

Morning Worship
August 19, 2018
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Vernon White
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission Vernon White

Prelude *O Word of God Incarnate* Miller

Choral Introit *I Love You Lord*

*Call to Worship

God has accomplished all things through Christ,
so that we might live as God's own children.

Let us give thanks to God

and live for the praise of God's glory.

Let us worship God. Let us pray:

*Prayer of the Day

Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account. Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent. Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Lead us in the truth about the Beloved, and set us free to rejoice with all our might over the great mystery you have revealed: that you are bringing all things into harmony through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Call to Confession

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless. The riches of God's grace promise forgiveness of our trespasses. Let us confess our sins.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness (2 Cor. 5:6-10, 14-17)

We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news – if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Friends, declare 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

Andy Beck

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 111

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ella Busby

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

* Declaration of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 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 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Reger

* 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 742 *We Will Walk With God* (Sing three times.)

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *God Be With You Til We Meet Again*

* Postlude *Be Thou My Vision* Dickson

We **welcome** Rev. Dr. Ella Busby back to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Busby, ordained in 1992, served faithfully as pastor to several churches within the PC(USA). She retired from the historic Goodwill Presbyterian church, Mayesville, South Carolina. She continues to provide leadership to the Presbytery of New Harmony in several capacities.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Witherspoon.

Usher/Greeter Team for August

Libby Knight and John Joyce

Prayer List as of August 19, 2018

Benny Moore	Dee Pierce	Jack Baker
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 (8/19/2018)

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	MMO Open House
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery/Pray N' Play

August 19 Shelley Morgan
 August 26 Christie McLeod

On Sunday, September 2nd, we **will not** have Sunday School for anyone (children – Fellowship Class) due to the fact, Worship has been changed from 11:00 am to 10:00 am for this Sunday only.

Therefore, we will resume Sunday School for children through the Fellowship Class beginning Sunday, September 9, 2018. Please mark your calendars with this very important change!

Please plan to join us as we kick-off the new program year with our **Rally Day Celebration** on August 26. The Christian Education Ministry Team will be providing a Continental Breakfast beginning at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Building.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we gather after the summer months of being away. This will be a great time for fellowship and reconnecting with our Church Family!

Make plans now to attend our **Congregational Gathering on Sunday, August 26th at 5:30 pm.** Beginning at 5:30 pm, we will be putting together school supply bags for Long Middle School and for Cheraw High School to help these schools who have students who cannot afford all the school supplies they need to start off the year.

At 6:15 pm, we will have a cookout with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and all the trimmings and fixings, intergenerational games for those who would like to show off their skills in sports, or just sit and have conversations with others who we do not get to see very often; especially, after a summer of vacations and so many of us being gone.

This wonderful event is being sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry Team, the Fellowship Ministry Team, and the Mission/Outreach Ministry Team.

Bring your lawn chairs as we will be in the back yard behind the Fellowship Building and make plans to attend this gathering of friends as we celebrate the beginning of a new program year here at First Presbyterian.

The Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold, Pastor	Mr. Mac McCall, DCE & Director of Choirs
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	Mrs. Barbara C. Dickson, Church Organist
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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
Stated Supply

Missionaries

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