

Morning Worship
November 18, 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Avery Dickson
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements
Prelude *Prelude On "Doxology"* Stearns
Choral Introit *How Very Good and Pleasant*

*Call to Worship (1 John 4:7,19)
Leader: Beloved, let us love one another.
People: We love because God first loved us.

*Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, we give you thanks for this day that you have made, and for the night of rest that has prepared us to live this day as your children. Be present with us in this time of worship as we gather to bring you all honor, glory and majesty due your holy name. May your Word which says, "Let light shine out of darkness," be evidenced in our thoughts and deeds, touching all those who come into our midst with your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we give You the glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Call to Confession
If others were to imitate us, would the world be a better place? If they were to know all our thoughts and actions, would God be praised? Is God first in our lives? Before God, whose reign is forever, let us confess those things we have done wrong and the things pleasing to God that we have not done. Let us confess our sins using the unison Prayer of Confession. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)
You have revealed yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter our lives and cast out our fears, so that we may come to trust in you and have true life in Jesus' name. Hear now the silent prayers on our hearts...
(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon
Our God fulfils his promises and is true to his word. We have confessed our sins.
God has forgiven us, because Christ died for us. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this is the good news of the Gospel.

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*

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon Susan Malloy
Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray 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.
Anthem *A Family Song* Joseph Martin
Fun Program Kids

Sing a song for family, a gift from God's own heart.
For parents who have loved you, and gave your life its start.
For brothers and for sisters, for dear ones near and far;
I will sing a song to tell them just how wonderful they are.

Thank you, God, for family, a gift so rich and fair.
Precious are the moments, the years we have to share.
All along life's journey, no matter where we go,
We will always treasure the memories of home.

Families all are different, just look around and see.
Love is the true measure of who is family.
So, whether it's a parent, a teacher or a friend,
We can all be family sharing love that never ends,
A love that never ends.

Prayer for Illumination
New Testament Lesson 1 John 1:5-2:2

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Elliot Smith

"From Darkness to Light"

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*
* Declaration of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)
**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.**

Prayers of the People (concluding with 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.

Offering Invitation
Offertory *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* Burkhardt

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*
**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee**

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 37 *Let All Things Now Living*
* Benediction and Sending
* Choral Response *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*
* Postlude *Voluntary* anon.

We **welcome** the Rev. Elliot Smith, president of Thornwell, to the pulpit this morning. Elliot is here to join with us in giving thanks to God for the mutual ministry we share with Thornwell and to give thanks for the many ways the First Presbyterian Church family helps to make this life-giving and life-affirming ministry with children and families possible.

Here in Cheraw, FPC partners with Thornwell by serving as a host congregation for the Building Families Program. Thornwell Family Specialist, Carisa Gerald, brings high-quality therapy services to area families right in their own homes. Thornwell is able to offer this ministry on a very affordable sliding scale fee, with no family turned away because of inability to pay due to the generous support of congregations like First Presbyterian, as well as individuals, businesses and area foundations.

Founded in 1875, Thornwell is our ministry with children who have been abused, neglected, abandoned, as well as families facing life transitions or have experienced other family crises. Last year more than 2,400 children and families were served by Thornwell across South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida through a variety of residential and community-based programs.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Brooks in loving memory of our parents and in honor of our children.

We will be collecting our annual **Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell Home** today during worship. Please prayerfully consider what gifts you can offer.

Usher/Greeter Team for November

Sue Funderburk and Tracie Phillips

Prayer List as of November 18, 2018

Benny Moore	Dee Pierce	Anne Bryan
Gerry Rogers	Jack Baker	

Residents at Presbyterian Communities of SC
Artha Sompayrac – Summerville
B. J. Moore - Summerville

Copies of the **extended prayer list** (which includes non-members) can be obtained by calling the church office.

To be a good steward of God's blessings, please help "**fill the wagon**" for the McArn Community Ministry. The red wagon will be in the narthex every Sunday. Thanks for your generosity!

The Church This Week (11/18/2018)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.		Office Closed
Thurs.		Office Closed
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery/Pray N' Play

Nov. 18	Laura Folger
Nov. 25	Jean Page Watson

The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Brian Brown and his family upon the death of his mother, Mary Virginia "Teddy" Brown from Cloverport, KY. She died on October 19, 2018.

First Friday Concert Series - 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, S.C. Friday, December 7, Penny Rogers, flute – concerts are free and open to public.

FPC members are volunteering at a Habitat's Brush-in-Kindness Project on **Saturday, December 1st, and Saturday, December 8th**. We will be replacing a metal roof, fixing siding and painting for Jackie Ellerbe Shannon at 106 Agerton St. in Cheraw. Please meet at the job site at 8:30 am. No tools are needed. Also, if you plan to participate, please fill out the sign-up sheet in front of the Church's office.

Realm Member Directory

Please see Kim Cauthen and Andy Beck after Church and at various Church functions throughout the month of November to have your picture taken for our online member directory. If you would like to upload your own picture, get login information from Tracie Phillips (phillipscte@aol.com). The directories will be able to be printed or viewed online. They will be a valuable resource for us and our new pastor.

MEALS IN A BOX---The Mission Outreach Committee will sponsor the Thanksgiving Meals in a Box program through the McArn Food Bank this year. Your gift of \$15 will feed a family. All donations will need to be in by Sunday, November 25. Last year we were able to help many families with Thanksgiving meals. **Please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with the words Meal in a Box on the memo line.**

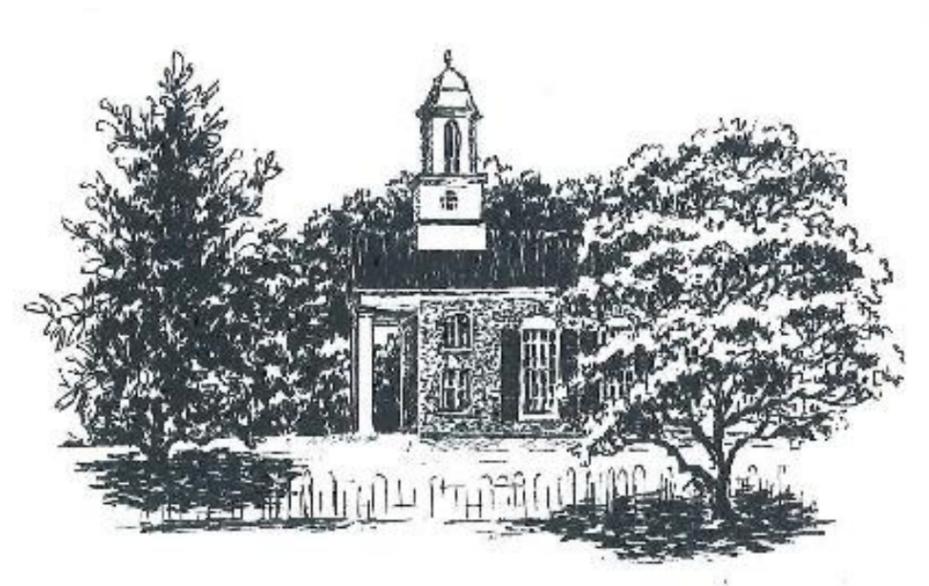
The **church office will be closed** on Wednesday and Thursday, November 21st and 22nd for Thanksgiving.

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.**

Missionaries

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent Hare <i>Haiti</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith <i>Germany/Russia</i>
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