

WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Albert Travis

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Gus Blum, Scoutmaster, Troop 86

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

Mark Patterson

My God is With Me
Children's Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracyn Coker

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

Many: **We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

One: Come together and wait for God.

Many: **We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

One: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

Many: **We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

One: Come, worship the Lord.

Many: **Let us sing praises to our God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 366

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

Reverend Ashley Cheek

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for not bearing fruit. You call and command us to bear the loving fruit of brotherhood and sisterhood, yet too often we sow seeds of division. You have asked us to bear the fruit of loving-kindness, but somehow we carry the taste of envy in our mouths. You have asked us to care for our neighbors, and though we desire as much, we frequently pass by those in need. Lord, have mercy. Renew us, that your Spirit might grow the fruit of graciousness within us. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

(Silent reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 427 (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ISA

Jesus knows the inmost heart; nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Reverend Ashley 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.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gwendolen Isla Bettinger, Daughter of Jessica and Joe Bettinger

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

Questions to the Children

Questions to the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Gwendolen by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church?

We do.

*Profession of Faith

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.

Congregational Response 486

KINGDOM

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Prayer

Ever living God, in your mercy you promised to be not only our God, but also the God of our children. We thank you for receiving Gwendolen by baptism. Keep her always in your love. Guide her as she grows in faith. Bring her to confess Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and the faith of the church.

We also pray for her parents, Jessica and Joe. Give them wisdom and patience to guide Gwendolen in the way of Jesus Christ. Let love and peace dwell in their home. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracyn Coker

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 4:7-13

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 241

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-11

Reverend Nick Cheek
Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 109

SERMON

"Abide in Love"

Reverend Nick Cheek

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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

All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice

Chancel Choir

*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 836 Verses 1-4

EVENTIDE

Abide with Me

* BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

John Goss

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Sam M. Hunter, Jr. by his 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.

Youth will meet at 5:45 in the West Building to go to the Blanding's farm for a bonfire/cookout. Parents are asked to pick them up at 8:00 p.m. at 2185 Cory Drive.



Faithful Families Rediscovering Prayer Beginning February 26

A time for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and growing together in the faith as One Family. Children, parents, adults and more are invited to journey together on a six-week series, "Rediscovering Prayer," on February 26 – April 2, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Classes are geared so that you can miss one or two and still stay connected and informed. Dinner will be served every evening at no cost, and a nursery will be available for the little ones. We want everyone to have the chance to participate.

Volunteers are needed to cook each Sunday evening (February 26-April 2). If you are interested, please contact Mary Ellen Blanding (803-773-7176 or mlbsrmeb@ftc-i.net).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Saturday, March 11
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall with lunch included**

Ashley Cheek will be our guest speaker presenting **Come Experience the Table**, *Come to me and I will give you rest*, taken from Matthew 11:28 Please contact Linda Hogon (803-775-4167 or lhogon03@yahoo.com) by March 3 to make your reservation. Bring a friend!



FPC FAMILY BASKETBALL GAME

Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.

YMCA Upper Gymnasium

Cost is \$5 (includes t-shirt and participation). Two teams will be equally split to accommodate all ages. Please contact Kimberly White (803-468-7781 or kimber2097@gmail.com) for more information. Deadline to sign up is March 12. All ages are welcome.



Upcoming Events at FPC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

4:00 p.m. Discipleship Ministry Team Parlor
6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting McLaurin Room
6:30 p.m. Pack 86 West Building
6:30 p.m. Troop 86 Scout Hut

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
11:00 a.m. Worship & Music McLaurin Room
12:00 p.m. Embrace Ministry Team Parlor

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast..... Baker's Sweets
12:15 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting McLaurin Room
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Luncheon.....Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Care and Support Ministry Team Parlor
5:45 p.m. Joy RingersFellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Congregational Retreat

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer" Session Room
*Please note: There will be no Sunday School because of the
Congregational Retreat.*
10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

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 12:00 noon.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Margaret Moses on the death of her sister, Sandra Brantner, who died February 1 in Nashville.

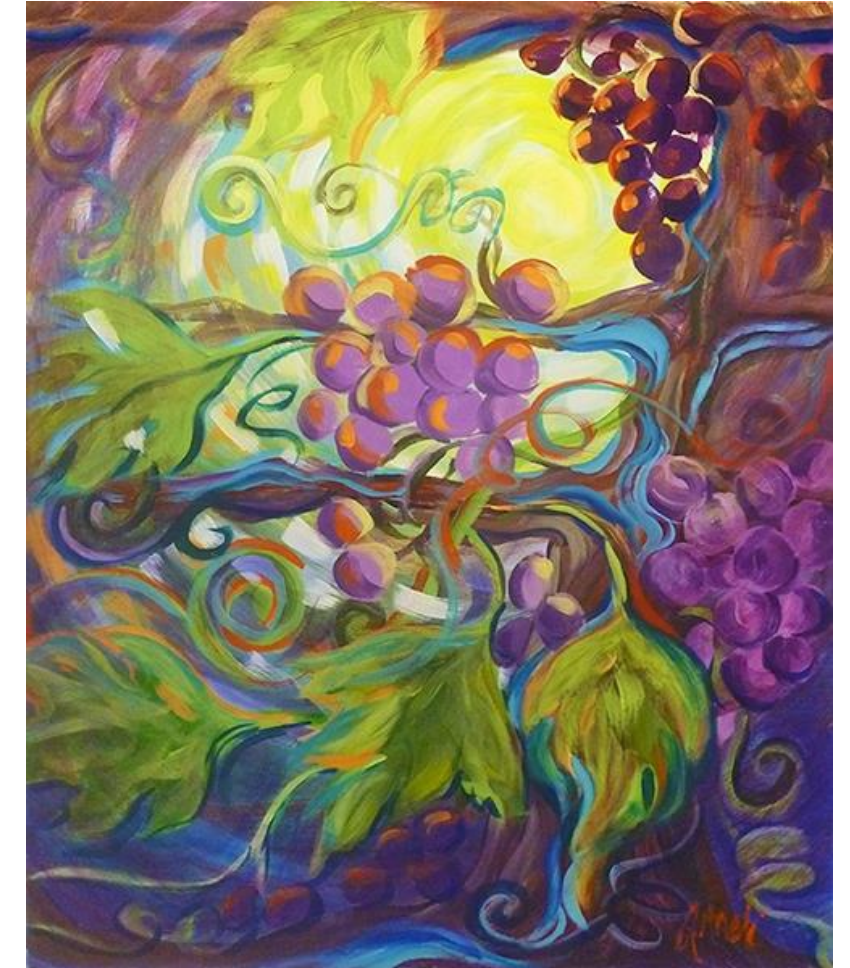
We Care: Please take a gold **Prayer Card** from the pew rack, and write a word of encouragement, congratulations, or a thank you to someone or group. Please include the first and last name of the person you wish to receive the card and your name. You may place your Prayer Card in the offering. On Monday 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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know Christ and make Him known by
living faithfully, worshiping joyfully
and serving gladly.**



A Stephen Ministry Congregation