

# WORSHIP OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

*Sheep May Safely Graze*  
Lauren Decker, Violin

## 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

Elizabeth Foley

One: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life: in the beginning of time, you moved over the face of the waters.

Many: **Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.**

One: Holy spirit, voice of the prophets, you fill us with a spirit of justice and compassion.

Many: **Come, Spirit of righteousness, and burn in our hearts.**

One: Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame: you filled the disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your Word and share your good news.

Many: **Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your Redeeming love. As we sing and worship to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE 463

FOUNDATION

*How Firm a Foundation*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Susan Price

Our God is a God of grace and mercy. As we come together to confess our shortcomings, know that you are loved, accepted and embraced by a forgiving God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Silent reflection)*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 427 (Sing Twice) LOE DI ISA

*Jesus knows the inmost heart; nothing can be hidden.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \* 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

Valerie James

*Jesus Loves Me (Children come forward during singing.)*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Foley

### THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Elizabeth Foley

Acts 2:22-24

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 119

### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION 418

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*Softy and Tenderly*

### THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Susan Price

Acts 2:25-32

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 119

### SERMON

*"A Transformed Man"*

Susan Price

## 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

Duane Funderburk

*Blessed Assurance*

Lauren Decker, Violin

### \*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 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God Be the Glory*

### \* BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory: great things he has done!***

### \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tom Fettke

*Adoration*

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We welcome Susan Price to our pulpit this morning.

Special thanks to our guest pianist, Kay Rasmussen,  
for sharing her musical talents with us today.

**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.



**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.

*Registration is not necessary, but we would like to know how many to plan for – please call the church office (803-773-3814) to let us know you plan to attend.*

**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 Bring a friend! The book, *Bread & Wine . . . a love letter to life around the table* by Shauna Niequist, may be pre-ordered. Please contact Linda Hogon (803-775-4167 or lhogon03@yahoo.com) by March 3 to make reservations or reserve a copy of the book (\$15).



**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. Please sign up on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to sign up is March 12. All ages are welcome.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin Monday, February 27, for currently enrolled children, church members and grandchildren of church members. Classes are available for children 8 months-Kindergarten. Open enrollment begins Tuesday, March 7. Share the news! For additional information, please call 803-773-9027.

*preschool registration*



**Upcoming Events at FPC**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – Presidents' Day**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

- 7:00 a.m. Middle School Prayer Breakfast ..... Baker's Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting ..... Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Book Discussion ..... Parlor
- 6:00 a.m. Executive Council ..... Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Families

*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:** Ray Wilcox, Margaret Hunter, Janet and Joe Kuhlmann

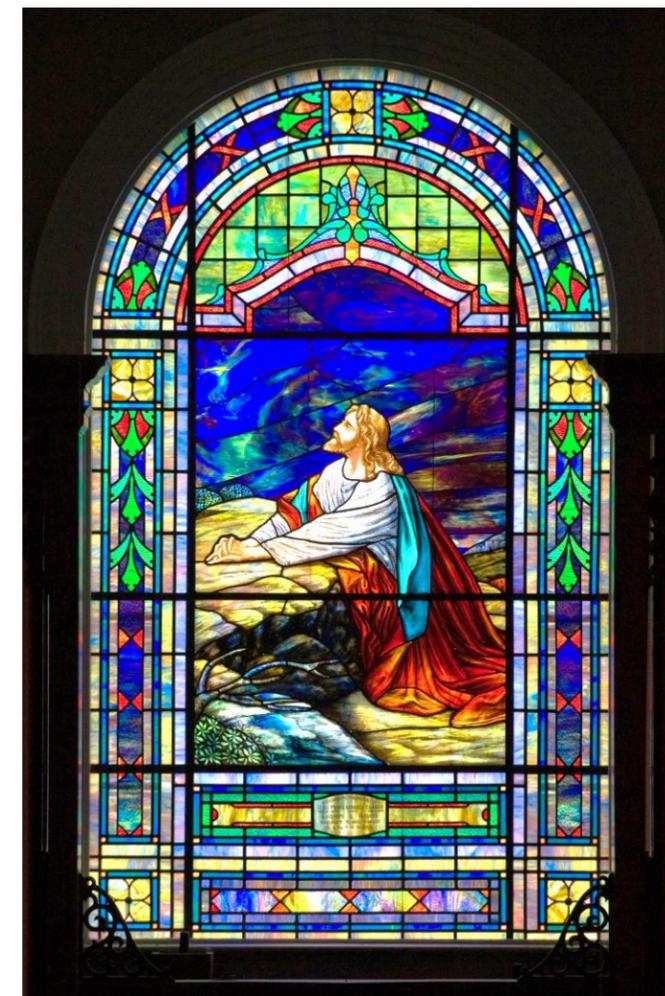
**We Care:** Please take a gold **Prayer Card** from the pew rack, and write a word of encouragement, congratulations, or a thank you to someone or group. Please include the first and last name of the person you wish to receive the card and your name. You may place your Prayer Card in the offering. On 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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**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*