

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on "He Whom Joyous Shepherds Praised"

Noel
Helmut Walcha
Louis-Claude Daquin

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)* Duncan James
Leader: Darkness is gone. New hope has arisen for each of us.
People: We are forgiven and blessed.
Leader: We are marked by God as disciples, claimed as God's own.
People: God has entrusted us with the message of hope.
Leader: Come, Spirit of God, and rest upon us.
People: Enable us to be people of hope and peace.
Let us worship God!

- * **HYMN OF PRAISE** 409 ABBOT'S LEIGH
God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Seated)* Reverend Ashley Cheek
People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as children of God. Knowing this, let us approach God with confidence as we confess our shortcomings together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*
God of grace, we thank you for claiming us as your own. You call us your beloved, but often we forget who we are and act in ways that are contrary to your Spirit. We damage the image of God within us through our thoughts and actions. Forgive us. Touch us with your Spirit, so we may be restored to new life; touch us with your grace, so we may offer forgiveness to all people; touch us with your peace, so we might be healers of our world. This we pray in the name of the One who went into the waters of baptism to cleanse us of sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.
(Silent reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 427 (Sing twice) LOE DI ÍSÁ
Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

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 Ashley Cheek
Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Duncan James

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Duncan James
Isaiah 42:1-9 Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 670

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 482 BUNESSAN
Baptized in Water

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
Matthew 3:13-17 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 3

SERMON *"Claimed and Called"* Reverend Nick Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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 Robert A. Hobby
God Has Called Us

*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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Gus Blum	Mandy Blankenship
Sibbie McFaddin	Cary Coker
Julia Muldrow	Wayne Hogon
Meredith Partridge	Dave McInnis
Carol Reese	Glenn Woodrum

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ, so you have been clothed with Christ.

People: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

Leader: In baptism, the disciples before us were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.

Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

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

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** 69 Daniel L. Schutte
Here I Am, Lord

* **BENEDICTION** Reverend Nick Cheek

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Daniel L. Schutte
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Louis-Claude Daquin
Noël Suisse

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 help you grow and serve in your faith. If you have particular questions, please speak to Pastor Nick.

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

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Presbyterian Men will meet tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Keith Ivey, with the midlands Fatherhood Coalition, will be our speaker. Ted Hardy will be preparing the meal. This is the perfect way to fill up on food and fellowship before the big game.

Please pray for Gus Blum, Coles Dwight, Shep Sublette and Chris White, who are traveling to Costa Rica January 13-18 for a mission pre-trip.



CALLING ALL CHILI MAKERS!

Please join us at 5:00 p.m. on January 22nd in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Chili Cook-Off! This will be a wonderful time to break bread together as our church family and see who truly has the best chili making skills.

If chili is not your thing, have no fear – we are in need of soups, cornbread and yummy sweets as well! We will also have trivia and crafts for the kids! For more information contact Robin Thames or Pastor Ashley.

Upcoming Events at FPC

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting McLaurin Room
6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Men Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building
6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
11:30 a.m. Worship and Music Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast..... Baker's Sweets
12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch..... McLaurin Room
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Ministry Team..... Parlor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 ~ Preschool Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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 Fellowship Hall
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: Janet Kuhlmann

At Home: Betty Crosby, Joe Kuhlmann,
Charles Shaw, Linda Montague,
Anne Bell (11 Holland East Court, Simpsonville, SC 29681)

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."

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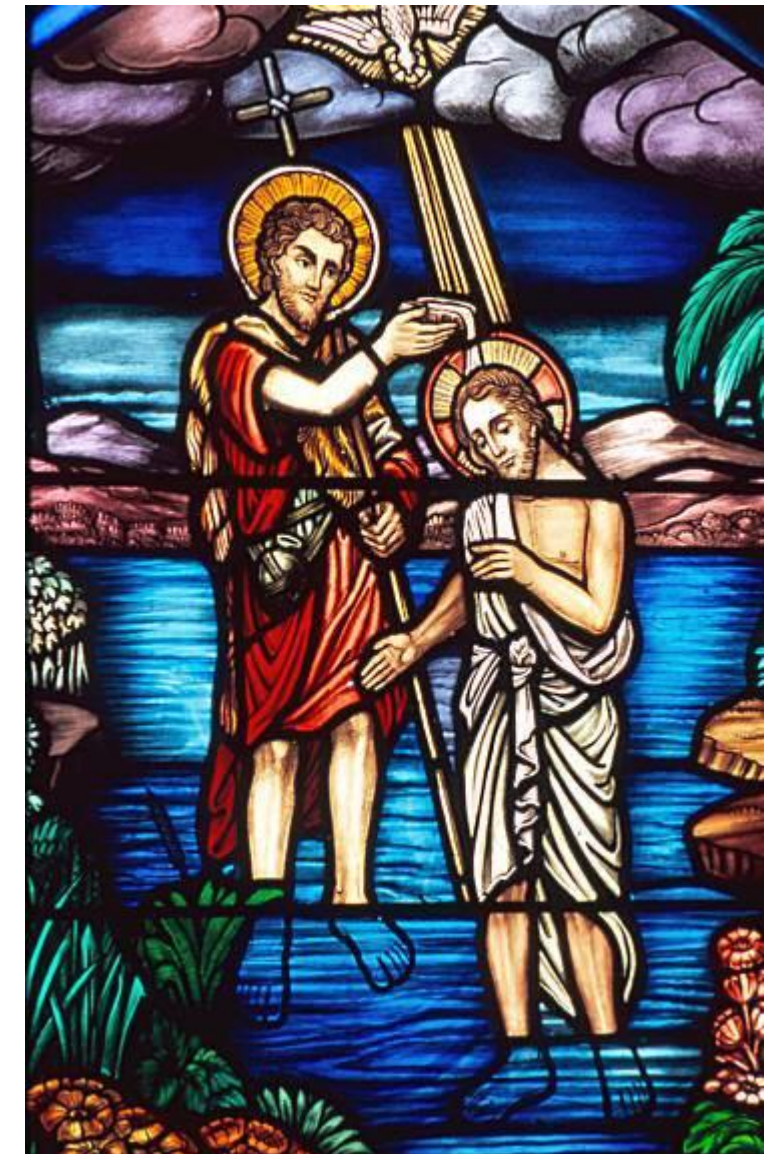
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation