

# WORSHIP OF GOD

## First Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** Arr. by Joshua Evanovich  
*Here I Am, Lord*  
Lauren Decker, Violin and Hamilton Stoddard, Piano

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please stand*) Langston Cooper  
One: Loving Shepherd,  
you know our names;  
you care for us.  
**Many:** When we face darkness, walk beside us.  
One: When we hunger for your love,  
fill us with your presence.  
**Many:** When we are fearful,  
feed us at your table.  
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy  
all the days of our lives. Amen.

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 634 TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
*To God Be the Glory*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Seated*) Reverend Nick Cheek  
*(We pray, first silently and then as one.)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*In Unison*)  
Loving God, you guide us in right paths and you lead us in the ways of righteousness. At times we lose our way and forget that your presence is with us – in the mountaintops and in the valleys. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to your path and lead us to loving you and loving our neighbors. In the name of Christ, our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* **GLORIA PATRI** GLORIA PATRI  
*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.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Valerie James  
*Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)*

### 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

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** Langston Cooper  
John 10:11-15 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 103

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 626 AS THE DEER  
*As the Deer*

**SERMON** “*The Good Shepherd*” Reverend Nick Cheek

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
You, O God, are our Shepherd.  
You provide everything we need.  
You let us rest in green meadows  
and lead us beside quiet streams.  
You renew our strength,  
and guide us in ways that bring honor to your name.

Even when we walk through difficult valleys,  
we will not fear,  
for you are never far away—  
protecting and comforting,  
guarding and guiding every step we take.

You prepare a feast for us  
in the presence of our enemies.  
You welcome us as friends  
and lavish your blessings on us.

We know that your goodness and unfailing love  
will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives,  
and that after our lives here are over,  
you will shepherd us still.

### 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  
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 Arr. by Duane Funderburke  
*Amazing Grace*  
Lauren Decker, Violin

\*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 Reverend Nick Cheek

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** 187 BRADBURY  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

#### \* BENEDICTION

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 737 LES PETITES SOEURS  
*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
You alone are our life and our peace and our love,  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.*

\* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** J. S. Bach  
*Fugue in C Major*

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\* 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."

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God with great joy and celebration of the birth of Gwendolen Isla Bettinger, the newest addition to our choir family. Love to Jessica, Joe and the baby from the Chancel Choir.

A full listing of Circle meeting times and places can be seen on the calendar on the back page.



Church Women United of the Greater Sumter Area has scheduled their "Annual Salad Luncheon" at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 10, at 11:30 a.m. for dine-in participants and 12:00 p.m. for participants desiring to carry out. A ticket donation of \$5.00/ticket will be received; and all are invited (women and men).

Each FPC Presbyterian Circle is asked to provide at least one large salad in a disposable container and deliver them to the church after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10.

Please call Ollie James at 803 481-0725 for tickets and/or to let her know if you are donating a salad. Tickets will be also available at the door the day of the event.



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



## Upcoming Events at FPC

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** ~ Church Office and Preschool Closed

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:00 a.m. Circle #4.....McLaurin Room  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting..... Parlor  
12:30 p.m. Circle #1.....McLaurin Room  
6:30 p.m. Circle #6..... 85 Paisley Park  
7:00 p.m. Circle #9.....422 Haynsworth Street

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

3:00 p.m. Circle #8..... Covenant Place  
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:30 a.m. Church Women United Salad Luncheon .....Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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  
4:00 p.m. Youth Bells .....Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting .....McLaurin Room

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast.....Baker's Sweets  
10:00 a.m. Circle #3..... 521 Vivian Road  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting..... Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Worship and Music ..... Parlor

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast ..... Chick Fil-A  
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

*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: Blaney Coskrey

Wildwood Downs (Columbia): Laura Anglin

**At Home:** Margaret Hunter, Helen Brookes-Futrell, Ken Young, Jr., Bill Wheeler, Jim Young, Mae Barnes, Gordon Rettke, Patty Lowery (Furman Thames' mother)

This morning's rosebud is placed in celebration of the birth of Gwendolen Isla Bettinger, daughter of Jessica and Joe Bettinger, born August 28.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Jessica Bettinger on the death of her grandfather, Harley Huggins, who passed away August 26.

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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