

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Praetorius
Fantasy on "A Mighty Fortress"

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 Joy Ringers
Festive Bell Peal

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand)* Carlie Fort

Leader: In love and joy God calls us together.

People: And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

People: Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.

Leader: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 687 (Verses 1, 4-6) ST. ANNE
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Seated)* Reverend Nick Cheek
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)*
We are so scattered, O God. We flit from cause to cause. We are easily distracted by the next important thing. We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today. Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us. Help us commit to the need that is before us. Help us to think deeply, and respond generously as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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** 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.*

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.)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Brian Frerichs and John Moorman

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Carlie Fort

THE GOSPEL LESSON Carlie Fort
Luke 9:46-48 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 70

HYMN OF PREPARATION 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

THE GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 18:15-17 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 81

SERMON "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" Reverend Ashley Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Reverend Ashley Cheek

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

Reverend Nick Cheek

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 Reverend Ashley Cheek
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 Setting by Kevin McChesney
This Is My Father's World
Joy Ringers

*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 Ashley Cheek

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Iris and Bill Painter, Marsha and Chris Somheil

To The Congregation: Will you, who are members of this faith community, who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their faith?

Congregation: We will!

To The Congregation: Will you welcome Iris and Bill Painter and Marsha and Chris Somheil into this family of First Presbyterian Church, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of the body and help it grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation: We will!

Prayer: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. By our common life in this community may we come to know you, serve you and walk with our sisters and brothers today and always. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** 295 SINE NOMINE
Go to the World!

* **BENEDICTION** Reverend Ashley Cheek

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 306 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** Johann Pachelbel
God Gave the Holy Gospel

JOY RINGERS

Margy Carpenter

Norma Abbott

Lee Craig

Glenn Fisher

Alexander Blum

Janet Kuhlmann

Gustavo Blum

Kayleigh Jordan

Lauren Decker

Landee Roth

Kenny Jordan

Dee Dailey

Michael Baier

* 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 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."



FPC'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

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!



The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room. A full schedule of Circle meetings can be found on the calendar on the back page.

YMCA CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Registration for Church League Basketball ends November 3. Please register at the the front desk of the Y. Cost is \$50 members/\$75 potential member per child. If you have any questions, please call Matt Stutz at 803-464-8180.



NICK BY DAY – NICK AT NIGHT



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." There's still time to sign up for one of the small group gatherings. Sign-up sheets are outside the Fellowship Hall or call the church office (803-773-3814) and we'll be glad to add your name.

Upcoming Events at FPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

11:40 a.m. Children's Choir..... Choir Room
5:00 p.m. Fall Festival West Center Lawn

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Council McLaurin Room
6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut
6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
10:00 a.m. Circle #3..... 2310 Clematis Trail
10:00 a.m. Circle #4..... McLaurin Room
12:30 p.m. Circle #1..... McLaurin Room
6:30 p.m. Circle #6..... 12 Frank Clarke
7:00 p.m. Circle #9..... 422 Haynsworth

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast Chick Fil-A
3:00 p.m. Circle #8..... Covenant Place
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

1:30 p.m. Shepherd's Center Quilting Class West Building
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Ministry Team..... McLaurin Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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
5:00 p.m. Youth Bells Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth 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: Johnny Jackson, Terry Hill, Margaret Hunter, Linda Montague, Helen Brookes-Futrell, Gordon Rettke

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Claire Moise, who died October 23, 2016.

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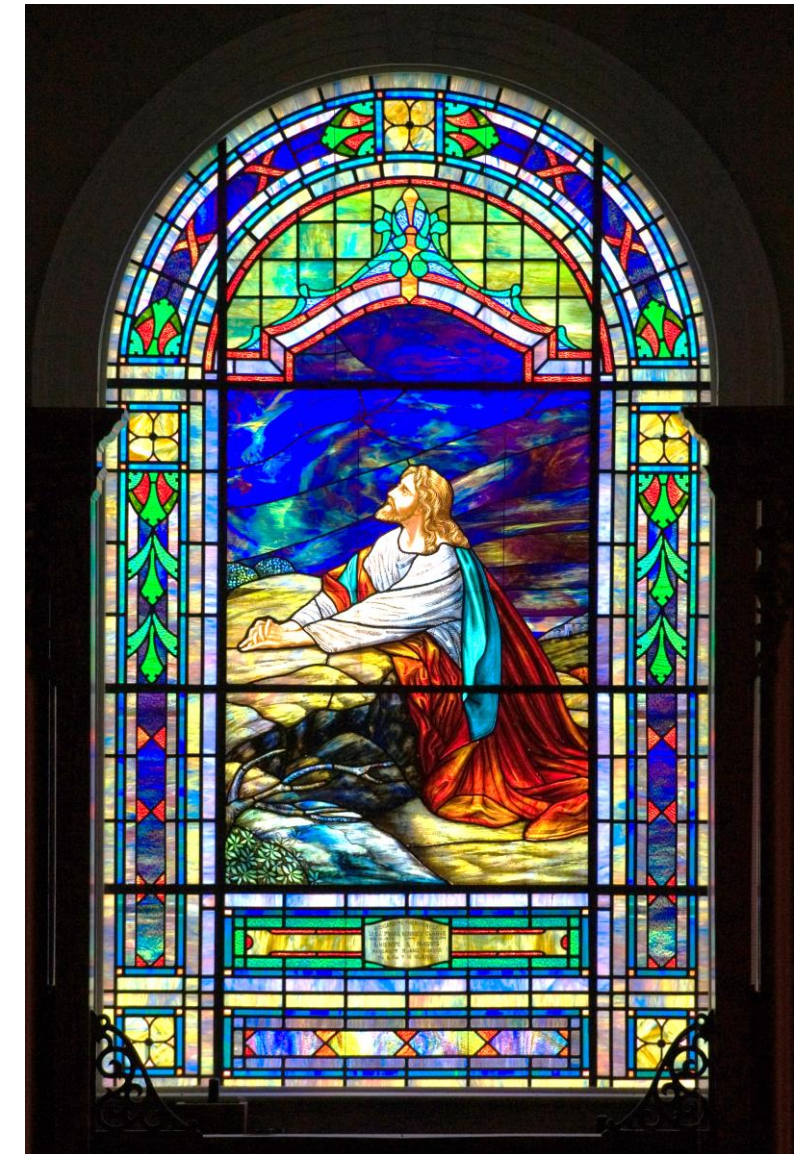
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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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.