

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2016

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Abide with Us, Our Savior*

Sebastian Temple
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

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

INTROIT

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say
Lydia Cheek, Soprano

Bernadette Farrell

PROCESSION OF THE ELEMENTS (Remain seated)

* **INTROIT** (Children's Choir, then congregation) Caribbean Melody
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (Kenny Jordan, Percussion)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Seated)

*Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands
Sing, rejoice, clap your hands, sing a song of praise to the Lord.
Sing, rejoice, clap your hands, sing a song of praise, let your voice be raised,
Sing a song of praise to the Lord.
Shout from the mountaintops, whisper through the trees,
Come every one now rejoice and sing.*
Children's Choir

Mark Patterson

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Nick Cheek

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

CALL TO CONFESSION (Seated)

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

Reverend Ashley Cheek

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of every people and nation, we confess that we have not lived as global citizens in your new realm of justice and peace. We build up dividing walls in the world. We contribute to division in the church. We ignore the suffering in distant nations and live in fear of our closest neighbors. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us. As we break bread together today, empower us to break down boundaries that divide us. Raise us up to be a holy temple – your temple of peace in the world – built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen. *(Silent reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Reverend Ashley Cheek

* 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.*

GLORIA PATRI

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

Leader: The peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)

Reverend Ashley Cheek

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Patrick Muldrow

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 14:15-24

Patrick Muldrow
Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 77

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:13-17

Pew Bible, New Testament, p.36

SERMON

"Breaking Bread, Breaking Boundaries"

Reverend Nick Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be
manifest and active, in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

Reverend Nick Cheek

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Penny Rogers, Flute

Ghanaian Folk Song

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Spanish)

Bonnie Disney

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

We approach the table today but we don't approach it alone. We approach it on this World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world, in congregations large and small, speaking every language and one language. Truly, God has blessed us with the rich, varied, and abundant gifts of creation. From God's abundance, let us also give abundantly.

Reverend Ashley Cheek

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem

Celtic Laud

Chancel Choir with Penny Rogers, Flute

Craig Courtney

*The Doxology

*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.*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*The Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

Reverend Ashley Cheek

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican Folk Melody

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 526

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Emmanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Jamaican Folk Melody

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Oliver Holden

* Please stand as you are able.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands and Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
are reprinted with permission: OneLicense.net #A-711301

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."

This morning we receive the annual *Peace and Global Witness Offering*. 50% of the designated funds and loose offering will go to PCUSA's Presbyterian Mission Agency, which has arms and legs reaching out across the globe and within our own nation to pursue peace. The other 50% will stay closer to home -- 25% will go to New Harmony Presbytery and our Synod, both of whom are vibrant in actively seeking peace in a variety of ways.



There will be an important meeting for parents of all youth this morning in the Sanctuary immediately following morning worship. We will be discussing upcoming events. Be sure to come with your ideas!

NICK BY DAY NICK AT NIGHT

The church officers have planned a variety of small group gatherings over the next few weeks. Nick wants to meet with you to hear what First Presbyterian means to you, as well as your hopes and dreams for this church you call "home." Sign-up sheets are outside the Fellowship Hall.

Council of Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room. There will be a Joint Circle Meeting and covered dish dinner at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Presbyterian Men will meet **Wednesday**, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the **West Building**. All men are invited to join us for great food and fellowship.

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 upcoming Sunday. All ages are welcome.



Upcoming Events at FPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:45 a.m. Youth Parents' Meeting Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth Handbells Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth Group West Building

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Council McLaurin Room
6:00 p.m. Troop 86 Scout Hut
6:00 p.m. Pack 86 West Building

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
5:00 p.m. Joint Circle Meeting West Building

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast Chick Fil-A
12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch with Pastor Nick McLaurin Room
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Men West Building
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 a.m. Care and Prayer Session Room
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: Claire Richards

Covenant Place Rehab: Charles Shaw

Brookdale: Marion Young

At Home: Terry Hill, Aggie White, Margaret Hunter,
Linda Montague, Helen Brookes-Futrell, Gordon Rettke

CONGRATULATIONS to John Hilton, III and Page Snyder, who were married September 24 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Linda Nock on the death of her mother, Nancy Hughes, who died September 25.

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

October 2, 2016



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



A Stephen Ministry Congregation