Morning Worship
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2019

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity
Prelude A Mighty Fortress is Our God 
Bender
The congregation is asked to make use of the prelude as a time of preparation, meditation and prayer.

Greeting
Dr. Dan Sansbury
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: A Coat Drive for our Community
Tracie Phillips

Choral Introit 
From the Rising of the Sun

*Call to Worship (responsive)
Penny Angle
We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people!

We were chosen so that we might proclaim to the world the mighty acts of God, who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.

Once we were not people, but now we are God’s people.

Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy in Jesus Christ.

(from 1 Peter 2:8-10)

*Hymn 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Prayer of Confession (please be seated)
If we say that we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, our Lord is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [I John 1:8-9]

Prayer of Confession
Gracious and Eternal God, in every century you have raised up people who believe in you and serve you faithfully. We confess to you today that, sometimes, our enthusiasm fades and our faith grows weak. We do not always speak out for you when a word is needed. We do not always act for you when compassionate service could make a positive difference. We do not always live faithfully for you, for sometimes we are afraid.

Forgive us, O God, for all the ways that we fail to be the people or the church that you want us to be. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us anew. Energize our faith and service. Make your Church a strong and positive witness for Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord, once again. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness
If anyone does sin in any way, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he made the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for us not only but also for the whole world. [I John 2:1-2]

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* Holy Interruption We greet our neighbors in Christ’s love
Dedication of our Christmas Boxes
Giving of our Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Healer of our Every Ill (see 795) Ashdown

* Praise of God
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Sermon
Dr. Dan Sansbury
Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Play ‘n’ Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Selections from Hebrews 11-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem The Great Cloud
Joseph Martin
All around us, there is light! There’s a great cloud of witnesses. Saints triumphant, shining bright. There’s a great cloud of witnesses. Encouraging us to walk in faith, calling us to live in grace.

When we lift the voice of praise, there’s a great cloud of witnesses.

As we worship, as we pray, there’s a great cloud of witnesses. Cheering us upon the way, there’s a great cloud of witnesses. In every word and every song, we can hear them pure and strong; Voices of the heavenly throng. There’s a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us walk worthy, finish the race.
Fight the good fight, and celebrate grace.
God, give us courage, show us the way!
Give us a mission for this present day!

Can you lift your hearts and see? There’s a great cloud of witnesses. Those who know eternity, there’s a great cloud of witnesses. O we can feel their presence near, in our laughter, in our tears, In the memories we hold dear. There’s a great cloud of witnesses.

There’s a great cloud of witnesses. There’s a great cloud of witnesses.

Message “Who is in Your Cloud?”
Dr. Dan Sansbury

*Response Hymn 375 Shall We Gather at the River

*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.

*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.

Remembrance of Those Who Have Gone Before Us

----The Calling of Names and Lighting of Candles and Prayers of Intercession and 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.

*Hymn 326 For All the Saints

We Depart in God’s Name

*Charge and Benediction
*Choral Response What Does the Lord Require of You
*Postlude I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
Hopkins

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY. On this Sunday, the one closest to All Saints’ Day (November 1), we remember great reformers and witnesses for Christ like Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox. We also remember that “saints” are not an unusual or elite class of believers. “Saints” are simply those people in whom the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, is at work. We remember, too, these loved ones who have gone before us in 2018 and 2019 to receive their eternal reward: Tom Brewer, Pam Chapman, Chris Hydrick and Teresa Ingram.
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Gerry Rogers.

If you are visiting with us today, please accept our gift of a coffee mug and a Newcomers’ Packet. They are located in the Narthex.

If you are interested in knowing more about this congregation, or in officially joining as a church member, please speak to the pastor after the worship service. All persons are invited to participate in all the ministry activities of our congregation.

It is time to update the church directory. If any of your contact information has changed please let the church secretary know as soon as possible.

Prayer List as of October 27, 2019
Dee Pierce    Anne Bryan    Pam Cook
Jack Baker    Larry Gaddy    Roy Allison
Louise Carpenter    Robby Ashworth    Lillis McCormic
Charles Watson    Carole Kennedy

Fill the Red Wagon
A monthly featured item is now being requested for donations in the Red Wagon for the McArn Food Bank.

The food bank is currently most in need of food for the Backpack Program, which sends food home with needy children from school every Friday.

October Featured Item: Breakfast Bars
Additional canned food donations are encouraged!

Dr. Sansbury leads a weekly Bible Study on the gospel of Matthew. The study group meets in the Fellowship Building on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Focus this week is Matthew 12-13.

Nursery/Pray N’ Play
October 27    Maylen Harris

Please turn in your “Time & Talent” sheets to the church office by November 10. Your elders need your information in order to plan for the coming year.

The October issues of The Presbyterian Outlook are located in the Narthex.

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Carolyn West, our church secretary, will be on vacation Monday, October 28th – Wednesday, October 30th.

Daylight saving time ends next Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

You are invited to an All Saints concert at First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville on Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00. Several musicians, including Barbara Dickson, will perform. You’ll hear music you’ve never heard before!

The Cheraw Veterans Choir will present a tribute to our veterans on Monday, November 11, 6:00 pm, at the Theater On the Green. Please invite your friends and family to this inspirational program.

We will be collecting our annual Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell Home on Sunday, November 24, 2019. Please prayerfully consider what gifts you can offer.

First Presbyterian Church
Cheraw, South Carolina

Our Vision
Rooted by God’s Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ’s Love

Our Mission
By the Grace of God, we are rooted in Christ through love.
We grow in the Spirit by worshipping, by studying,
and by cultivating relationships with Christ and others.
As stewards of God’s gifts and affirming our faith
in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
we share God’s Mission of reaching out
with Christ’s Love.

Dr. Dan Sansbury
Interim Pastor

Missionaries
Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent Hare    Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith
Haiti    Germany/Russia