

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arr. by Sterling

Come Harvest Time

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.)

INTROIT

Danza

Tielman Susato

Youth Bells

Kayleigh Jordan, Gracyn Coker, Ansley Blanding, Madison White, Kathryn Blanding, Luxey Peyton, Alexander Blum, Kenny Jordan

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand)*

Madison White

Leader: Here we are Lord!

We have come into your house this morning
praising your faithfulness,

People: Giving thanks for your mercy, seeking your joy.

Leader: Thank you for creating us and giving us life and breath.

**People: Thank you for your son Jesus Christ, our Saviour
and for the Holy Spirit whose presence here unites
us as your people.**

Leader: Take away our anxiety and help us focus on you.

As we sing to you, fill us with a peace that surpasses all
understanding.

People: Let us praise the Lord! Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 65

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Seated)*

Kimberly White, 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)*

Gracious God, we come to you this morning anxious about many
things. We are worried about our finances, our jobs, our homes
and more. We find ourselves worrying too much about the past and
the future while being unable to rest in the joy of the present. We
look to our possessions for peace instead of relying on your ever-
present grace and care. Forgive us. Forgive us for trusting the
work of our hands over the work of your cross. Empower us to seek
first your kingdom and your righteousness so that we might live as
faithful disciples. Help us to let go of our anxious thoughts. Remind
us that your peace rules and reigns in our hearts and minds. We
ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 427 (Sing twice) LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Reverend Nick Cheek

* 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.*

Leader: The peace of God be with you.

People: 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

Madison White

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Madison White

Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 198

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 840

VILLE DU HAVRE

When Peace like a River

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 6

SERMON

"Do Not Worry"

Reverend Nick Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kimberly White

We believe in one God, creator of all life,

maker of past, present and future.

Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,

who came to declare good news to those in despair,

to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,

to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.

We believe in God's Holy Spirit,

who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,

who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,

who resurrects us to new life.

We believe that the Church is of God

and will endure to the end of time,

The Church calls us into a life of love and service.

This we believe, and we believe it together. Amen.

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

Kimberly White

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

Allen Pote

O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long

O Lord, support us all the day long,

Until the shadows lengthen, and the busy world is hushed,

And the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then in thy great mercy grant us safe lodging,

And holy rest, and peace at the last;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Reverend Nick Cheek

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 834

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 834

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Land of Rest

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Special thanks to our guest pianist, Kay Rasmussen, for sharing
her musical talents with us today.

* 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 as it is passed along the row. We look forward to learning how we may serve you in your faith journey. If you have particular questions, please speak to Pastor Nick.

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 in celebration of Bootsie Owens' 85th birthday by her grandchildren.

A Called Meeting of the Congregation will take place after church next Sunday, October 23, 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect church officers for the Class of 2019.

YOUTH CANNED FOOD DRIVE October 2-30

The youth of FPC are once again sponsoring the "School Challenge" canned food drive. Let's see which fans can donate the most food and non-perishable items for Sumter United Ministries. There are bins in the hallway of the Parlor with school colors. Your help is greatly appreciated!



DEPLOYED SPOUSES DINNER

Needed: Desserts for 225-250 people. Please use disposable containers. Cakes and pies should be sliced. Desserts should be delivered to the church by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24. Please contact Mary Ellen Blanding (mlbsrmeb@fpc-l.net or 773-7176) if you can furnish a dessert.



FPC'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL Sunday, October 30 ~ 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

West Center Lawn

For all God's Children ~ Young and not so young!

Hot Dogs, Carnival games, costume contests,
music and fellowship!

Cake Walk

Start thinking now of your favorite cake or cupcakes to donate!

Trunk or Treat

Decorate your trunk for our children to enjoy.
Judges will decide who has the best tricked out trunk!



Upcoming Events at FPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:00 p.m. Youth Handbells Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth Group West Building

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 ~ Preschool Closed

6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut
6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting Presbyterian Church at Manning
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
11:30 a.m. Book Discussion Parlor
6:00 p.m. Executive Council Parlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:30 p.m. Shepherd's Center Quilting Class West Building

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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
11:40 a.m. Children's Choir..... Choir Room
4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Parlor
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

Covenant Place Rehab: Charles Shaw

Brookdale: Marion Young

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .

- . . . the family of Joe Sublette, who died October 9;
- . . . Ben Abbott, Julian Abbott and Mary Staggs on the death of their aunt, Claire Richards, who died October 7;
- . . . the family of Bill Stevenson, who died October 12;
- . . . David Holler on the death of his mother, Jean Stewart Holler, who died in Blythewood, South Carolina on October 12.

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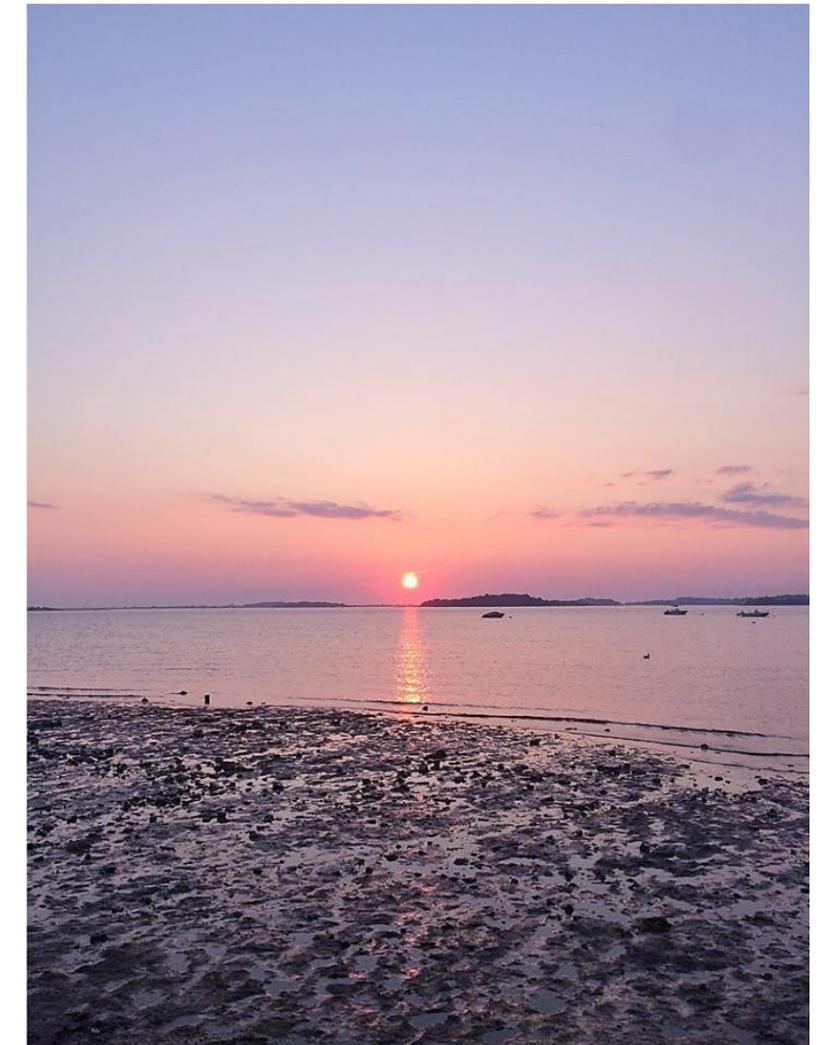
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"I heard a voice at evening softly say,
'Bear not your yesterdays into tomorrow,
Nor load this week with last week's load of sorrow.
Lift all your burdens as they come,
Nor try to weigh the present with the by-and-by.
One step and then another, take your way;
Live day by day!"



A Stephen Ministry Congregation