

**WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** Setting by J. S. Bach  
*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

**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)* Brice Leasure  
Leader: O God, you called us by name to come,  
and we responded with delight and gladness.  
**People: In joyful praise, we come to worship God.**  
Leader: We waited patiently for God;  
who turned and heard our cry.  
**People: In joyful praise, we come to worship God.**  
Leader: God has put a new song on our lips,  
hope in our hearts and trust in our minds.  
**People: In joyful praise, we come to worship God.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 624 TOULON  
*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Seated)* Reverend Nick 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)*  
Seeking God, we confess our failure to follow you in paths of right relationships – with you and with neighbor. At times we go astray. We find ourselves looking for someone to rescue us from our sins. Forgive us. Forgive our anger towards self and others. Forgive our failings to be generous with the poor and in need. Forgive us when we look for your salvation to heal us but forget to use our own hands to heal others. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Empower us to receive your forgiveness and grace. In Jesus Christ we pray. *(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 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** Brice Leasure

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Brice Leasure  
Isaiah 49:1-7 Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 679

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 803 RESIGNATION  
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**  
John 1:29-42 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 92

**SERMON** "Who Are You Looking For?" 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**  
**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**  
Call to Giving

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem Setting by Joshua Evanovich  
*You Are Mine*  
Lauren Decker, Violin

\*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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** 442 (Verses 1-3) WOODWORTH  
*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 442 WOODWORTH  
*Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down:  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

\* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Johann Walther  
*God Gave Us This Glorious Day*

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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 help you grow and serve in your faith. 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 congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, January 22, during the morning worship service for the purpose of electing Catharine Frerichs a Deacon to the class of 2019.

Youth Group will not meet tonight because of the ski trip.

Please pray for Gus Blum, Coles Dwight, Shep Sublette and Chris White, who are in Costa Rica for a mission pre-trip. They will return January 18.

**CALLING ALL CHILI MAKERS!**

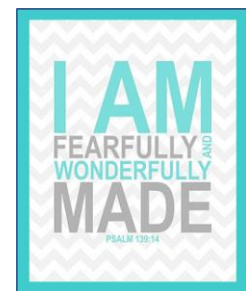
Please join us at 5:00 p.m. on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Chili Cook-Off!

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.



The deadline to register for the Congregational Retreat has been extended until January 18! Registration forms can be found in the pew racks or on the table outside the Church Office. Fill one out today!!!

**Upcoming Events at FPC**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16 ~ Church Office & Preschool Closed**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast .....Baker's Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting ..... Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Book Discussion..... Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast .....Baker's Sweets
- 12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch .....McLaurin Room
- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting .....Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

- 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. Chili Cook-Off .....Fellowship Hall

*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**

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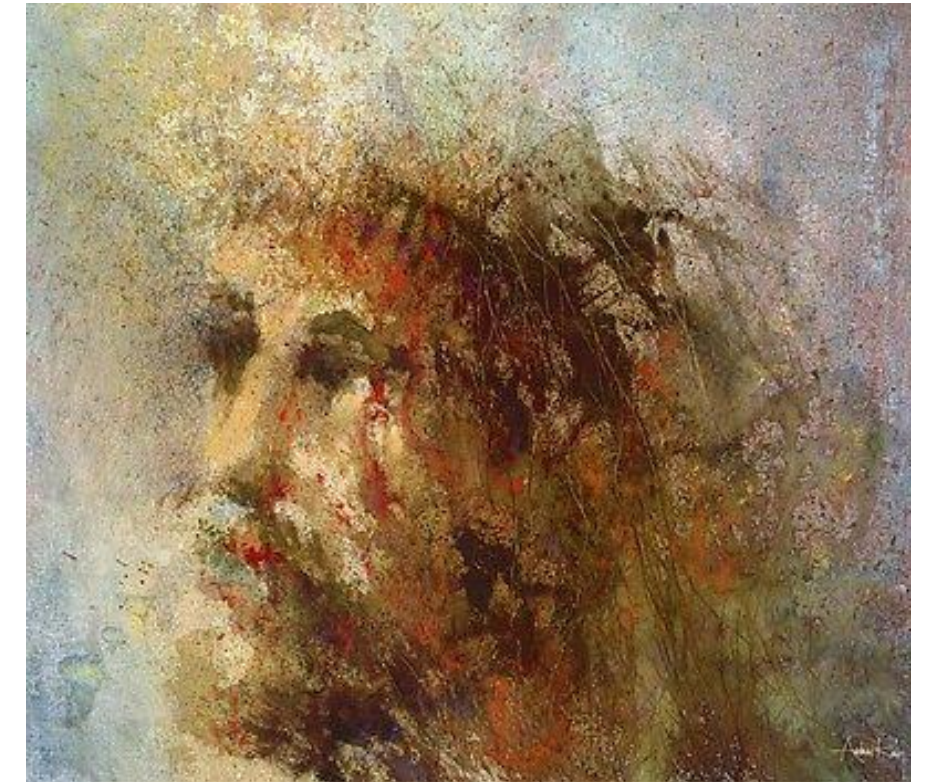
**At Home:** Joe Kuhlmann,  
Charles Shaw, Linda Montague,  
Anne Bell (11 Holland East Court, Simpsonville, SC 29681)

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“Jesus Christ, Lamb of God”

**The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to know Christ and make Him known by living faithfully, worshiping joyfully and serving gladly.**



A Stephen Ministry Congregation