

Morning Worship
June 17, 2018
Gifts of Men Sunday

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

Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Cherwien

Choral Introit *God Is Here Today*

*Call to Worship Douglas Anderson

We worship the Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

We worship the Holy Spirit, the teacher of peace.

Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Christ Jesus, our peace, send forth your Holy Spirit to fill our hearts this day. Surround us with your peace, sustain us by your grace, and strengthen us in your word, so that we may always be your true and faithful disciples. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Call to Confession

We can rejoice that we are always in the care and presence of our loving God, even when we forget that promise, or when the stresses of life cloud our vision. Right now and still again, God calls us to be assured of the great love that is ours in Christ. Let's join our voices in our Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You are faithful in your promise, but we fail to keep your word. You offer us the gift of peace, but we remain captive in our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us, heal our troubled hearts, and lead us to walk in your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The majesty and power of the Creator are matched only by Divine mercy and love. Because of this love, made clear in Jesus Christ, we can rejoice that we are forgiven of all rebellion and strong-headedness. God is ever-present with us to guide us home. 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 Phillip Tucker
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

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 67

Gospel Lesson John 14:23-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

“Table Talk”

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *Draw the Welcome Circle Wider*

Refrain:

**Draw the welcome circle wider. Gather friends and strangers in.
Formed of holy breath and stardust, born of God, we all are kin.**

**From the hedgerows and the highways, summon each unlikely guest.
Bid the hungry eat their fill, and all the weary find their rest.**

Refrain:

**Doors upended serve as tables where the guests prepare to dine.
Justice is their righteous fare while mercy is their richest wine.**

Refrain:

**All are refugees together; all are wand'ers welcomed home,
Greeted by God's open arms, with each unique, but none alone.**

Refrain:

**Streaming through the arching gateway in a bright celestial throng,
Saints from ages gone before us lead the joyous banquet song.**

Refrain:

* Declaration of Faith (*Philippians 2:5-11*) Rickey Pace

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 Tom Hammer

(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 Cam Beck

Offertory *Come, Thou Almighty King* Near

* 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 John Long

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 840 *When Peace Like a River*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Amen*

* Postlude *Voluntary* Anon.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by Bobbie Jones in honor of the Massanetta Mission Team and volunteers who have given their time and talents by sharing God's love in repairing the homes of those in need.

Prayer List as of June 17, 2018

Benny Moore	Dee Pierce
Gerry Rogers	Pam Chapman

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 Church This Week (6/17/2018)

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	8-10 a.m.	One Fifty Ate Bakery
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Session
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery/Pray N’ Play

June 17 - Shelley Morgan
June 24 - Becky Childers

Ushers
Jimmy Funderburk
Danny Bradshaw
George McKinney
Mark Bunch
Griff Griffis

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)

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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
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Missionaries

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