

**Morning Worship
Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
July 7, 2019**

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Blessed Assurance*

Carlson

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

Congregational Introit *As the Deer*

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

*Call to Worship (please stand)

Elder Cathy Chapman

The Church is the body of Christ on earth. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.

The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world.

The Church is intended to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is created to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.

The Church should be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation happens, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is intended to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

(from the Presbyterian Church, USA, Book of Order)

*Hymn 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

Call to Confession (please be seated)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, the LORD is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1.8-9]

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and Almighty God, you have called us to be your faithful disciples, but sometimes we do not heed your call. And you have invited us to a life of compassionate service, sharing your gracious love, but sometimes we would rather serve ourselves. And you have challenged us to be positive witnesses for you, even in difficult circumstances, but sometimes we prefer an easier way. Forgive us, O God, for all the times that we have not followed your will for our lives. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit. Inspire us anew by examples of strong faith and gracious love. Make us the people and church that you want us to be, to the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. 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 8.37-39]

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Response 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*, verses 1-2

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

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *The Church's One Foundation*

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* 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 Reading: Selections from Acts 6 and 7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

“The Church in the Power of the Spirit, V: Stephen, a Mature Christian”

*Hymn of Preparation 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God our thanks and praise . . .

Words of Institution

Prayer of Dedication

Distribution of the Elements by Intinction

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

* Hymn 839 *Blessed Assurance*

We Depart in God's Name

* Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.

Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.

Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.

Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

* Postlude *By All Your Saints Still Striving*

Williams

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.

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.

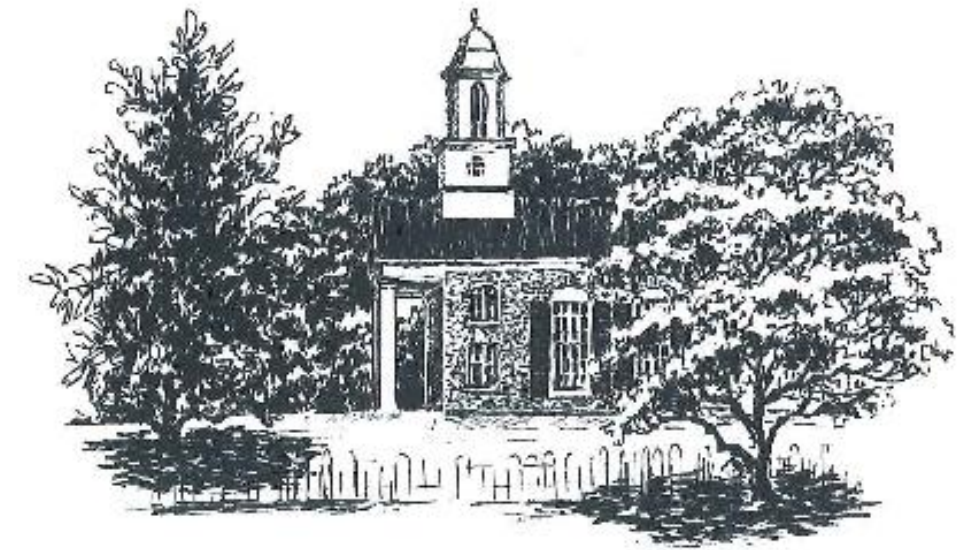
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First Presbyterian Church

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.**

Dr. Dan Sansbury
Interim Pastor

Missionaries

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

Staff Notes

Mac McCall will be at Montreat Youth Conference July 7th through the 13th.

Dr. Dan Sansbury will be away July 8th through the 10th, and back in the church office on Thursday, July 11th.

Nursery/Pray N' Play

July 7

July 14 Shelley Morgan

July 21 Marietta Burch

July 28 Sadie Smith

Prayer List as of July 7, 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. Their next meeting is July 15 at 4:00 p.m.

The Church This Week (7/7/2019)

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Worship

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 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.

Copies of Dr. Sansbury's June 30th message, "The Church in the Power of the Spirit, IV: Barnabas, an Encouraging Christian" are available in the narthex. Copies of previous sermons will be made available upon request to the church office.

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