

**Morning Worship**  
**August 26, 2018**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**We Gather in God's Name**

Greeting Andrew McLeod  
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission Tom Hammer  
Prelude *Prelude in B Flat Major* J. S. Bach

Choral Introit *I Love You Lord*

\*Call to Worship (Revelation 5:9-10)

Sing a new song to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

**"You are worthy to take the scroll**

**and to open its seals,**

**for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God**

**saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;**

**you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,**

**and they will reign on earth."**

\*Prayer of the Day

**Creator God,**

**you have filled the world with beauty.**

**Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;**

**that, rejoicing in your whole creation,**

**we may learn to serve you with gladness;**

**for the sake of him by whom all things were made,**

**your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 299 *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Call to Confession

As we recall our thoughts, words, and actions of the past week, let us recognize that really, we are not good. Let us admit that only God is good.

And let us then humble ourselves, by confessing our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We confess, O Lord, that we have failed to live as your holy people. We have been slow to help the hurting, indifferent to sharing your good news in Christ, and slack in prayer. Forgive us, O God, when our faults lead others to doubt your power and presence.**

**Restore us in your Holy Spirit, we pray. Make us a people whose lives display your purposes and your goodness. We ask this in Christ's name.**

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 103:11-13)

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love

toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far the Lord removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

**Thanks be to God for the forgiveness we have received in Jesus Christ!**

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 Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

*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 Joshua 3:7-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

"Among You Is the Living God"

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn 697 *Take My Life*

\* 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 *Fugue in B Flat Major*

J. S. Bach

\* 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 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Choral Response *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

\* Postlude *Ye Shall Go Out With Joy* anon.

*I* The living God sustains and blesses as God commands his people and acts to bless them. But in doing so, God acts in concert with human agency. We are encouraged to hear, believe and act as God commands that we and others may know that the living God is among us.

We **welcome** Dr. Franklin Fant to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Fant is the Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations for Presbyterian Communities of SC. Prior to this, he was the Pastor of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC for almost 11 years, and served on the PCSC Board of Trustees for nine years.

Franklin has also worked in the private sector, in higher education, and with the Federal government. He holds a B.S. in Financial Management from Clemson University, a Ph. D. in Finance from Florida State University, an M. Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary, as well as the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

A native of Columbia and a cradle SC Presbyterian, Franklin is married to the former Christi Harley of Spartanburg.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by the Rogers Family in loving memory of Robert Rogers, IV.

**Usher/Greeter Team for August**

Libby Knight and John Joyce

**Prayer List as of August 26, 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 (8/26/2018)**

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Congregational Gathering
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Worship

**Nursery/Pray N’ Play**

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On Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 and we will meet in the Fellowship Building.

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!

**Congregational Gathering at 5:00 pm. today.** 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 5:45 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**

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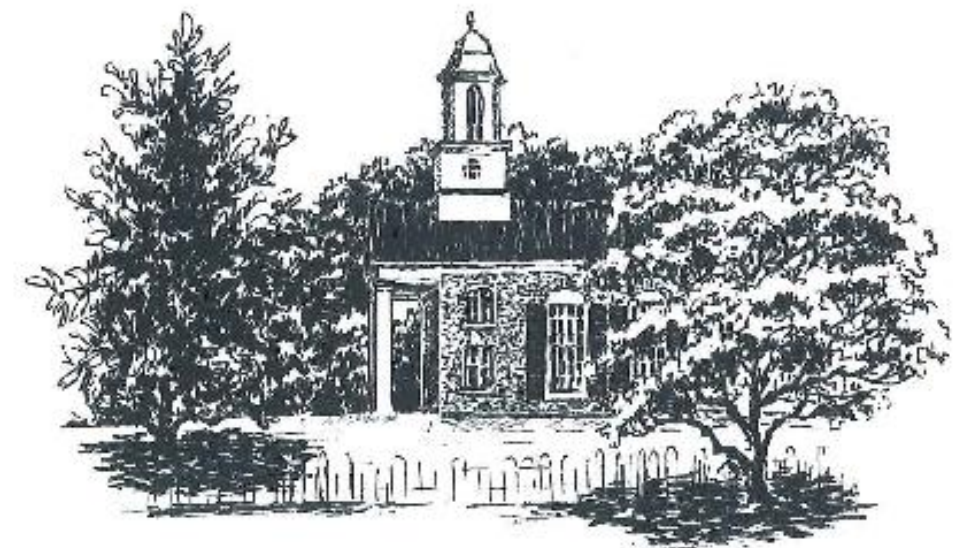
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**Our Vision**

**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*