

**WORSHIP OF GOD OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHERAW, SC**  
**RALLY DAY AT CAMP PEE DEE**  
**August 25, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *The King of Love*

Carter

(The congregation is invited to use this time for preparation, meditation worship and prayer.)

Greeting

Dr. Dan Sansbury

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Mary Anderson

Congregational Introit *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

**Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.**

**Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!**

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

We are all children of a loving creator God.

**Our God meets us as we are, wherever we gather together.**

No matter how far we wander, or how lost we may be.

**God always finds us and welcomes us home.**

God rejoices when we come together as one worshiping family.

**Let us rejoice at the good news of our loving, creating, gracious, reconciling and redeeming God!**

\*Hymn 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Confession (please be seated)

*Confessing our sins is not about beating ourselves up for what we have done, or what we have failed to do. It is simply what returning to God is like – we admit our need of a Savior, our need of being forgiven.*

*Returning to God by admitting the ways that we have separated ourselves from God, we can now be in union with God and neighbor once again.*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious and Almighty God, it is not easy to live for you in this world. You see our imperfections, our rough edges, the scratches, the cuts, the dirt under our fingernails we try to hide – but still you love us always! Help us to see today how our sin wounds us and traps us. Help us to see also that true freedom only comes from life lived by faith in you. Guide us on your pathway today, and all days to come. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our crucified Savior and resurrected Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For the Son did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. [John 3.16] We are the world for whom Christ came, Christ died, and Christ rose again.*

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Holy Interruption

Recognition of our Teachers

Mac McCall

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love  
When A Poor One*  
Andy Beck, guitar

\*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 Message

(pre-school children will now have their Play 'N Play time.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Luke 15.1-10

Message

“Let Love Lead”

Dr. Sansbury

\*Hymn

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s holy Son.  
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.  
Be God’s the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other’s faults as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;  
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

\*Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

Men: The communion of saints, is called together from the entire human family,  
and united by God in Christ.

Women: As the people of the Living God, we are called to love one another.

Men: We experience, practice and pursue being the faith community with one another.

Women: We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.

Men: We are a benefit and a blessing to one another.

Women: We share one faith in Jesus Christ and one holy calling from him.

Men: We are one body; we are the Church.

Women: We have one God and Father.

Men: We have one Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Women: We are filled with one Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ.

Men: We are baptized with one baptism.

Women: We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

Men: We confess one name and are faithfully obedient to one Lord.

Women: We work for one cause and one hope: the coming of the kingdom of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession (Unison)

Gracious God, you love the world and all the people in it, and you hold all that you have created in your compassionate embrace. As you hold our lives torn by pain, sorrow or hatred within your aching hearts, we cry out for wholeness – for ourselves, for those whom we love and for our world.

May your healing presence gently transform the places of our lives where we hold pain. May your loving presence be a comforting reality for all those who find themselves in despair, lost or alone. May your transforming presence create generosity in places of greed, harmony in place of hatred and everlasting justice where evil now reigns.

O God, we bring before you now these people and places that need your healing, loving, transforming presence:

(the congregation is invited to name the concerns on our hearts)

O God, lover of the world and all the people in it, we claim your power and your loving presence to make the world whole and healthy again, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn 335 *Though I May Speak*

**We Depart in God's Name**

\*Charge (Unison)

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

(from I John 4.7-8)

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response *Praise, I will Praise You, Lord*

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\*Postlude *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

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

### **Prayer List as of August 25, 2019**

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

Residents at Presbyterian Communities of SC  
Artha Sompayrac – Summerville  
B. J. Moore - Summerville

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.

### **The Church This Week (8/25/2019)**

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO Resumes
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Worship

The **focus** for next Sunday's worship service will be II Timothy 4.

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES EVENT/MOVIE NIGHT – September 8, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building with a hot dog/hamburger meal provided by the Fellowship Team.**

We are happy to announce that our church will be providing needed supplies to students at both Long Middle and Cheraw High Schools again this year. You can purchase the supplies and drop them off in the boxes that will be placed in the hallway outside the church library or write a check payable to First Presbyterian Church with "School Supplies" noted on the Memo line. Here's a list of the most needed items:

1. Pencils
2. Colored Pencils
3. Binders: 1", 1.5" & 2" Thick
4. Highlighters
5. Book Bags
6. Marble Composition Notebooks
7. Loose Leaf Paper (Wide Rule)
8. Composition Notebooks
9. Scissors
10. Glue Sticks

We will be collecting a **special offering today** for Send A Child to Camp Pee Dee.

**Copies** of Dr. Sansbury's August 18<sup>th</sup> message, "The Church in the Power of the Spirit, X: How Does It All End?" are available in the narthex. Copies of previous sermons will be made available upon request to the church office.

The **Sacrament of Communion** will be celebrated during the worship service next Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. All who trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and their baptized children, are invited to partake of the sacrament with us.

At the congregational meeting last Sunday, Andrew McLeod and Jennifer Tillman were elected to join Cathy Chapman, Vernon White and Mary Jane Evans on our Officer Nominating Committee. They will prepare a slate of elder nominees to bring to the congregation for our approval.

Beginning September 11, Dr. Sansbury will lead a **weekly Bible study** on the gospel of Matthew. The study group will meet in the Fellowship Building on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

**Church School** will resume on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

We will collect our **PADD offering** on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> during morning 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.

**When sending mail to the church, please use the PO Box 552 address in order to avoid delay or possible return of your mail.**