

Morning Worship
August 5, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Marion Anderson

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Prelude *Trumpet Tune*

Choral Introit *As the Deer*

*Call to Worship

We are God's family, created in God's image, members of the Beloved Community.

We are clothed with compassion and humility; wrapped tightly in God's kindness and strength.

Pour out your spirit of wisdom and truth, O God, infusing us with your grace.

May all we do with our hands, our hearts and lives be done in the Name of Jesus, in service and in love for one another.

Let us worship God! Let us pray:

*Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, hear our prayer: We are like sheep without a shepherd reaching out for healing and grace. Teach us by your Spirit of wisdom and feed us through your holy Word, so that the weary may find rest, the strangers may find welcome, and the sick may be made whole; through Christ Jesus our peace. Amen.

*Hymn 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Call to Confession

When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

Rev. Ashley Cheek

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

First Epistle Lesson Colossians 3:12-17

Second Epistle Lesson Ephesians 3:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Ashley Cheek

“Grace”

We Respond to God's Word

* Declaration of Faith (Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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.**

Offering Invitation

Offertory *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Bingham

* 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

God Seals His Word Through the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 504 *We Come as Guests Invited*

Invitation to the Table

Epiclesis (Sung by all, three times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer:

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

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.

Words of Institution and Sharing of Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 269 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Amen*

* Postlude *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

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Rev. Ashley Cheek is the pastor of Family Life at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. Ashley received her MDIV and MACE from Union Theological Seminary and is passionate about helping families grow deep roots in their faith. Ashley is married to Rev. Nick Cheek and they have 3 children. On most evenings you can find Ashley having an impromptu dance party with her family in the kitchen!

