

Morning Worship
May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

Mary Jane Evans

Come to Christ, the living stone. Even though he was rejected by mortals,
he was chosen and precious in God's sight.

**Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, a holy
priesthood.**

In Christ, we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own
people,

**In order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us
out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people;

**Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy in
Jesus Christ.** (from I Peter 2)

*Hymn 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Call to Confession

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

*Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a
good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for
us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* [Romans 5.6-8]

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive us, we pray,
for our shortcomings individually and as a nation. Purify our hearts to
see and love your truth. Give wisdom to our counselors and faithfulness
to our people. Bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations
are mercy, justice and goodwill to all people, and whose builder and
maker you are. We ask these things through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.** (Time for silent confession)

(adapted from a prayer by President Woodrow Wilson)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*There is therefore now no condemnation for anyone who is in Christ Jesus . . .
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.* [Romans 8.1, 38-39]

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE 701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

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

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

* Praise of God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Micah 6.1-8 (OT page 866)
Isaiah 42.1-7 (OT Page 670)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "God Bless America?"

Dr. Dan Sansbury

* Hymn 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The 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 INTERCESSION AND 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.**

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

* Benediction and Sending

* Postlude

We **welcome** Beth Maier as our pianist today.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by Grayson Cauthen.

If you are visiting with us today, **please accept our gift of a coffee mug
and a Newcomers' Packet.** They are located in the Narthex.

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.

Updated print **directories** are available for you. Take one with you today!

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

Mr. Robert A. (Bob) Rechholtz and Rev. Dr. Sue Arledge were married Saturday, May 25th in Chapel Hill, NC at Episcopal Church of the Holy Family. **Congratulations!**

Please pray for the **Massanetta Mission** trip and the Mission Team Members: Dan Tillman, Cathy Chapman, Meredith Hydrick, Avery Dickson, Barbara Dickson, Brian Brown, David Morgan, David Nagel, Dan Sansbury, Elizabeth Hydrick, Ethan Stafford, Sara Marie Jewart and Maylen Harris. Mission trip dates are June 9-15.

For the summer months of June and July, Dr. Sansbury will use passages from the book of Acts for his Sunday messages. As our Church is in a transitional year, this is a great time to consider anew the leading and inspiration of the Spirit of the Risen Christ. **Make Acts a part of your summer reading!**

From today through Labor Day weekend, our worship leaders will not wear robes during the service. Everyone is encouraged to dress more comfortably during the hot weather.

The **Sacrament of Communion** will be celebrated during the worship service next Sunday, June 2nd.

Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center welcomes all ages to **OPEN SWIM** on Sundays in June and July from 1-4 p.m. Donations will be accepted to pay for lifeguards.

The Session of First Presbyterian

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Moderator

Mrs. Cathy Chapman, Clerk

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

Dr. Daniel N. Sansbury, Interim Pastor	Mr. Mac McCall, DCE & Director of Choirs
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	Mrs. Barbara C. Dickson, Church Organist
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Nursery/Pray N' Play

May 26 Jean Page Watson
June 2
June 9 Christie McLeod
June 16 Becky Childers
June 23
June 30 Kristen Miller

Prayer List as of May 26, 2019

Dee Pierce	Anne Bryan	Carole Kennedy
Gerry Rogers	Jack Baker	Larry Gaddy
Louise Carpenter	Robby Ashworth	
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 Church This Week (5/26/2019)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.		Office Closed
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Worship