

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Suite on the First Tone

Louis Clérambault

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.)

INTROIT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Joy Ringers

Arr. by Jason King

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathryn Blanding

One: God said, "Let there be light."

Many: **And there was light.**

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

Many: **And the light shone in the darkness.**

One: Friends, you are the light of the world and a city on a hill.

Many: **And the light shall not be quenched.**

Let us worship in the light of love and hope.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Reverend Nick Cheek

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you have called us to live as children of light, but instead of illuminating your character, we have blurred it. You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we have been too preoccupied with ourselves to see them. You have called us to be peacemakers, yet we have encouraged the arms makers with our fears and our fortunes. We have seen the light, but we have refused to walk in it. Forgive us. Keep the needs of the world ever before us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(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 Ashley Cheek

Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kathryn Blanding

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

Kathryn Blanding

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 4

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Cheek

Reverend Nick

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 205

SERMON

"Keep the Light On"

Reverend Nick 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 Ashley Cheek

Call to Giving

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem

Arr. by Cathy Moglebust

Abide with Me

Joy Ringers with Barbara Rearden, Flute

*The Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 295 (Verses 1-3)

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.***

SINE NOMINE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

See the Lord of Light and Life

J. S. Bach

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JOY RINGERS

Margy Carpenter
Lande Roth
Lee Craig
Dee Dailey
Kayleigh Jordan

Lauren Decker
Michael Baier
Norma Abbott
Kenny Jordan

Special thanks to our guest organist, Linda Coyne,
for sharing her musical talents with us today.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Vickey Shaw by her family.

* 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.



The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Our youth will be receiving both canned food/nonperishable items as well as monetary donations in soup pots following worship this Sunday. All proceeds and donations will go to benefit United Ministries of Sumter County.

tacklehunger.org

The annual Super Bowl party will be held on Sunday evening from 6:00-9:00 in the West Youth Building. Youth are encouraged to bring a friend!



The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room. Circles will meet Tuesday, February 7, as scheduled in the calendar on the back page.



The Presbyterian Men will hold their Valentines Dinner Tuesday, February 7, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Kipper Ackerman will be playing her harp for our enjoyment. There are few things more romantic than the harp. Gentlemen, make sure you have someone on your arm when you join us Tuesday night!

Next Sunday, February 12, there will be training for all children in grades 1-7 who wish to serve as Junior Ushers. It will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend, but are interested, please contact Pastor Ashley to arrange a time to meet with her.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

February 15 ~ 12:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
featuring

The Lakewood Voices under the
direction of Herbert Johnson
Limited reservations are available.

To make reservations, please call Suzanne Wates at 803-469-0509 no later than **this Thursday, February 9.**



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."

Upcoming Events at FPC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – Preschool Closed

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
10:00 a.m. Circle #3 520 West Hampton
10:00 a.m. Circle #4 McLaurin Room
12:30 p.m. Circle #1 McLaurin Room
6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Men Valentines Dinner Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Circle #9 422 Haynsworth

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch McLaurin Room
5:00 p.m. Engage Ministry Team Parlor
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Center Quilting Class West Building

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer" Session Room
9:00 a.m. Junior Usher Training Sanctuary
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. 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 noon.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Steve Sheffer on the death of his mother, Patricia Welch Sheffer, who died January 28.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gabe and Mary Elizabeth (Wood) Gregory on the birth of a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, born February 1. Proud grandparents are Jimmy and Shirley Wood.

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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