

**Morning Worship  
February 25, 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**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

Prelude *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Osterland

Choral Introit *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

\*Call to Worship

John Joyce

Hear the promise of the Lord our God:

**I will bless you and make you a blessing.**

Hear the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ:

**Take up your cross and follow me.**

Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

**O God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn 49 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Call to Confession

All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Yet we believe and proclaim that God yearns to be reconciled with us and to shower mercy on us. Let us confess our sins together, so that we may know the forgiveness of God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. Because of God's love, made clear in Jesus Christ, we can rejoice that we are forgiven of all rebellion and strong-headedness. God is ever-present with us to guide us home. Friends, trust 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation*

Anthem

*O Lord, I Pray*

Winkel

Hear my words O Lord I pray, for my strength has gone away.  
Give me patience now to see, that Your goodness covers me.  
I must know that You still care; that in times of deep despair,  
I can reach my hand to You, and You'll be there.

Guide my steps when I can't see; help me learn to trust in Thee.  
Be my shelter on the way, as I struggle toward that day.  
For the strength of Your good hand, will direct me toward the land;  
And the promise You have made will lead me there.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Guide my steps when I can't see; help me learn to trust in Thee.  
Be my shelter on the way, as I struggle toward the day.  
For the strength of Your good hand, will direct me toward the land;  
And the promise You have made will lead me home.  
And the promise You have made, will lead me home.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Mark 8:27-38

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

“No Cross, No Crown”

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn 459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

\* Declaration of Faith (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is 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 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Stearns

\* 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 718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

(The choir will sing the first verse once; the congregation will then join them.)

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Choral Response *Love the Lord Your God*

\* Postlude *We Are Marching in the Light of God* South African Tune

The **flowers** are given by Craig and Gina Goddard to the Glory of God and in honor of our parents Fred and Carolyn Goddard and Gene and Rosalind Brymer.

**Elder in Charge of Greeting**

John Joyce

**Deacons in Charge of Ushers**

Fred Harris and Kelli Beck

**Prayer List as of February 25, 2018**

Benny Moore

Bennie Moore

Gerry Rogers

Pam Chapman

Dee Pierce

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.

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 sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Mr. Thomas Austin Brewer, Jr. Mr. Brewer died on February 15, 2018.

**The Church This Week (2/25/2018)**

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Nursery/Pray N' Play**

February 25 Christie and Alice McLeod

First Presbyterian Church website [www.cherawfpc.org](http://www.cherawfpc.org)

First Baptist Church will host **Lenten lunches on Wednesdays** at noon. Churches in the community take turns in providing the soup and sandwiches and their pastors take turns in providing brief Lenten meditations. This has proven to be a meaningful exercise for Christ followers through the years and will certainly continue to be.

The Mission Trip participants are hosting a **Chili Cook off Contest/ Mission Trip Kick-off** fund raiser on the evening of **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship building. The cost is \$5.00 per person (not to exceed \$20.00 per family). To be good stewards of our food, we would like you to make reservations by either filling out the form in our bulletin and putting it in the offering plate or calling Carolyn at (843) 537-7474. If you are interested in entering the Chili contest, please circle appropriate response in bulletin's form or contact Carolyn, and bring a crockpot of your favorite Chili the evening of **March 7th**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of individuals eating \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant? yes or no

**Mission Trip Calendar for 2018:**

- Mission Trip Chili Cook off Contest Fundraiser** on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Building. Entire Congregation is invited to be taster and judges!
- Camp Pee Dee Workday** on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Meet at Church by 8:30
- Mission Trip Love Offering** on Sunday, March 18, 2018
- Mission Trip Yard Sale** on Saturday April 7, 2018 for an inside Yard Sale from 7:00 to 10:00 am. Start taking items from the Congregation the first of March. Place items on the right side of stage behind white wooden blinds. If you need help delivering your yard sale items to the Church, please call David Morgan at (843) 337-9231, or David Nagel at (843) 921-3607.
- Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser** on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 am
- After Church Mission Trip Luncheon Fundraiser** on Sunday, May 6, 2018.
- Report Back to the Congregation and 2019 Mission Kickoff Luncheon** on Sunday, October 7, 2018

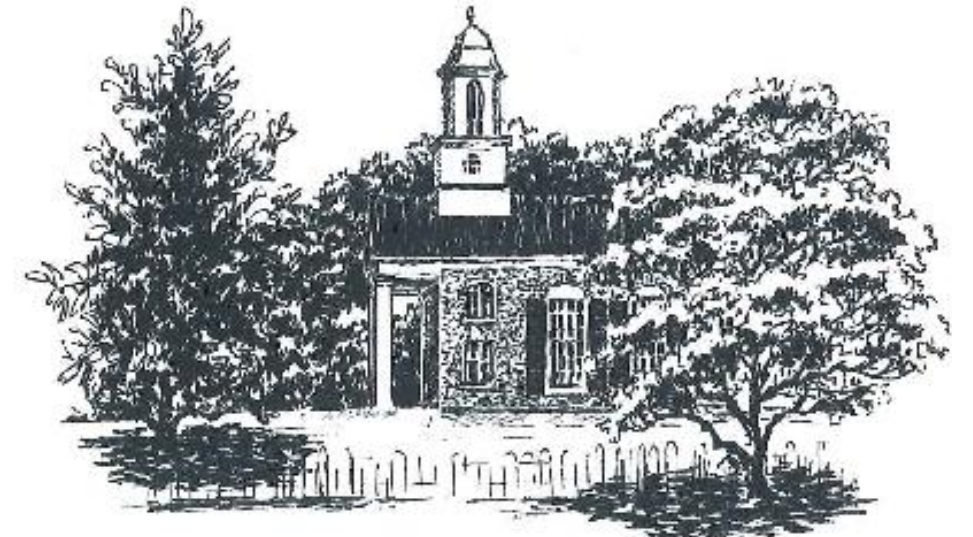
**Thornwell's Building Families Program** is happy to share that we have a new Family Specialist joining the team to serve families in the community of Cheraw, SC! **Carisa Gerald** comes to the agency with approximately 15 years of experience in the field of human services. She has a Master's degree in Counseling and is in the process of pursuing her LPC license in the state of South Carolina. Carisa brings broad experience in a variety of settings, and with different community populations. Her work history includes coordinating services for individuals with disabilities and special needs, facilitating human development courses for middle and high school youth, providing employment coaching and job readiness support for adults, and working as an in-home case manager for children and families involved with the child welfare system. Most recently Carisa served as a Supervisor and Clinical Coordinator for child welfare prevention services at Growing Home Southeast, Inc. Carisa is scheduled to complete pre-service training on Thornwell's campus the week of 2/19 and will begin work in Cheraw the week of 2/26.

**Treasured Tuesdays**, an older adult ministry of Camp Pee Dee, invites you to attend on Tuesday, March 20 to hear Mr. Derrick Dease, the Executive Director of Man 2 Man Fatherhood Initiative. Man 2 Man is a holistic program touching and strengthening all aspects of fatherhood. It offers education and services uniquely tailored for fathers trying to rebuild their lives and their families. Man 2 Man is devoted to helping men heal broken spirits and family relations, practice healthy parenting and gain productive, stable employment. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at 11:45 a.m. (Lunch is \$10 per person). Reservations required: contact Kelly Boone at (843) 479-3051. (See bulletin board for additional information).

**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*