

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2016

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Albert Travis

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please stand)

Taylor Heath

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity,

People: Adults and children, parents and teens, grandparents and infants.

Leader: It is like laughter at a family reunion where everyone celebrates their family ties.

People: In family, we see yesterday's vision unfolding and tomorrow's promise revealed.

Leader: We celebrate at this moment with our brothers and sisters in the faith.

People: We worship now as a family of God. Let us sing to God our songs of unity and praise.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

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DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Seated)

Mandy Blankenship, 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)

O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our troubled thoughts. Forgive us for believing that the faith of a mustard seed is not enough. Remind us that when planted and watered among the family of God, our faith has the ability to grow abundantly. Transform us by your Spirit. Empower us to live for you each day as we learn to serve each other as one family. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Ashley Cheek

Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Brian Frerichs

Kenny Jordan

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Taylor Heath

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:31-32

Taylor Heath

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 14

HYMN OF PREPARATION

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GIFT OF LOVE

Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Timothy 4:11-16

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 209

SERMON

"One Family: Youth"

Reverend Nick Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mandy Blankenship

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 and groups 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.

From article 1 and the beginning of Article 2 of the Confession of Belhar.

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

Mandy Blankenship

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

J. S. Bach

Arioso

Michael Baier, Cello

*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

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KINGSFOLD

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Setting by Raymond Haan

Come, Thou Fount

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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 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.

* Please stand as you are able.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

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."

A Called Meeting of the Congregation will take place this morning. 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.

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.

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. The following items are especially needed:

- Canned meats - (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.)
- Canned vegetables - no green beans, corn, peas (they have plenty of those)
- Tomato sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Soups
- Mac & cheese
- Pasta
- Beans (beans w/chili, kidney, navy, lima)

There are bins in the hallway of the Parlor with school colors. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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 23

6:00 p.m. Youth Group West Building

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:00 p.m. Deployed Spouses Dinner..... Shaw AFB

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting..... Session Room

6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut

6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets

11:30 a.m. Pastor's Lunch/Visitation Covenant Place

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast Chick Fil-A

5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

2:00 p.m. Ordination for Anna Owens Sweeney..... Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

3:00 p.m. Ordination for Vikki Brogdon..... Presbyterian Church at Manning

5:00 p.m. Fall Festival..... West Center Lawn

You are invited to attend the Ordination Services for:

- ... Anna Owens on Saturday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary;
- ... Vikki Brogdon on Sunday, October 30, at 3:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church at Manning.

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: Johnny Jackson, Terry Hill, Margaret Hunter, Linda Montague, Helen Brookes-Futrell, Gordon Rettke

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Sue Fienning on the death of her mother, Ruth Snyder, who died October 14.

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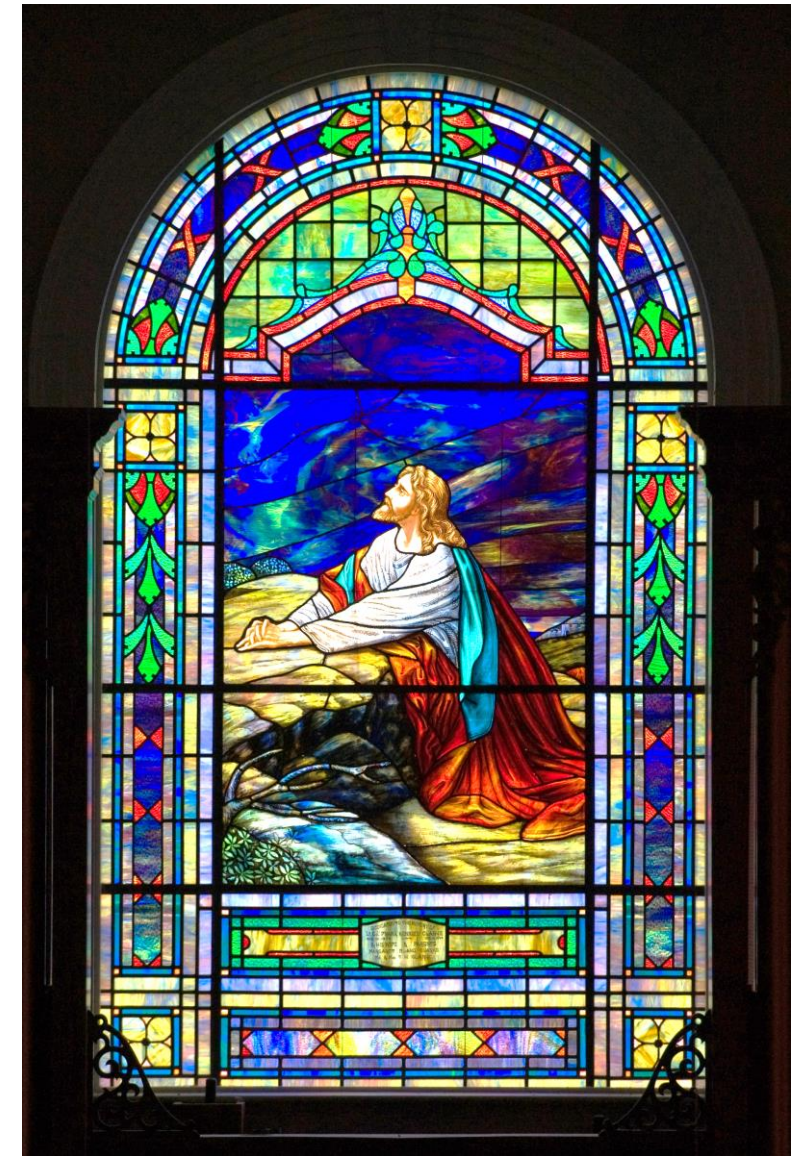
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