

Morning Worship
March 4, 2018
Gifts of Women Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Marion Anderson
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Welcome & Announcements
Minute for Mission Sonya O'Neal
Prelude *The Gift of Love* (see #693) Wood
Choral Introit *Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise*
*Call to Worship Becky Childers
We gather to worship God, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
We gather to worship God, for God has called us, God's own people, and has given us gifts to be a faithful people.
We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let us now offer worthy worship to God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.
*Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in ministry and time of testing. Minister to us during this journey through Lent, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 401 *Here in This Place*

Call to Confession Diane Hines
God has given us the ability to lead with love. God has promised to forgive us when we fail to do this. God extends loving and healing mercy to us always, even before we ask for it. Knowing and trusting this steadfast love that is ours in Jesus Christ, let us now confess our sins and offences before God and each other. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead only with rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds, and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.
(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The psalmist reminds us that God wants to gather us in like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings. Under the wings of God's love, we can let go of sin and guilt. We can abide in the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. 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 Jean Page Watson
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

Prayer for Illumination
New Testament Lesson Acts 2:42-47
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Elder Cathy Chapman
"Leading With Love"

We Respond to God's Word

The Sacrament of Baptism – James Elwood Morgan
Children's Anthem *Let the Little Children Come*
Presentation by the Session Elder Dan Tillman
Questions of the Parents
Questions of the Congregation
Thanksgiving and Prayer
The Baptism
* Declaration 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.**

Offering Invitation Meredith Hydrick
Offertory *Happy the Home Where God Is There* Jordan

* 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

God Seals His Word Through the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 521 *In Remembrance of Me*

Invitation to the Table

Epiclesis (Sung by all, three times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

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.

Words of Institution and Sharing of Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 324 *For All the Faithful Women*

* Benediction and Sending Meredith Hydrick

* Choral Response *Take Us As We Are, O God*

* Postlude *Allegretto* Gigout

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is James Elwood Morgan, son of David and Shelley and brother to Ella Morgan.

Elder in Charge of Greeting

Christie McLeod

Deacons in Charge of Ushers

Sue Funderburk and Meredith Hydrick

Prayer List as of March 4, 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 Church This Week (3/4/2018)

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
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Mission Trip Chili Cook-off
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sat.		Work Day – Camp Pee Dee
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery/Pray N’ Play

March 4th Emily Beck
 March 11th Becky Childers
 March 18th Laura Folger
 March 25th Andy Beck (Palm Sunday)

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Mark your calendar! Mr. Derrick Dease the Executive Director of Man 2 Man Fatherhood Initiative, will join us at Camp Pee Dee on March 20th for **Treasured Tuesdays**, an older adult ministry. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at 11:45 a.m. Lunch is \$10.00 per person. The menu includes: Hamburger Steak, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, tossed salad, dinner roll, and peach cobbler. Register by Thursday, March 15th by calling Kelly Boone at (843) 479-3051.

Mission Trip Chili Cook off Contest Fundraiser this Wednesday, at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Building. Entire Congregation is invited to be tasters 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. We start receiving 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

The Church Staff

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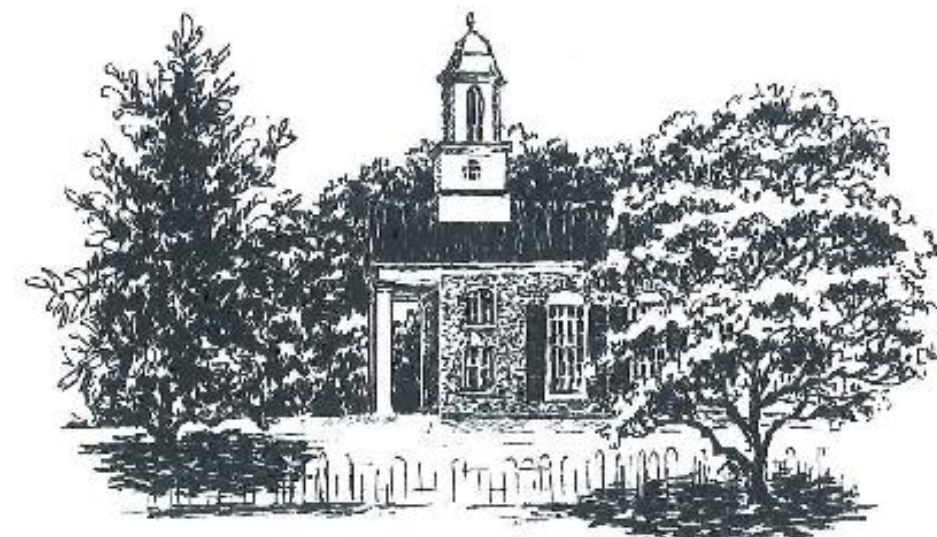
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First Presbyterian Church

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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.**

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold
Stated Supply

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