

# WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson

*All Glory Be to God on High*

G. Merkel

## 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

### INTROIT

Bernadette Farrell

*I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say*  
Chancel Choir

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Croft

One: God of all creation,

**Many: What do you require of us?**

One: To do justice,

**Many: Seeking peace and reconciliation, standing with the marginalized and forgotten;**

One: To love kindness,

**Many: Showing compassion and unconditional caring for those in need;**

One: To walk humbly,

**Many: Following in the steps of Jesus, lifting up not the work of our hands but the power that sustains our service.**

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE 804

MARION

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Reverend Nick Cheek

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, too often we fail to act justly, to love with kindness and to walk humbly with you. We ask you open our eyes and hearts to those around us. Help us see the hurts and questions and doubts in each other. Enable us to respond with compassion, empathy and kindness. Empower us to be gracious with one another, not just on Sunday mornings, but every day. Lord, show us the way to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to be the people of God's peace. Let us walk your path while serving you. Amen. *(Silent reflection)*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 427 (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ISA

*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.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: 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

Will Croft

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Will Croft

Psalms 15

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 495

### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION 468

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

*In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)*

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reverend Ashley Cheek

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 866

### SERMON

*"Walk with Me"*

Reverend Ashley Cheek

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### \* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Belhar Confession

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

### 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

Reverend Nick Cheek

Call to Giving

### The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### The Offertory Anthem

John Ness Beck

#### Offertory

*With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you O man; He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
And to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

### \*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***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 749

WE ARE CALLED

*Come! Live in the Light*

### \* BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WE ARE CALLED\

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

### \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

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The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of the wedding of  
Catie Foley and Robert Bussmann, who were married  
in the sanctuary yesterday.

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Bold type indicates congregational response.**

## 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.

**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."



The following Circles will meet Wednesday, February 1:

- Circle #6, Robin Thames, Chair, will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 745 Oak Brook Blvd. Hostess: Stephanie Heath
- Circle #8, Winnie Gee and Fran Kay, Co-chairs will meet at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place

Sumter United Ministries is very low or out of the following staple food items!

- peanut butter & jelly
- powdered milk, non refrigerated pasteurized milk
- canned meats - tuna, chicken, ham, Vienna sausage, etc.
- tomato products - sauce, whole, diced, stewed, etc.
- pasta products - spaghetti, elbows, noodles, etc.
- dry cereal - oatmeal, grits, farina, cream of wheat
- rice - two lb. bags
- canned fruit
- macaroni & cheese



Thank you for providing some of these much needed items. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped at the church or at United Ministries at 36 Artillery Drive Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

**February 15 ~ 12:30 p.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

featuring

**Lakewood Voices**

under the direction of

**Herbert Johnson**

*Limited reservations are available.*

To make reservations, please call Suzanne Wates at 803-469-0509 by February 9.



## Upcoming Events at FPC

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

11:30 a.m. Pastor's Lunch/Visitation ..... Covenant Place  
 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting ..... Session Room  
 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building  
 6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast.....Baker's Sweets  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting..... Parlor

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast .....Baker's Sweets  
 12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch .....McLaurin Room  
 3:00 p.m. Circle #8 ..... Covenant Place  
 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Circle #6..... 745 Oakbrook  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee ..... Parlor  
 12:00 p.m. Capital Improvements .....McLaurin Room  
 1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Center Quilting Class ..... West Building

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 ~ Preschool Closed

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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 Handbells.....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:** Dean Brunson (Marvin Brunson's uncle)

**At Home:** Margaret Hunter, Janet and Joe Kuhlmann,  
 Betty Crosby, Charles Shaw,

Anne Bell (11 Holland East Court, Simpsonville, SC 29681)

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Chal Glenn on the death of his sister, Stephanie Glenn, who died January 20 in Charlotte.

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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.**



A Stephen Ministry Congregation