

**Morning Worship**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 22, 2019**

**We Gather in God's Name**

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

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*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)

Karen Tillman

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations, and his marvelous works among all the people.

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;**

**the LORD must be revered above all other gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens and the earth.

**Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his**

**sanctuary.** (from Psalm 96)

\*Hymn 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

Call to Confession (please be seated)

*Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered. Blessed are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long . . . Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

[from Psalm 32]

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Almighty God, we admit to you how independent and self-reliant we can be, when you intend for us to depend upon you. We admit how wrapped up in our own lives, our own schedule and our own activities we can be. We admit that there are days when we rarely think of you and your purpose for our lives. Forgive us, O God, for trying to make a life and earn a living as if we did not need you. Break our pride and show us again now much we really need you. Pour out your Spirit upon us anew. Transform us into more willing and faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. May all we do and say bring glory and honor to his name! Amen.**

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

[Romans 5.6, 8] That is, before we moved towards God, God had already moved toward us and established a relationship with us based upon his gracious love for us all.

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Response 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

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

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *"Tis the Gift to Be Simple*

Larkin

\* 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 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under his wings, your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Through thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 14.1, 7-11; Matthew 11.28-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Humility"

Dr. Dan Sansbury

\* Response Hymn 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

\*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 460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

**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 and in memory of Bill and Mark Gibson by Atha Lou Gibson.

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 22 Sadie Smith

September 29 Eva Goddard

**Prayer List as of September 22, 2019**

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

**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 **focus** for next Sunday's worship service will be Luke 16 and I Timothy 6.

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 5-7.

**The Church This Week (9/22/2019)**

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| 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 |
| Sun.  | 9:30 a.m.  | Coffee/Fellowship     |
|       | 10:00 a.m. | Church School         |
|       | 11:00 a.m. | Worship               |

The elders have called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** today to hear and act on the recommendations of the Officer Nominating Committee. The ONC recommends that the following persons be elected to 3-year terms as elders, beginning in January of 2020: Cam Beck, Michael Flynn, Kim Brabham, Libby Knight and Larry Zimmerman. The Officer Nominating Committee members are Cathy Chapman (chair), Vernon White, Mary Jane Evans, Andrew McLeod and Jennifer Tillman.

There will be a 5:15 meeting and 6:00 supper on October 2 for the purpose of hearing about and discussing **security matters** at our church buildings and during activities. Lt. Mark Purvis will lead the discussion in the church sanctuary that Wednesday evening. Please let the church office know that you will be present so that adequate supper preparations can be made.

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).

**Jazz Festival – October 18-20, Cheraw, South Carolina** - Singers of all ages needed for Jazz Mass to be held Sunday, October 20 – 3:00 p.m. at Pee Dee Union Baptist Church.

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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.**

Dr. Dan Sansbury  
*Interim Pastor*

Missionaries

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