

Morning Worship
September 30, 2018
26th 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

Announcement from Youth

Minute for Mission

Prelude

Choral Introit *Come All You People*

*Call to Worship

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

Let us walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Let us worship God! Let us pray:

*Prayer of the Day

God of love, you teach us a life journey that calls us to deny what is unhealthy and unloving. Lead us in that pathway. Awaken us to the ever-new abundance that is ours through your Word, in the name of the one who died and rose, Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Call to Confession

The Lord listens to the cries of the people who turn with full hearts to the One who has mercy. Let us now make our confession in the presence of God and of this body. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know our wrong. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, hope in the Lord! God, who is full of compassion, knows that those who repent have set their minds and hearts on what endures for all time. The Lord God is a very present help to those who seek to follow in the way of divine things. 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

Mac McCall

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

New Testament Lesson John 6:37-40

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

"God's Bad Taste"

We Respond to God's Word

The Sacrament of Baptism – Sara Blakeleigh Evans

(Daughter of Alex & Lori Beth and sister of Marleigh and Annleigh)

*Hymn 483 *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

Presentation by the Session

Questions of the Parents

Questions of the Congregation

Thanksgiving and Prayer

The Baptism

* 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.

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 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

* 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 30, 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!

We **welcome** Beth Maier as pianist today.

The Church This Week (9/30/2018)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5 – 7 p.m.	Youth Sponsored Game Night
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery/Pray N' Play

September 30 Eva Goddard

The Youth will be sponsoring a **Card/Game Night** today beginning at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come learn or teach a new game and enjoy fellowship with your Church members. Bring a friend. Snacks and Drinks will be provided.

AT EASE will meet on Tuesday, October 2 at 12:00 noon.
HAND AND FOOT 9:30 a.m.

If you are not on the calling or e-mail list for At Ease and would like to be notified of our meetings, please call Beth Witherspoon 843-537-5354 or e-mail: bethandjoewitherspoon@gmail.com.

If you are interested in learning to play Hand and Foot, a card game (easy but lots of fun) let Beth know and come on. No preparation needed. Come and bring a friend, but be sure to sign up!

The **Send a Child to Camp Avon Fundraiser** will be ongoing from Oct. 2 - Oct. 16 and if you would like to see a brochure or to place an order please see/call Tammy Joyce, Kelli Beck 843-910-0281 or Peggy Norman 843-498-6898. Thanks so much for your support!

The Mission Massanetta Team will sponsor a **spaghetti supper & bake sale fundraiser on October 10th** from 5:30-7:00 to raise money for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance / New Harmony Presbytery local disaster relief.

Church Family Retreat at Camp Pee Dee - Friday, October 12th – Sunday, October 14th. **We are extending the registration deadline to Sunday, October 7th.** There will be children's activities during the youth and adult study sessions. Then that afternoon we will have the canoe's available for canoeing on the lake plus other activities for all ages.

The Giving Ministry Team will be hosting the 2018 Talent Show, **“Let Your Light Shine,”** on Wednesday, October 17th 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. Rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 30, at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center at First Baptist.

First Friday Concert Series - 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, S.C. Friday, October 5, Sarah Floyd, soprano, Christopher Moore, tenor – concerts are free and open to public.

First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, S.C. **All Saints Organ Concert** on Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 p.m. Free and open to public. Barbara Dickson will be performing.

Thornwell Building Families Program

We are pleased to announce that we had our very 1st graduate from the BF program here in Cheraw, SC on 9/6/18! The family completed 14 weeks of intensive in-home services and will now receive 1 year of monthly aftercare services. Carisa continues to provide services to two other families within the Cheraw community. At this time, Carisa has a vacancy on her caseload; if you or someone you know has a child between the ages of 2-17 years old, that would benefit from in-home intensive therapeutic services coupled with parenting education, please contact Carisa Gerald by calling 843-501-1599 or by email at carisa.gerald@thornwell.org. Please continue to support your local Thornwell Building Families Program, as we strive to impact one child, one family at a time!

The Church Staff

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Mrs. Mary Gullledge, Mrs. Debra Jewart, Nursery

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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
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Missionaries

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