

Morning Worship
23rd Sunday of Pentecost
September 8, 2019

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *There is a Balm in Gilead*

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)

Eva Goddard

It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praise to your name, O Most High.

It is good to declare God's steadfast love in the morning and his faithfulness by night.

For you, O LORD have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD: they flourish in the courts of our God.

The LORD is righteous, and the LORD is my rock and my salvation.

There is no unrighteousness in the LORD our God! (from Psalm 92)

*Hymn 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Call to Confession (please be seated)

If we say that we have not sinned, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, our LORD is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [I John 1.8-9]

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, you invite us to a relationship based on your gracious love for us all. You give our lives meaning instead of despair, love instead of apathy, joy instead of gloom and peace instead of anxiety. And yet, there are times and situations in which we think that we know better than you Our Lord what is best for our lives. Sometimes we still make our own choices without regard to your perfect will. Forgive us, O God, for any and all times that we turn away from you. By your transforming Holy Spirit, change those habits and patterns in our lives that are not pleasing to you. Make us more and more like Jesus Christ, your obedient Son and our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. For our sake God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. [II Corinthians 5.17-19, 21]

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 *Be Still, My Soul*

Powell

* 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 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Anthem *Think on These Things*

Beth Elston

Whatever is true, whatever is lovely, think on these things

Whatever is good, pleasant and holy, think on these things

Fix your thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is love, he is beauty and light.

Whatever is worthy of praise is of God.

Whatever is just, whatever is righteous, think on these things.

Whatever is pure, noble and faithful, think on these things.

Fix your thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is love, he is beauty and light.

Whatever is worthy of praise is of God.

Oh Lord, I will sing of your goodness,

And tell of your unfailing love.

You reign in splendor and majesty.

May your name be blessed forever and ever.

Whatever is kind, whatever is gentle, think on these things.

Whatever is right, patient and gracious, think on these things.

Fix your thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is love, he is beauty and light.

Whatever is worthy of praise is of God.

Whatever is worthy of praise, think on these things.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: The Letter to Philemon

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

"Changing People?"

*Response Hymn 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 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 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

We Depart in God's Name

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response *Do Not Be Afraid*

*Postlude *Voluntary*

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*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 Gerry Rogers.

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 8	Marietta Burch
September 15	Sadie Smith
September 22	
September 29	Eva Goddard

Prayer List as of September 8, 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!

You may still contribute to our special offering for **Send A Child to Camp Pee Dee.** Make your check to First Presbyterian Church and put SACTCPD on the memo line.

Beginning this Wednesday, September 11, Dr. Sansbury will lead a **10-week Bible Study** on the gospel of Matthew. The study group will meet in the Fellowship Building on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Come and bring a friend!

We will collect our **PADD** offering today during morning Worship.

The Church This Week (9/8/2019)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	School Supplies/Movie Night
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education
	5:30 p.m.	Building Security Team
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	3:30 p.m.	Circle 2
	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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES EVENT/MOVIE NIGHT –today beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building with a hot dog/hamburger meal provided by the Fellowship Team.

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 Psalm 139 and I Corinthians 15:1-11.

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).

Congratulations to Michael and Alison Chapman on the birth of their daughter, Eliza Blake, on September 3, and to paternal grandparents Mike & Cathy Chapman, and great aunt and uncle, Joye & Dan Sansbury.

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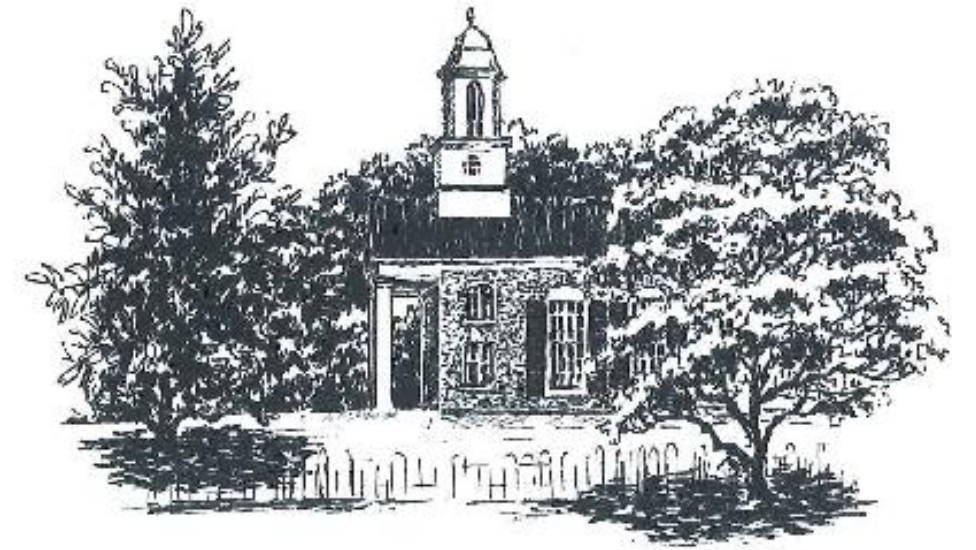
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Our Vision

**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*