

**Morning Worship**  
**September 16, 2018**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**We Gather in God's Name**

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission Andy Beck

Prelude

Choral Introit *Come All You People*

\*Call to Worship Cam Beck

I will bless the Lord at all times;

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**and let us exalt God's name together.**

Let us worship God! Let us pray:

\*Prayer of the Day

**Eternal Father, your Son Jesus Christ brings the true Word from heaven.**

**Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey**

**in this world and know at last the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who**

**dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.**

**We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our**

**adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share**

**our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with**

**words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven**

**the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness**

**toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love**

**as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, hope in the Lord! God has redeemed us from all our iniquities

through Christ who loved us and gave himself for us as living bread for the

life of the world. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgiving

one another as God in Christ has forgiven us. Friends, proclaim the good

news of the gospel!

**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

*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 *In Christ Alone*

Mark Hayes

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny,

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.

'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand!

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson John 9:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

“When Disaster Strikes”

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn 177 *I Will Come to You*

\* Declaration 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.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love**

**God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's**

**image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one**

**community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of**

**life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and binds us together**

**with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**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!” 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

\* 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 846 *Fight the Good Fight*

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Choral Response *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

\* Postlude

**Usher/Greeter Team for September**

Fred Harris and Christie McLeod

**Prayer List as of September 16, 2018**

Benny Moore

Dee Pierce

Anne Bryan

Gerry Rogers

Jack Baker

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 (9/16/2018)**

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
	5:30 p.m.	SACTCPD Meal/Bake Sale
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Nursery/Pray N' Play**

September 16 Laura Folger  
 September 23 Shelley Morgan  
 September 30 Eva Goddard

Today, **Send a Child to Camp Pee Dee will have a special offering for 2019** campers. Camp Pee Dee donation envelopes are in the bulletin. This summer, 15 campers benefited from your generous donations. Thank you for your support!

**Creating Chrismons** - September 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Bring a sharp pair of scissors and an egg carton.

**Send A Child to Camp Pee Dee Chicken Dinner and Bake Sale**  
 Wednesday Night, September 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

The Giving Ministry Team will be hosting the 2018 Talent Show, "**Let Your Light Shine,**" on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> beginning with a Covered Dish Supper at 5:30 PM. Please consider your talents and come share it with the congregation! Contact the church office at (843) 537-7474 to sign-up.

**The 2018 South Carolina Jazz Festival - Celebrating Jazz in Dizzy Gillespie's Hometown** will be held during the weekend of October 19-21 in Cheraw, SC. Singers of all ages are invited to participate in the annual Jazz Mass that will be presented at **Cheraw First Baptist Church.**

The festival concludes on **Sunday, October 21 with a Jazz Mass at 3:00pm** in the church's Family Life Center located at 126 Greene Street. **Worship Pastor Chris Bridges** will serve as Director of the Jazz Mass Community Choir.

The **congratulations** of the congregation are extended to Ashley and Daniel Cohen upon the birth of their daughter, Catherine Audrey, born on August 22, 2018, in Washington, D.C. She is the grand daughter of Becky Childers.

**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
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO
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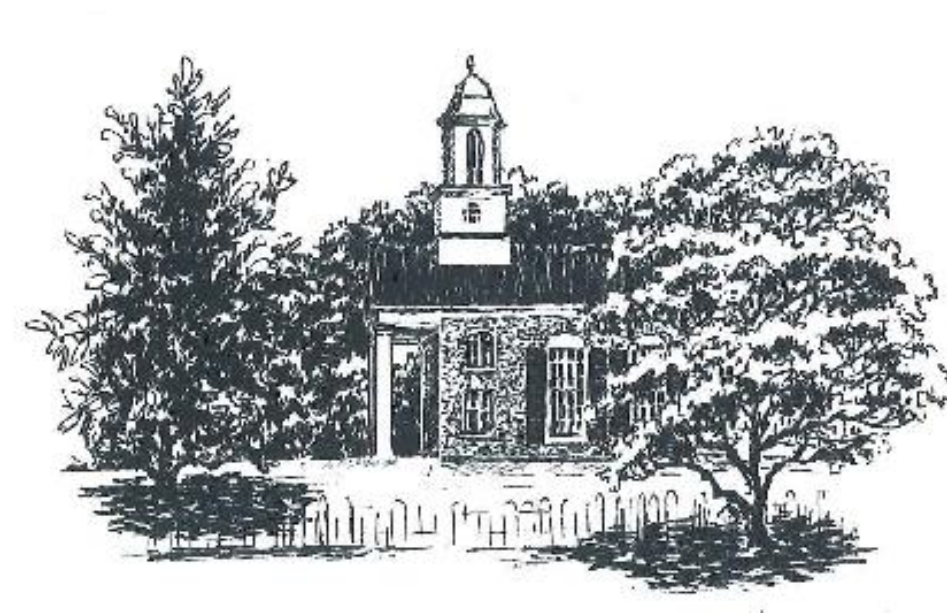
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**First Presbyterian Church**

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.**

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold  
*Stated Supply*

Missionaries

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