

Morning Worship
January 21, 2018
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Vernon White

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship Vernon White

O God, you made us in your image and redeemed us through Jesus Christ.

Look with compassion on the whole human family. Take away all that infects our hearts.

Break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love.

And through us, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; gather every people and nation to serve you in your heavenly house.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

Call to Confession

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, through Jesus Christ, who gave himself to redeem us. This gift of God's grace is bestowed upon us through the life and death of the risen Lord. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. You have set us free to serve you, yet we live as captives to our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Heal us and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Hymn *Word of God in Human Language*

**Word of God in human language for this time and in our tongue,
Tell anew the ageless story, ever ancient, ever young.
May our hearts receive the message of God's faithful, loving care;
May our lives respond in action, living deed and living prayer.**

**Everywhere the world is hungry for the liberating Word,
Food for spirit as for body, to be tasted, felt, and heard.
It is thus the Word encounters at God's own appointed hour,
Bringing knowledge and perception of true justice, peace, and power.**

**So God's voice continues speaking in the words we can't deny,
Sounding out across the ages. Will we answer or defy?
As the call becomes still clearer, witness that the Word shall last,
May we follow with commitment in the present as the past.**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 1:24-27

New Testament Lesson Luke 5:36-38

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

"Room for More Soul"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 27 *Sacred the Body*

* 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

* 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 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

* Postlude

Elder in Charge of Greeting

Mike Chapman

Deacons in Charge of Ushers

Fred Harris and Kaye Marsh

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today in loving memory of Margaret Anderson Rogers by Grayson Cauthen and family.

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.**

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold
Stated Supply

Missionaries

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

Nursery/Pray N' Play

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".

Prayer List as of January 21, 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 **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Connie Funderburk Bristow and her family upon the death of her son, Kitt Canada. He passed away after battling cancer.

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 (1/21/2018)

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| 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. | 8:30 a.m. | MMO |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Fun Program |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Choir |
| Sun. | 9:30 a.m. | Coffee/Fellowship |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Church School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |

The Church Staff

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