

Morning Worship
March 10, 2019
1st Sunday in Lent

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* (see hymn 442) Kolodzie
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

Choral Introit *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!*

*Call to Worship John Joyce

Fret not yourself because of the wicked, and be not envious of wrongdoers!

For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will dwell in the land and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;

Trust in the LORD, and he will act mercifully. (from Psalm 37)

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

Invitation to Confession

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2.4-5)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and Almighty God, you have redeemed us from a life of selfishness in which we pursued empty pleasures and thought only of ourselves. And yet, we confess that we still sometimes choose our own pathway, and we detour away from your perfect plan for our lives. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by a new outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon us. Fill us completely with yourself. Inspire us to want what you want and do what you want us to do. We ask this in the name of your obedient Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2.8-10)

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*

Minute for Mission Pastor Nominating Committee Marion Anderson

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *O Love, How Deep, How Broad* (see hymn 618) Dunstable

* 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 Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon

Dr. Dan Sansbury

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 *The Handiwork of God*

Mark Miller

Stitched together piece by piece, sewn with purpose and with care.
Scraps once thought to have no worth now become a sacred treasure.
A quilt of love made by holy hands, every pattern know by heart.
Stitched together by the sewer of our souls, a quilt of love,
A work of art, we're the handiwork of God.

Gathered here in this holy hour, hearts are full of pain and glory.
Quilt the threads of this kinship up into your unfolding story.
A quilt of love made by holy hands, every pattern know by heart,
Stitched together by the sewer of our souls, a quilt of love,
A work of art, we're the handiwork of God.

When we've come apart, when we've been torn,
When the fabric of our lives is frayed and worn,
Mend us up, loving friend, let your creative touch heal again.

All the colors, each design, all the living of these days,
Every blessing a gift from God, and all creations sing its praise!
A quilt of love made by holy hands, every pattern know by heart,
Stitched together by the sewer of our souls, a quilt of love,
A work of art, we're the handiwork of God.

A quilt of love made by holy hands, every pattern know by heart,
Stitched together by the sewer of our souls, a quilt of love,
A work of art, we're the handiwork of God. A quilt of love
And each of us bears a part, we're the handiwork of God.
We're the handiwork of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 26.1-11

New Testament Lesson Luke 4.1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

“OUR LENTEN JOURNEY IN THE WILDERNESS
Remembering Who You Are”

*Hymn 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*Affirmation 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 and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Go in Grace and Make Disciples*

* Postlude *Within Your Shelter, Loving God* (see hymn 168) anon.

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

TODAY is the first Sunday of Lent. Dr. Sansbury's messages during Lent will focus on the theme of "wilderness." We will remember the Exodus stories of the Israelites in the wilderness, and many others. As a Church, we seek God's clear guidance for our future together.

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 *Haiti* Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith *Germany/Russia*

Prayer List as of March 10, 2019

Dee Pierce	Anne Bryan	Carole Kennedy
Gerry Rogers	Jack Baker	Larry Gaddy
Louise Carpenter	Robby Ashworth	Shenell Malloy
Charles Watson		

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 **Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC) invites your prayers for God's guidance and wisdom. PNC members are Bill Malloy (chair), Christie McLeod (vice-chair), Dan Tillman (secretary), Marion Anderson and Cathy Chapman.

Your PNC invites you to join them for free **supper and conversation** on March 17 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. Come and share your thoughts about our church and our next pastor! (A nursery will be provided) Your PNC wants to hear from you!

Nursery/Pray N' Play

March 10	Christie McLeod family
March 17	Sadie Smith
March 24	Beck family
March 31	Open

Contacting the Interim Pastor: Dr. Sansbury's cell phone number is 843-601-7177. His e-mail address is dan@firstprescheraw.org
Joye Sansbury's cell phone number is 843-601-7164.

The Church This Week (3/10/2019)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Mission Fund-raiser luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	4:00 p.m.	Circle 2
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Copies of Dr. Sansbury's March 3rd message, "The Crazy Call of Jesus" are available in the narthex. Copies of previous sermons will be made available upon request to the church office.
Please read this scripture for next Sunday: Exodus 32

The first deposit for **Massanetta Mission Trip 2019** is due March 24th - \$150 for adults and \$100 for youth. Please put your deposit in the offering (write "Mission Trip deposit" on the memo line) or give to Carolyn at the Church office.

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's followers through the years and will certainly continue to be.

March 20- First Presbyterian (Dan Sansbury)
 March 27- First UMC (Kim Eanes)
 April 3- Wesley United (Mark)
 April 10- Pleasant Grove and Mt. Olivet (Marty)
 April 17- First Baptist (Patrick Blackmon)

The Session of First Presbyterian

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Moderator

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Avery Dickson	Douglas Anderson	Laura Katherine Folger
Fred Harris	Cathy Chapman	Meredith Hydrick
David Nagle	Ashley Driggers	John Long
Tracie Phillips	Sue Funderburk	David Morgan
Vernon White	Tom Hammer	Marion Murphy

The Church Staff

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