

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas Day January 1, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY Mark Blatchly
Three Versets on "Away in a Manger"

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)* William Cooper
Leader: Come and celebrate, people of God!
Sing and shout your praise!

People: For behold, the Lord is doing a new thing.

Leader: Our God comes to renew the earth.
The Holy One enters our world triumphant and victorious,
yet gentle and humble of heart.

People: Our God comes bringing peace and a new hope to all who despair. Let us worship God with joy and gladness!

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 143 REGENT SQUARE
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Seated)* Reverend Ashley Cheek
Let us come to God, knowing that the One who listens to our words, is the One who has given us the Word of grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*
Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Rushed by the busyness of life, weary from the stress of everyday, we forget to perceive you working in our lives. Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace. Forgive us. Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ. We pray this in His name. *(Silent reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Reverend Ashley 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 Christ 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 William Cooper

THE GOSPEL LESSON William Cooper
John 7:37, 38 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 100

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 286 TRENTHAM
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Psalm 1 Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 489

SERMON "Rooted at the Source " Reverend Nick Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Reverend Nick Cheek
We believe in God, the creator of all things and the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth; reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Reverend Ashley 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

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem Ralph Vaughan Williams
O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*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 DEDICATION** 744 FESTAL SONG
Arise, Your Light Is Come!

* **BENEDICTION** Reverend Nick Cheek

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** FESTAL SONG
*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

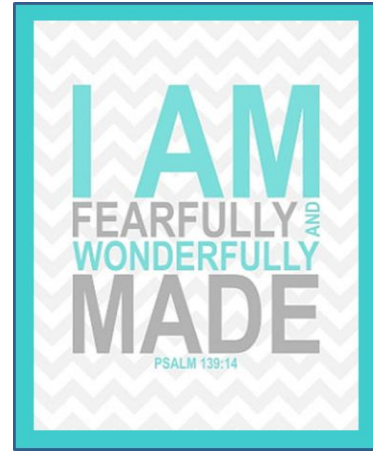
* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** REGENT SQUARE
Angels from the Realms of Glory

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."

* Please stand as you are able.
Bold type indicates congregational response.



THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT!

February 17-19, 2017

Doubletree Resort (formerly Springmaid Beach Resort)
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

We will praise God with our hearts and minds as we study and enjoy God's creation and how God makes all things new.

Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick. He has an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Religion from Baylor University. He has written and presented extensively on creation, particularly in his dissertation "Covenantal Ecology: The Promise of Covenant for a Christian Environmental Ethic" and in his chapter "Covenant and Creation" in the book "Genesis and Christian Theology."

He currently serves Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, Maryland as the Associate Pastor for Adult Education, Small Groups and Young Adults.

Claire Tomkinson, will engage our youth with creative ways to explore and deepen their faith.

Kelly Boone-Sloan, Director of New Harmony Presbytery's Camp Pee Dee, and her staff will lead the children.

Registration forms are available in the pew racks and on the table outside the church office. Fill one out today!!

Registration deadline is January 11, 2017!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

At Home: Betty Crosby, Joe Kuhlmann,
Charles Shaw, Linda Montague,
Helen Brookes-Futrell, Gordon Rettke

*You are invited
to a
Service of Installation
for
Reverend Nick Cheek
Sunday, January 8, 2017
4:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.*

Upcoming Events at FPC

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 ~ Office Closed

6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Men Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
10:00 a.m. Circle #3..... 2781 Creekside Drive
10:00 a.m. Circle #4..... McLaurin Room
12:30 p.m. Circle #1..... McLaurin Room
6:30 p.m. Circle #6..... 919 Shadow Trail
7:00 p.m. Circle #9..... 422 Haynsworth Street

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

3:00 p.m. Circle #8..... Covenant Place
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

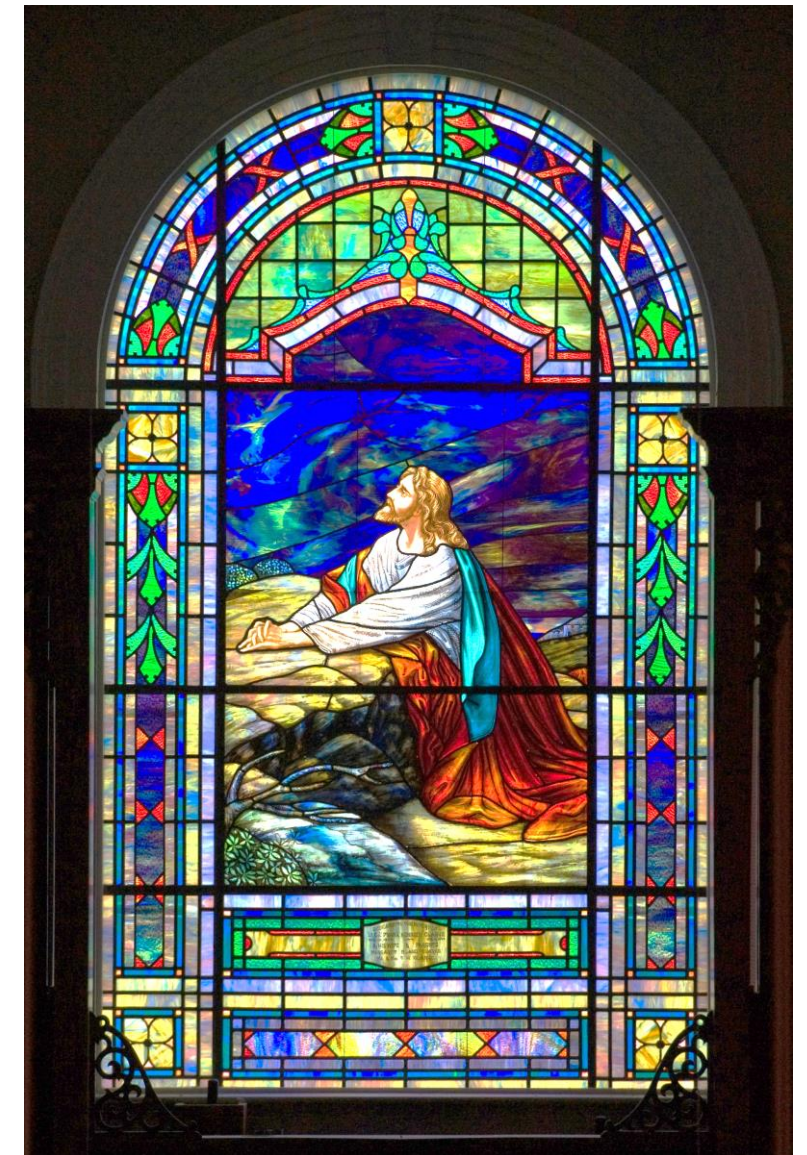
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

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. Pastor Nick's Installation Service 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.

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