkeurst.
- #8 - Will meet Wednesday, October 6, at Covenant Place at 3:00 p.m.; Contact: Winnie Gee and Fran Kay
- #9 - Will meet Tuesday, October 5, at the home of Sibbie McFaddin, 321 W. Calhoun Street at 3:00 p.m.  
Contact: Pam George



**Happy 75th Birthday to First Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten!**  
We are very blessed to continue this extremely important ministry to our community.

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**SCAROWINDS**  
(For FPC Youth & Friends)

On Saturday October 23, 2021, we will meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 pm to head to SCAROWINDS. The cost of the trip is \$80 which includes dinner, admission and transportation. We should return around 12:30 to 1:00 am. **There are 30 spots available. The full payment is due on or before Sunday, October 10, 2021.** Please make checks payable to FPC and mark it for SCAROWINDS. Anyone who plans to participate, their parents must complete a First Presbyterian Church Permission form. These forms will be made available prior to the trip. Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey at [khickey@fpcsumter.org](mailto:khickey@fpcsumter.org), 803-773-3814 (church) or 803-669-3851 (cell).

**HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**FPC Families**

**Sunday, October 24**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



*More information coming soon!*

As the Faith Formation Team prepares for FPC's Halloween Extravaganza for FPC children and families, would you donate a bag of Halloween candy or small trinkets to help with this ministry? Please deliver all donations to the church office no later than Sunday, October 18. **Please be sure all candy is nut free.** Please contact Kelly Hickey with any questions.



**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Home:** Suzanna Foley, Bill Scobee, Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother), Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

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

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to . . .

- . . . the family of Bootsie Owens, who died September 14;
- . . . Mike Carnes on the death of his mother, Bertie Dennis Carnes, who died September 17 in Hartsville.

**FOCUS ON FINANCES**

**Two Weeks Beginning September 5 and 12, 2021**

	Received		2021 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions	\$ 31,326.	\$437,728.	\$423,664.
*Other Sources	\$ 0.	\$118,654.	\$131,499.
	\$ 31,326.	\$556,382.	\$555,163.

\*YTD includes \$67,000 revenue from SBA PPP Loan Forgiveness and \$45,034 from endowment funds distributions to general fund..