

**Morning Worship**  
**May 13, 2018**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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

Minute for Mission

Marion Anderson

Prelude

Choral Introit *God Is Here Today*

\*Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song.

**God has done marvelous things!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

**Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.**

\*Hymn 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Call to Confession

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us! God is ever-present with us to guide us in our love. 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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 98:1-4

New Testament Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

“Do-Be-Do-Be”

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn 828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

\* 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

\* 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 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Choral Response *Amen*

\* Postlude

We welcome Beth Maier as our pianist today.

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**Usher/Greeter Team for May**

Douglas Anderson & Avery Dickson

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today in loving honor of our mom, Gerry Rogers, by her children, Ande, Grayson, Nancy, and Meredith and their families.

**Prayer List as of May 13, 2018**

Benny Moore

Pam Chapman

Gerry Rogers

Dee Pierce

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.

The **congratulations** of the congregation are extended to Alex and Lori Beth Evans upon the birth of their daughter, Sara Blakeleigh, born on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are David and Mary Jane Evans.

To be a good steward of God's blessings, please help "fill the wagon" for the McArn Community Ministry. Thanks for your generosity!

**The Church This Week (5/13/2018)**

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	7-10 a.m.	Rev. Arnold's Out-of-Office Hours, One-Fifty-Ate Bakery
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Session
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Nursery/Pray N' Play**

May 13	Christie & Alice McLeod
May 20	Hadleigh Smith
May 27	Andy Beck

We will receive the **Mother's Day Offering** today during worship. 100% of this offering is used to cover the cost of charitable care for residents at our five historic communities.

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

**Class of '18**

Marion Anderson (Worship Team)  
Mike Chapman (Giving Ministry)  
John Joyce – (Administrative Team)  
Libby Knight (Fellowship Team)  
Christie McLeod (Clerk)

**Class of '19**

Avery Dickson (Worship Team)  
Fred Harris (Administrative Team)  
David Nagel (Christian Education Team)  
Tracie Phillips (Membership Team)  
Vernon White (Mission Team)

**Class of '20**

Douglas Anderson (Fellowship Team)  
Cathy Chapman (Christian Education Team)  
Ashley Driggers (Giving Ministry)  
Sue Funderburk (Membership Team)  
Tom Hammer (Mission Team)

**The Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold, Pastor	Mr. Mac McCall, DCE & Director of Choirs
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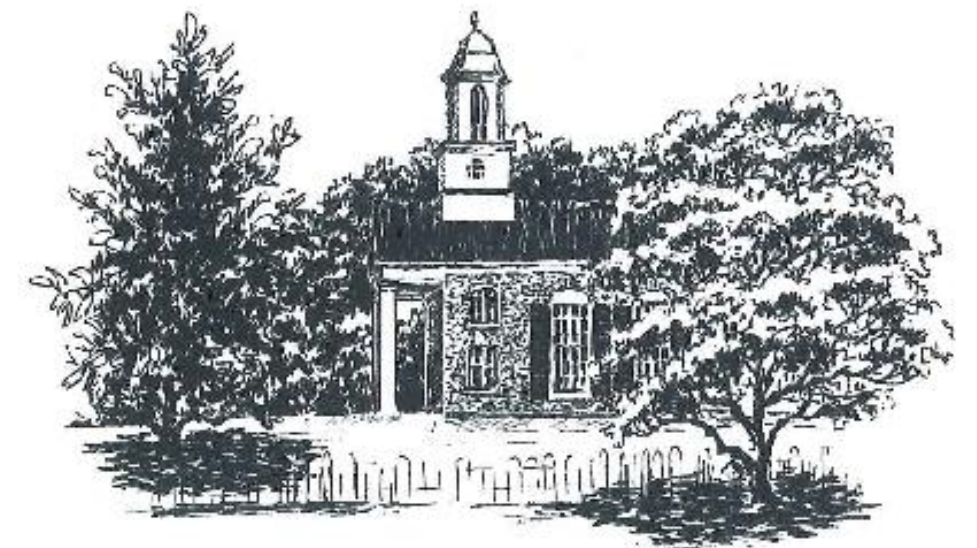
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**First Presbyterian Church**

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*