

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 5, 2016

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the Light!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lakewood High School Choir with Herbert Johnson, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

John Dunn, Liturgist

One: You we praise, O God! You we praise!

Many: We will sing our songs of joy this day and in all the days to come!

One: School is come to a close, vacations are planned, life changes from day to day.

Many: Yet, your promises are kept every day; you hold your faithfulness in your heart.

One: You shower us with your hope; you offer us help in every moment.

Many: You we praise, O God! You we praise!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 625

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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CALL TO CONFESSION *(Seated)*

Liturgist

We think life is all about us – our desires, our needs, our achievements. And, so in our pride, we ignore the gospel proclaimed to us by God's love and hope for us. Let us confess our faulty lives, as we open ourselves to God's healing grace.

(We pray, first silently and then as one.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not want you to know how our lives do not proclaim your good news, God of all hearts. But you have heard the words we have spoken which injure those we love. You see how insistent we can be in clinging to the ways we have always lived, rather than walking your new paths. We have trouble believing that when our souls are empty and our hearts have only a small portion of love, that you can do miracles in and through us.

So, what we need to know is that you do indeed forgive us, and still love us, God of comfort. Let your grace shower us and end the drought of fear and doubt in our lives, so we can believe the good news which comes to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Water is poured.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Do not be sad. God feeds us with grace and hope, God watches over us, and raises us to new life.

Many: You we praise, Holy God, for this good news of joy and peace for our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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*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.*

THE PEACE: *We share signs of care, love and respect with one another.*

One: The peace of God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

(Both members and guests are invited to complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to those seated next to you.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Reverend Burton

I Kings 17:17-24

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 324

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Liturgist

Galatians 1:11-24

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 187

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 824

MC AFEE

Near to the Heart of God

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Sallie Spencer

Luke 7:11-17

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 65

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Reverend Burton

"Happened to Me Too"

Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)

SERMON "Learning to Get Closer to God"

Reverend Jim Burton

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:28, 37-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Response: One: In joy or in sadness,

Many: We do not walk alone.

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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Liturgist

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, curing disease, pouring out his compassion. Through Christ, the kingdom of heaven draws near. As we have received, so shall we give – freely, generously, joyfully, wholeheartedly!

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem

Elaine Hagenberg

I Will Be a Child of Peace

Lakewood High School Choir and Chancel Choir

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***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.

*The Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

You we praise, loving God, for the gifts with which you have blessed us, and the opportunities to share from our hearts and lives so others might be fed, clothed, housed, loved, lifted up, and healed, In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 721

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lakewood High School Choir

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Reverend Burton

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 721

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

***O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling have spoken my name;***

Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.

By your side I will seek other seas.

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Setting by Charles Callahan

Lead On, O King Eternal!

* Please stand as you are able.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to provide us with your contact information in the Friendship Pad. This allows us to say more formally, "Thanks for sharing worship with us." We invite you to share any part of our life together, and look forward to learning how we may serve you in your faith journey. If you have particular questions, please speak to our pastor.

We Care: Please take a gold Prayer Card from the pew rack, and write a word of encouragement, congratulations, or a thank you to someone or group. Please include the first and last name of the person you wish to receive the card and your name. You may place your Prayer Card in the offering. On Monday morning, we will send your note of care to that person or group. Prayer Cards bring great joy to those who receive them! So, "let us encourage one another."

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY:

Music has traditionally been an integral part of worship at First Presbyterian Church. On June 12, we will recognize our singers, ringers, instrumentalists, and special guest musicians for their dedication and hard work. A short reception in honor of these musicians is planned in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12-16

5:00 p.m. Supper

5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Classes

Ages 3 – Grade 5

Register today! Forms are available on the Volunteer Table outside the Fellowship Hall or online at www.fpcsumter.org.

VBS Donations –

Lasagnas are being accepted for supper on Monday, June 13. Please bring your warm/precooked lasagna Monday by 4:00 to the church. If your lasagna is frozen or will need to be heated, please bring it to the church by Sunday evening, June 12.

Breakfast casseroles are being accepted for Thursday supper, June 16. Please bring your warm/precooked casseroles Thursday by 4:00 to the church. If your item needs to be heated, please bring it to the church by Wednesday evening. **Don't forget – Buy-a-Mile continues through June 12!!**

MEDICINE AND MEALS

Volunteers are needed to cook for eight to ten medical volunteers at Sumter United Ministries June 28, July 26, August 23 and September 27. If you are able to help with any of these dates, please sign up at the volunteer table or contact Mary Ellen Blanding (803-773-7176 or mlbsrmeb@ftc-i.net).



YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Our youth will travel over 800 miles between June and August. You can help by "Buying-a-Mile" for \$5/each. There is no limit on the number of miles that you can purchase.



Upcoming Events at FPC

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 a.m. Weekly Focus Deadline Church Office

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

6:00 p.m. Missions 5 Swan Lake Drive

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

3:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Tae Graham..... Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 ~ Music Appreciation Sunday

9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer" Parlor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ Classes for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Reception to honor Musicians..... Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

We ask for your help in keeping this calendar current. This is the calendar to which many individuals refer, including our Pastor. Please be sure to contact Shirley in the church office (swood@fpcsumter.org or 803-773-3814) to add your meeting dates and times. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Ken Young, Jr., Marianne Burton
At Home: Jim Young, Judy Mey, Kathryn Brown, Mae Barnes, Gordon Rettke, Marion Young

We thank Marvin Brunson for being our custodian today.

ATTENTION ADULTS

Extra copies of the Survey Sheet distributed in Adult Sunday School classes a few Sundays ago are available on the table in front of the Church Office. If you missed completing one, please take two or three minutes to respond and leave your survey in the folder provided. Your time and your responses will be greatly appreciated by the Discipleship Ministry Team as it plans for the Fall.



Our worship services can now be seen on Time Warner Channel 2 Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and FTC Channel 26 Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to know Christ and make Him known by living faithfully, worshiping joyfully and serving gladly.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation