

# First Presbyterian Church

September 18, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2*

Johannes Brahms

### 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.1)

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God created all things visible and invisible; none other.

**God provides food for your stomach and spirit; none other.**

God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

**Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.**

### \*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 274

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of wonder, Lord of King David and of the Son, the Messiah, David's greater son, we confess our sins and pray for your help so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth. Restore your creation to full health and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your merciful power. Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

*-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

*(All children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome in Children's Church with Ms. Kara)*

### ANTHEM

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

DEO GRACIAS/arr. Schalk

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

(Pew Bible, p. 581)

Ephesians 3:14-19

(Pew Bible, p. 182)

### THE SERMON

"Almanacs and Dandelions"

Rev. Olivia Haney and Rev. Dr. Hoover Haney

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,**

**Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**Sets us free to accept ourselves**

**and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles**

**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,**

**engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

**claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

**and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**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.**

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*Allegretto*

Hermann Schroeder

### \*RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 488

*I Was There to Hear Your Boming Cry*

WATERLIFE

### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*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

*Toccata on OLD HUNDRETH*

Michael Burkhardt

We welcome Rev. Olivia Haney and Rev. Dr. Hoover Haney in our worship leadership today. Rev. Olivia Haney and Rev. Hoover Haney currently serve as the Transitional Co-General Presbyter and Stated Clerks of Providence Presbytery. As a reminder, our interim pastor, Rev. Dr. William C. Pender, is in the midst of some long-scheduled travel.

Our organist, ML Marley, is on vacation this week. Substituting for him is Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Professor of Piano and University Organist at Winthrop. If you remember, Dr. Manwarren was our temporary organist between the time Janet retired and ML was hired. We welcome him back today!

*The flowers today are given by Laura Mallard to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Margaret, and her dear sister, Bridget.*

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:** Lindsey Skinner      **Sept 25:** Janelle Chubb  
**Counters for Sept 25:** Mickey Johnson, Rob Joiner  
**Acolyte(s) Today:** Henry Goodner, Jamison Deese  
**Acolyte(s) Sept 25:** Elizabeth Roberson, Brynn Park

**Please remember the following in prayer:** Health Concerns: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Audrey Moore, Alvane Deal, Shirley Burton, Bill Kayser, Izzy Brooks, Ashley Kay, and Polly Moose.

**Help for HOPE** - During the month of September, our congregation will be collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly for the clients of Project HOPE. Please consider contributing a jar(s) of peanut butter and jelly by today, **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. The Mission Committee and the clients of Project HOPE are most appreciative of your donations.

**Youth Group News for September:** Youth Group Bible Study will meet at 4:30pm. Each of us has a story to tell, a journey of faith that began at God's invitation and will continue throughout eternity. As we immerse ourselves in Joseph's life, we will see how God was at work and is still at work in similar ways in our lives today. Be a part of this study and invite a friend to experience God's grace more fully and grow as a follower of Christ!

**Nursery Worship Care Volunteers:** With one more volunteer on our schedule, volunteers would only need to serve once every four months (three times a year). Contact Kara to volunteer (kwheelerfpcrh@gmail.com).

**Poverty in the US 101:** Engage in the PCUSA's Matthew 25 Invitation! Learn about "Eradicating Systemic Poverty" by attending a valuable presentation on Sunday afternoon **September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM** here at our Church by Winthrop University professor Dr. Mike Sickels, entitled "Poverty-in-the-US 101", sponsored by your Mission & Outreach Committee. Save the date and watch for more details available in our weekly E-News!

**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.

**Columbarium Update:** Construction is in the final stages. The granite covers were installed on the niches last week. Remaining activities include receipt and installation of the precast concrete caps, completion of Memorial/Legacy plaque installations, and installation of railing sections.

A dedication ceremony 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 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

**Rock of Ages Bible Study:** The Rock of Ages Bible Study will meet at 7pm this Tuesday at the home of Scott & Angela Harris. This is a great community for soon to be, recent, or not so new empty nesters. The group will study what it means to have enough looking at the parables of Jesus.

**Moving Ahead in Hope:** We hope you saw in this week's ENews as Elizabeth Briggs counted her blessings for our church family. If you aren't receiving the ENews, please email the church office (firstpresrh@gmail.com).

**September Deacons on Call**  
 Faye Ballard, Sam Curry, Wayne Terry

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 18**

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:15 am Ladies Out to Lunch  
 4:30 pm Cherub Choir/Covenant Choir  
 4:30 pm Handbell Choir  
 4:30 pm Youth Group Bible Study

**Tuesday, September 20**

8:30 am Walking Group  
 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class  
 7:00 pm Rock of Ages Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 21**

6:30 pm Finance Committee

**Thursday, September 22**

8:30 am Walking Group  
 10:00 am Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen  
 3:00 pm Yarns of Love  
 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class  
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

**Sunday, September 25**

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch  
 3:00 pm Poverty in the US 101 Presentation  
 4:30 pm Cherub Choir/Covenant Choir  
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**Office Hours**

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

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 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**

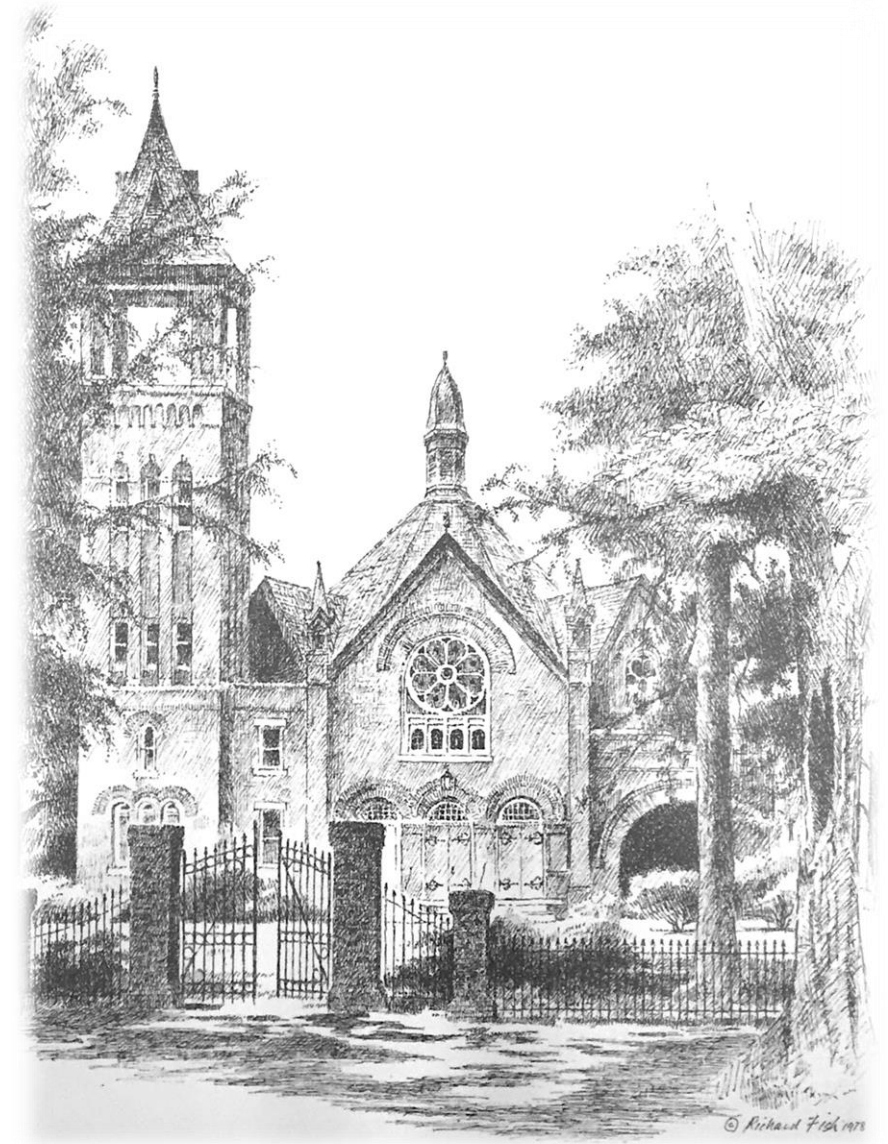
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 Ellie Dawson  
 Faye Ballard  
 Steve Mullinax  
 Diane Bailey

**Class of 2023**

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

**Class of 2024**

Gordon Barrett  
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 Wayne Terry  
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**First Presbyterian Church**

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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