

**Morning Worship**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 15, 2019**

**We Gather in God's Name**

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Powell

*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

Choral Introit *O Sing to the Lord*

\*Call to Worship (please stand)

Caden Cauthen

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great king above all gods!

**In God's hand are the depths of the earth: the heights of the mountains are God's also.**

The sea is God's, for God made it and the dry land, for God's hands have formed it.

**So come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!**

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,

**And we are the sheep of God's hand.**

(from Psalm 95)

\*Hymn 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Call to Confession (please be seated)

*But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.* [Ephesians 2.4-5]

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Almighty God, you have surprised us with your gracious love for us all. You are the Maker of Heaven and Earth, and yet you involve yourself with every dimension of our lives. Your gracious love to us is sometimes more than we can grasp, and more than we are willing to receive. By your Spirit at work in us, overcome our pride and our reluctance to depend completely upon you. Break our independent spirit so that we might depend upon you always. Enable us, we pray, to receive your love more and more, and to share your love with others, at every opportunity. We ask these things in the name of your obedient Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.* [Ephesians 2.8-10]

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Response 447 *We Are Forgiven*

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

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *The King of Love*

Peeters

\* 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.*

Anthem *Search Me, O God*

Joshua Evanovich

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me, O God, my Father, and know my heart;

Know my thoughts.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me, O God, my Father, and know my heart;

Know my thoughts,

And see if there be anything keeping me from your presence.

And lead me in your ways, O Lord.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me, O God, my Father, and know my heart;

Know my heart.

Reveal my thoughts and cleanse my mind,

And hide me in your holiness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

And let me know that all is well;

The joy of knowing: all is well.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15.1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

"Past Imperfect"

\*Hymn 442

*Just As I Am*

\*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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.**

\**Gloria Patri*

**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 Intercession 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 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**We Depart in God's Name**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Response *Do Not Be Afraid*

\*Postlude *Voluntary*

anon.

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

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Ms. Janie Taylor.

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 the pastor after the worship service. All persons **are invited** to participate in all the ministry activities of our congregation.

Updated print **directories** are available for you. Take one with you today!

### Nursery/Pray N' Play

September 15  
September 22     Sadie Smith  
September 29     Eva Goddard

### **Prayer List as of September 15, 2019**

Dee Pierce	Anne Bryan	Pam Cook
Jack Baker	Larry Gaddy	
Louise Carpenter	Robby Ashworth	
Charles Watson	Carole Kennedy	

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.

### **Fill the Red Wagon**

A monthly featured item is now being requested for donations in the Red Wagon for the McArn Food Bank. The food bank is currently most in need of food for the Backpack Program, which sends food home with needy children from school every Friday.

September Featured Item: **Juice Boxes**  
*Additional canned food donations are encouraged!*

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.

The **focus** for next Sunday's worship service will be Luke 14.

Dr. Sansbury is leading a **10-week Bible Study** on the gospel of Matthew. The study group meets in the Fellowship Building on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Focus this week is Matthew 3-4.

### The Church This Week (9/15/2019)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Session
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Looking Ahead:

The Giving Ministry Team is presenting our annual Talent Show **Wednesday, October 16th** from 5:30pm-7:30pm, Covered Dish.

Your talent is God's gift to you— Sharing your talent is your gift to God. Share your talent at the annual FPC Talent Show! Music, performance, poetry reading, dance, art displays or anything you want to share. For more information or sign up call the church office or Giving Ministry Team leader Ashley Driggers: [\(843\) 910-1218](tel:8439101218).

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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     Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith  
*Haiti*     *Germany/Russia*