

Morning Worship
March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday in Lent

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Faith of Our Fathers*

Burkhardt

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 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

*Call to Worship

Emily Beck

There are varieties of gifts for ministry, but it is the same Spirit who works in all of us.

There are varieties of ways to serve Christ and his people, but it is the same LORD that we serve.

There are varieties of acts of kindness and mercy, but it is the same God who inspires them all.

To everyone of us is given the Spirit of the Risen Christ.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all are members of one body, so it is with Christ.

We were all baptized into the one body of Christ!

(adapted from I Corinthians 12)

*Hymn 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Invitation to Confession

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him would not perish, but would have everlasting life. For the Son did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved by him. (John 3.16-17)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and Almighty God, you are full of tenderness and compassion toward your people. You are slow to anger and rich in mercy. You are always ready to forgive. We need your forgiveness today.

Grant us more of your renewing, gracious love so that we might know that we are forgiven. Help us also to turn away from all wrong choices in order to make right choices – choices that please you. Inspire us to be your faithful, loving children. We ask this through your obedient Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE: #447 *We Are Forgiven*

* Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ’s love*

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Thomas

* 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 *Lord of the Broken*

Arthur James

Soloist: Libby Pierce

Lord of the broken, Jesus, I thank You
For knowing my weakness and feeling my pain.
You weep with my heartaches, You gather my sorrows;
From the fragments you make a mosaic of grace.

My heart is not hidden from You;
You know me better than I even do.
Into my weakness Your strong voice has spoken.
You bring beauty from chaos,
You’re the Lord of the broken.

Lord of the nightfall, Sov’ reign, I thank You
For being the light even when I can’t see.
You’ve already conquered the powers of darkness,
You illumine Your truth through my frailty and need.

My heart is not hidden from You;
You know me better than I even do.
Into my weakness Your strong voice has spoken.
You bring beauty from chaos;
You’re the Lord of the broken,
Lord of the broken.

Lord of redemption, Savior, I thank You
That nothing I do can diminish Your love.
In spite of my failures, You’re building Your kingdom.
You’re restoring Your image, Your glory in us.

My heart is not hidden from You;
You know me better than I even do.
Into my weakness Your strong voice has spoken.
You bring beauty from chaos, beauty from chaos;
You’re the Lord of the broken.

Lord of the broken, Jesus, I thank You.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Luke 15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

“OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, III: “The Wilderness of Family”

*Hymn 693 *Though I May Speak*

*Affirmation of Faith (*Apostles’ Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 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 611 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *In A Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

* Postlude *Bless All Who Trust in God* (see #47) 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 third 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.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Witherspoon.

Prayer List as of March 24, 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. The PNC is reviewing all your many responses to their questions at our supper discussions last Sunday, and contacting members who were unable to attend.

Nursery/Pray N’ Play

March 24	Beck family
March 31	Shelley Morgan

The Church This Week (3/24/2019)

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
	4:00 p.m.	PNC
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	11:30 a.m.	Membership Team
	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Copies of Dr. Sansbury's March 17th message, " OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, II: The Wilderness of Anxiety” are available in the narthex. Copies of previous sermons will be made available upon request to the church office.

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 is hosting **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.

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)

Worship Services for March 31, 2019 will be held in the Fellowship Building at 11:00 a.m.

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

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Dr. Daniel N. Sansbury, Interim Pastor	Mr. Mac McCall, DCE & Director of Choirs
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First Presbyterian Church

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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*