

# First Presbyterian Church

October 30, 2022

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

*\*Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below)*

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune in D*

David Johnson

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR (Psalm 118:24)

The Chimes

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 250, v.3)

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118: 24

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**And all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**And do not forget all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your iniquity,

**Who heals all your diseases,**

Who redeems your life from the Pit,

**Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live

**So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

Praise the Lord!

**The Lord’s Name be praised!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER 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.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful—you will forgive all our sins. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness that we may know the joy of your presence and the light of your face shining upon us. You alone know our hearts, how often we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for every unkind thought, every false word, and every wrong act. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, and our willful disregard of your Word. Have mercy upon us. Remove from us all that dims the brightness of your glory and give to us a renewed desire to know you and the fullness of your love, through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray.

*-A Moment for Silent Confession-*

#### \*KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

**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.**

### THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

#### CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Kara Wheeler, Director of Family Ministries

*(Children thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children’s Church with Ms. Kara)*

#### SOLO

*Precious Lord, Take my Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD/arr. Thomas Dorsey

Iris Rose, soprano

#### SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 2:1-6

<sup>1</sup>*For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. <sup>2</sup>I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ himself, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.*

<sup>6</sup>*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

#### THE SERMON

“Mail Call in Colossae...or ‘Do you want to know the secret?’” Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

God’s mercy and judgment await us all. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God’s love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God’s warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God’s love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God’s future for every person will be both merciful and just. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 157

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### MOVING AHEAD IN HOPE

Terry Dodge

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*Beautiful Savior*

Michael Burkhardt

#### \*RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

LASST UNS EREFEUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

#### \*CLOSING HYMN 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

#### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Philippians 4:8)

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,

**Whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,**

If there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,

**Think about these things.**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 541, verse 1)

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Recessional on Ein Feste Burg*

Franklin Ashdown

*The flowers today are given by James and Kim Crean to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 12th Wedding Anniversary.*

Guests...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God’s love for you today. Your signing the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed is encouraged. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you more information about FPC.

**Worship Care Today:** Christy Goodner      **Nov. 6:** Vickey Dodge

**Counters for Nov. 6:** Bob Ballard, Diane Bailey

**Acolyte(s) Today:** Mason Goodner, Penelope Zelinski

**Acolyte(s) Nov 6:** Maddie Skinner, Olivia Green

**Please remember the following in prayer:** Health Concerns: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Audrey Moore, Alvane Deal, Shirley Burton, Izzy Brooks, Ashley Kay, Beth Easley, Rev. Dr. Mark Verdery, George White, Will Read, and Susan Read.

**Columbarium Update:** Construction of the Columbarium has been completed, and installation of the Memorial Garden and associated landscaping began this week. Although there are no barricades in place, please treat the landscape areas as construction zones and stay on the existing sidewalks.

A dedication ceremony for the Columbarium and Memorial Garden is planned for November 6 following the 11:00 AM church service.

We still need additional funds from niche reservations, plaque sales, or donations for the Columbarium project to be fully self-funded. Thanks to all who have already taken advantage of this opportunity.

Columbarium Task Force: Bob Ballard, Barry Goodner, Mimi Goodner, Joe Hardy, Bob Norwood, Kathy Pender, Kara Wheeler

**Youth Group News for October:** Come at 4:30pm to help set up for Trunk or Treat.

**Children's Choirs:** Come in your costume today at 4:30pm before Trunk or Treat.

**Help for HOPE:** During the month of October, we will collect **jar(s) of pasta sauce** (spaghetti, marinara, alfredo, etc.) and /or a **box(es) of pasta** (macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, angel hair, etc.) for the clients of Project HOPE. Leave your donations in the narthex by **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you from the Missions Committee and the clients of Project HOPE for helping address hunger right here in our own back yard!

**Kirkin of the Tartans** will be on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service. Let Bev Keely know if you plan to carry your flag or if you need help.

**Prospective Members Gathering:** Rev. Pender will be leading this class on **November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:40 am in the Chapel**. The class will cover membership at First Presbyterian Church and generalities about being "Presbyterian" and some specifics about our congregation.

**Eradicating Systemic Poverty:** Dave Keely is ready to launch this six-session study of **\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America**. It will be in person at the church with a Zoom option. If interested, contact Dave this week.

**Basketball Registration:** Basketball sign-ups are closed for all ages except Bidy 7 and under. If you are a church member who still needs to sign up or has questions, please call, text, or email Eric Park, our FPC Basketball Coordinator.

**Our Extraordinary Children Need You!** We are excited our Extraordinary Children Classroom is open. Our Nursery Assistant and York District One Special Education teacher, Mary Gump will be the lead teacher for this classroom. However, we would like an additional church member to volunteer in the classroom each Sunday after the children's sermon and assist Mary during this time. Contact Tara Park for details if interested in helping. Training will be provided.

**Moving Ahead in Hope:** We hope you saw in this week's ENews as Donna Martin counted her blessings for our church family. You may also access all the blessing videos under the GIVE link on the church website. If you aren't receiving the ENews, please email the church office (firstpresrh@gmail.com).

#### Deacons of the Month

October - Ellie Dawson, Deneen Gresham, Rob Joiner  
November - Diane Bailey, Tom Hickman, Freeman Sturgis

### THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

#### Sunday, October 30

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am Officer Training  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch  
4:30 pm Children's Choirs  
4:30 pm Handbell Choir  
5:30 pm Trunk or Treat

#### Tuesday, November 1

9:00 am Walking Group  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class  
6:30 pm Diaconate

#### Thursday, November 3

9:00 am Walking Group  
3:00 pm Yarns of Love  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class

#### Sunday, November 6

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am Officer Training  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
12:15 pm Columbarium & Memorial Garden Dedication  
2:30 pm Crop Walk at Winthrop  
4:30 pm Children's Choirs  
4:30 pm Handbell Choir

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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#### Members of the Session

##### Class of 2022

Barry Goodner  
Cynthia Johnson  
Joanne Lehman, Clerk  
Robert Pender  
Sheryl Smith

##### Class of 2023

Bob Ballard  
Kathy Blackwelder  
Jennifer Green  
Jean Horton  
Bob Norwood

##### Class of 2024

Matt Elston  
Charles Gresham  
Bev Keely  
Michele Murdoch  
Tara Park

Elder Emeritus - Margaret Ann Tice

#### Members of the Diaconate

##### Class of 2022

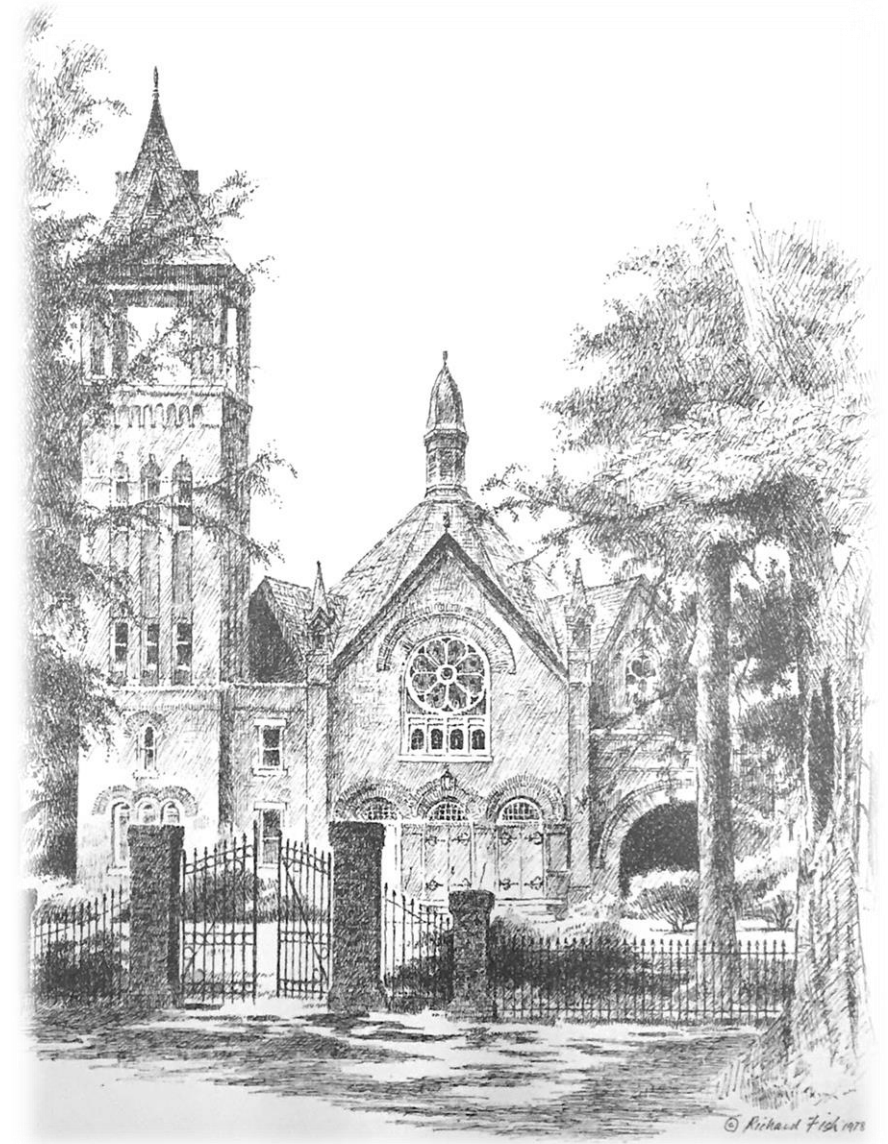
Lindsey Skinner  
Ellie Dawson  
Faye Ballard  
Steve Mullinax  
Diane Bailey

##### Class of 2023

Sam Curry  
Tom Hickman, Moderator  
Mickey Johnson  
Rob Joiner  
Christine White

##### Class of 2024

Gordon Barrett  
Deneen Gresham  
Freeman Sturgis  
Wayne Terry  
Linder Tucker



## First Presbyterian Church

234 East Main Street  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730  
Organized 1869

We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

*Worship* the living God with joy and thanksgiving

*Teach* the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ

*Serve* others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit

*Fellowship* with one another to energize our life together as a congregation

*Nurture and Embrace* all of God's children.

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender - Interim Pastor  
Rev. Kara Wheeler - Director of Family Ministries  
Dr. Donald M. Rogers - Director of Music  
M. L. Marley - Organist  
Angela Harris - Director of Cherub Choir  
Ashley Platts - Director of Handbell Choir