

Morning Worship
April 7, 2019
5th Sunday in Lent

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Wood

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

David Brabham

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

God did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us.

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is there to condemn?

Christ Jesus died and was raised and is now seated at the right hand of God. Christ intercedes for us.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us.

I am convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus

Christ our Lord.

(adapted from Romans 8)

*Hymn 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Invitation to Confession

If we say that we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, our Lord is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [I John 1.8-9]

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and Almighty God, you remind us daily of your love for us

through the beauty of your creation. And yet, we become anxious and uncertain when we encounter storms and stress. We admit that we do not trust in you so much as we trust in ourselves, and our own abilities to provide for our needs. Forgive us, O God, for not trusting in your more completely. Renew our faith in you today by a fresh outpouring of your Spirit upon us. We ask that you grant us more faith so that we may trust you more, and give us more of your gracious love that we may serve and follow you always. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God demonstrates his own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us . . . There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in union with Christ Jesus. [Romans 5.1, 8.1]

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 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (see 444)

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* 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 *What Feast Will You Bring?*

Charles McCartha

Flutist: Eva Goddard

What feast will you bring? Who will sit at your table?

Will you ask the broken, the hungry, the poor?

Will you seat them and feed them and show them by deed;

The love the Lord gives us is given to all.

To the feast will you bring the first fruits from your garden?

Will you bring from the cellar your most treasured wine?

Will you serve them on rarest white linen cloth,

With silver most cherished, most cherished and fine?

How will you heal the sick and the broken?

How will you feed the hungry and poor?

Will you give them the treasure laid up in your storeroom?

Will you open your heart and give even more?

What feast do you bring as Christ sits at your table?

Do bring your first fruits and most treasured wine?

Do you serve them on rarest white linen cloth,

With silver most cherished, most cherished and fine?

Do you see Christ in the sick and the broken?

Do you see Christ in the hungry and poor?

Will you give Him the treasure laid up in your storeroom?

Will you open your heart and give even more?

“As you do unto them so you do unto me,”

Says Christ our savior, our Lord and King.

Is your table set for the least of these?

What feast will you bring them?

What feast will you bring?

Prayer for Illumination

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 2*
James 5.13-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

“OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, V: “The Wilderness of Prayer”

* Hymn of Preparation 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Epiclesis 507 *Come to the Table of Grace* (verses 1-3)

Words of Institution

Prayer of Dedication

Distribution of the Elements

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord . . .

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 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *In A Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

* Postlude *Voluntary*

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The congregation will share in the **sacrament of communion** during the worship service today. All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and their baptized children, are invited to partake in the sacrament with us.

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 fifth Sunday of Lent. Dr. Sansbury's messages during Lent focus on the theme of "wilderness." As a Church, we seek God's clear guidance for our future together. For next Sunday, Palm Sunday, read Luke 19.

Prayer List as of April 7, 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 will meet with the session this Thursday to review their progress thus far.

Nursery/Pray N' Play

- 7 – Eva Goddard
- 14 – Marietta Melton
- 21 – Kathie Cook
- 28 – Maylen Harris

Copies of Dr. Sansbury's March 31st message, "OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, IV: "The Wilderness of Forgiveness" are available in the narthex. Copies of previous sermons will be made available upon request to the church office.

Please join us for **spring planting** in our church garden on April 13th and April 27th @ 9am. Let's grow some veggies!!
We'll grow the following: Zucchini, Squash, Okra, Bush Beans, Cucumbers, tomatoes. All proceeds going to McArn Food Bank.
Please bring shovels, rakes, hoes, etc. – I'll have cold water and tent available.

The Church This Week (4/7/2019)

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
	5:30 p.m.	Administrative Committee
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	4:00 p.m.	Circle 2
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Session and PNC meeting
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship

The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Jacobs. Mrs. Jacobs died March 31st.

The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Sue Cutchin and her family upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Peggy Thompson. Mrs. Thompson passed away on Monday in Washington, NC. Her service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Washington.

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.

April 10- Pleasant Grove and Mt. Olivet
April 17- First Baptist (Patrick Blackmon)

We will observe **Maundy Thursday** on April 18 with a communion service in the Fellowship Building beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. Please give generously and help share bread with the hungry, aid and shelter to people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and resources to communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression.

Please bring flowers to "**flower the cross**" on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

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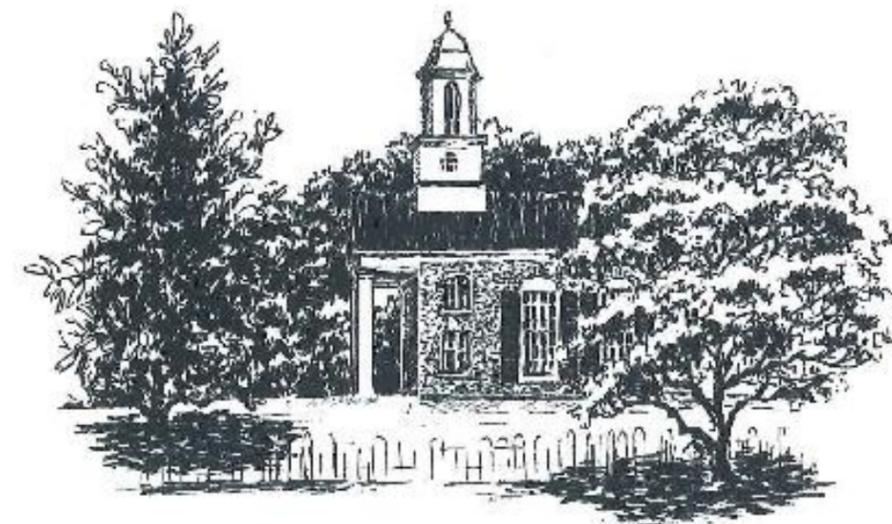
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Our Vision

**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.**

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