

# WORSHIP OF GOD

## First Presbyterian Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Materna* Samuel Ward  
*O God, Show Mercy to Us* Gustav Holst

### 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.)*

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand)* Owings Holler

One: Come and celebrate, people of God!  
Sing and shout your praise!

**Many:** For our God comes to us:  
triumphant and victorious,  
yet gentle and humble of heart.

One: The Lord comes bringing peace,  
offering hope and freedom to all who are lost.

**Many:** Thanks be to God!

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 664 BUNESSAN  
*Morning Has Broken*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Seated)* Robbie Branham, Liturgist  
The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were lost in our sin, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Seeking God, we confess our failure to follow you in paths of right relationships – with you and with neighbor. At times we go astray. We find ourselves lost because of our anger at self and others. We are lost when we consider our own interests, first while failing to be generous with the poor and in need. We are lost when we value being right more than being loving. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. When we are lost, seek us out and guide us back to your ways. Empower us to receive your forgiveness and grace. Reveal to us the joy that comes through repentance. In Jesus Christ we pray. *(Silent reflection)*

**CHORAL RESPONSE** LOE DÍ ÍSÁ  
*Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Reverend Nick Cheek

\* **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** Reverend Nick Cheek  
*Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Owings Holler

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Owings Holler  
Psalm 51:1-12 Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 520

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 475 NETTLETON  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**  
Luke 15:1-10 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 78

**SERMON** "Lost and Found" Reverend Nick Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Robbie Branham  
From article 1 and the beginning of Article 2 of the Confession of Belhar

**We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers,  
protects and cares for the church.**

**We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints,  
called from the entire human family.**

**We believe the church is the community of believers, reconciled with  
God and with one another.**

**We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a  
binding force.**

**We are called to seek this unity, making it visible to the world.**

**We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between  
people has been conquered by Christ.**

**We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.**

**We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and  
deeds.**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Response:** One: In joy or in sadness,  
**Many:** We do not walk alone.

**SOLO** Albert Hay Malotte

*The Lord's Prayer*

Michelle Blassengale, Soprano

### SERVICE OF GIVING

Robbie Branham

Call to Giving

All we have and all we are is God's. Let us give thanks for the Lord's provision and joyfully give back to the one who has given so much to us.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem Lee Dengler

*We Are Redeemed*

*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

*We are redeemed, not by the law; we are redeemed when we call on Him;*

*Believing in Christ; receiving His grace; justified by faith.*

*Grace is a gift given by Christ; and Jesus paid the price.*

*The righteousness of God, revealed through His Son; a gift to all who will believe.*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

\*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** 649 (Verses 1-4) BRADBURY  
*Amazing Grace*

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** AMAZING GRACE

*When we've been there ten thousand years,*

*Bright shining as the sun,*

*We've no less days to sing God's praise*

*Than when we'd first begun.*

\* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Hubert Parry

*O Day of Peace*

- This Sunday's Promotion Sunday gathering will take place in the West Building.
- The two elementary Sunday School classes will meet together in the senior high room of the West Building.
- Youth will meet in the open room or at the tables in the front part of the West Building.
- The Confirmation class will meet in the Parlor.
- Care and Support will meet in the Session room.

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Bold type indicates congregational response.**

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# 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."



## LECTIONARY LUNCH WITH PASTOR NICK Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. In the McLaurin Room

Bring your lunch and enjoy a led discussion on the lectionary reading for the following Sunday. All ages are welcome. Join us this Wednesday, September 14, with Luke 16:1-13.

Children's choir will meet immediately after church next Sunday, September 18, and is open to all singers, grades K-5. Rehearsal will be from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Youth Bells will meet next Sunday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

**27th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
RETREAT  
February 17-19, 2017  
Springmaid Beach Resort  
Mark your calendars now and  
plan to attend!**



## Upcoming Events at FPC

### 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..... Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch with Pastor Nick.....McLaurin Room

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship..... Sanctuary

11:45 a.m. Children's Choir..... Choir Room

5:00 p.m. Youth Bells ..... Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Youth Group ..... West Building

*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, Charles Shaw, Claire Richards

**Wildwood Downs (Columbia):** Laura Anglin

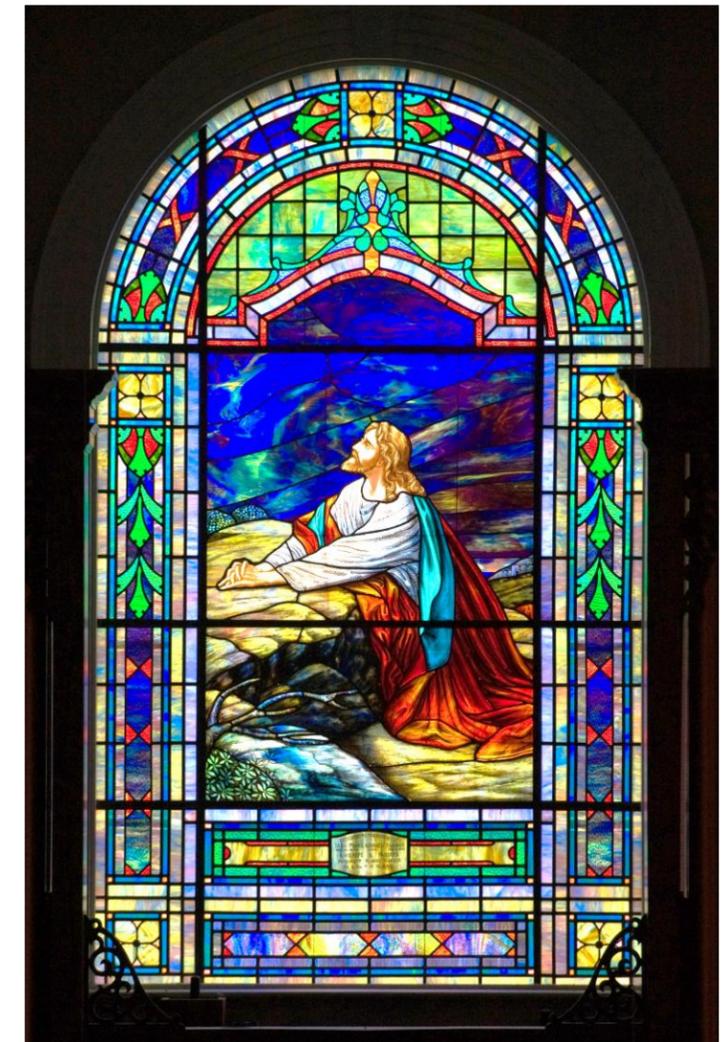
**At Home:** Margaret Hunter, Linda Montague,  
Helen Brookes-Futrell, Gordon Rettke,  
Patty Lowery (Furman Thames' mother)

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Kenneth Rosefield, who died September 3, 2016.

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.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## September 11, 2016



**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*