

Morning Worship
January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Giving

Prelude *I Bind Unto Myself Today* (see #6)

Choral Introit *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord*

*Call to Worship

God calls each of us into relationship.

Let us renew our relationship with God.

We are reconnected with God through Christ's love.

Let us accept God's generous love and grace!

Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

God of every blessing, we rejoice that you have chosen us from long ago, adopted us as your beloved children, and gathered us into your presence. Now make known in our hearts and lives your eternal purpose for heaven and earth so that we may live, this day and always, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Call to Confession

God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance and new life. The gift of God's grace is lavished upon us — poured out like water - through the life and death of the risen Lord. Trusting in the love and goodness of God, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, you have given us everything; we have failed to respond with gratitude. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your Word; we answer with empty promises and lies. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light; we try to hide ourselves from your glory. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your life; even this precious gift we have not received. Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us. In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power to become what you created us to be: beloved children, full of grace and truth. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness (1 Cor. 1:4,8)

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again. Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord! Friends, believe the good news of your salvation,
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

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

Christ Be Beside Me

Grotenhuis

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

“The Gift of Christ”

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

* Declaration of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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!” 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.**

Offering Invitation

Offertory *At the Name of Jesus*

Powell

* 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 264 *At the Name of Jesus*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

* Postlude *Fanfare*

Otterstad

Elder in Charge of Greeting

Mike Chapman

Deacons in Charge of Ushers

Fred Harris and Kaye Marsh

Prayer List as of January 14, 2018

Benny Moore	Bennie Moore
Gerry Rogers	Tom Brewer
Dee Pierce	Bill Tillman

Residents at Presbyterian Communities of SC

Ruth Leggett – Columbia

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.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by Mike and Cathy Chapman in memory of Mr. Henry Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dowdy and in honor of Mrs. Pamela Chapman.

First Presbyterian Church

Cheraw, South Carolina

Our Vision

**Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love**



To be a good steward of God's blessings, please bring a can or two to help "fill the wagon" for the McArn Community Ministry. The need for canned goods is very high. The red wagon will be in the narthex every Sunday. Thanks for your generosity!

The Church This Week (1/14/2018)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.		Office Closed
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Soup and Sandwich Meal (free)
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Session
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery/Pray N' Play

Jan. 14	Hadleigh Smith and Emily Beck
Jan. 21	Laura Folger and Andy Beck
Jan. 28	Kelli Beck and youth

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The Giving Ministry Team would like to remind you the **Stewardship Campaign** will continue during the month of January and will end on January 28 with commitment Sunday and a celebration lunch. Our theme for this year is "Live Generously".

The Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold, Pastor
 Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
 Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Mrs. Mary Gullette, Mrs. Debra Jewart, Nursery

Mr. Mac McCall, DCE & Director of Choirs
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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.**

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold
Stated Supply

Missionaries

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