

# First Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune on *Lobe den Herren*

Walter Webber

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

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

The Chimes

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 25, v.1)

*O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*

WINCHESTER OLD

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**Glory to you forever!**

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

**Glory to you forever!**

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River

**Glory to you forever!**

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray

**Glory to you forever!**

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

**Glory to you forever!**

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

**Glory to you forever!**

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

**Glory to you forever!**

Let us worship our triune God!

### \*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 157

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity. You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us and restore us. Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace. In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, by the working power of your Holy Spirit. 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 (Adapted from the Athanasian Creed)

O Lord, our Sovereign God,

You are neither made nor fashioned by anyone.

**Wonderful beyond measure,**

**You are faithful Father, servant Son, and enlivening Spirit.**

Holy Lord, beautiful and dynamic,

Intimately united as a society of love,

**You are our Creator and cause,**

**You are our perfect Savior,**

**You are our Intercessor and giver of spiritual gifts.**

The Lord of all has called us forth;

Our Triune God has made us good.

**Hallelujah, bless the Lord.**

**Hallelujah, praise God's holy name!**

**In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven!**

### \*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 invited to Children's Church with Ms. Kara)*

### ANTHEM

*Christ Hath a Garden*

English Folk Song/ arr. Near

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:26-31

(Pew Bible, p. 1-2)

1 Corinthians 12:1-13; 13:13

(Pew Bible, p. 163-164)

### THE SERMON

"The Dance"

Rev. Dr. T. Mark Verdery

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 375

*Shall We Gather at the River*

HANSON PLACE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Dale Wood

### \*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 (SEE INSERT)

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

KINGSFOLD

### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 541, v.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 Amazing Grace*

Christopher Pardini

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of my Mom's (Jean Horton) birthday by Teresa and Tony Bradley.*

We welcome today Rev. Dr. T. Mark Verdery in our worship leadership. As a reminder, our interim pastor, Rev. Dr. William C. Pender, is in the midst of some long-scheduled travel.

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:** Elizabeth Rollins      **Oct. 2:** Wendy Blanchard

**Counters for Oct 2:** Joanne Lehman, Christine White

**Acolyte(s) Today:** Elizabeth Roberson, Brynn Park

**Acolyte(s) Oct 2:** Sara Jurado, Ann Lowry Faircloth

**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.

**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!

**Fellowship Committee Interest Meeting:** The Fellowship Committee is up and running again but we could use some extra hands and hearts to join us in this service. Using our spiritual gifts of hospitality, the Fellowship Committee seeks to serve our congregation on occasions where meals are prepared and served... and don't worry if cooking isn't your thing... we always need help with set up, receiving and/or setting out food, and cleanup after meals. If you are interested, please join us in the Session Room on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to find out more about how you fit in this amazing group!

**Help for HOPE:** During the month of September, our congregation contributed 73 jars of peanut butter and jelly. On behalf of the Missions and Outreach Committee and the clients of Project HOPE, thank you for your generosity in helping to combat hunger right here in Rock Hill.

**Youth Group News for September:** Youth Group Bible Study will meet at 4:30 pm. 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!

**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. Remaining activities include installation of the precast concrete caps and completion of Memorial/Legacy plaque installations

A dedication ceremony is planned for November 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**Dimes for Hunger Offering:** We will collect this offering in support of our Presbytery's work to address food insecurity on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

### THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 25

9:00 am Mission & Outreach  
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  
4:30 pm Cherub/Chancel Choir  
4:30 pm Handbell Choir  
4:30 pm Youth Group Bible Study

#### Tuesday, September 27

8:30 am Walking Group  
3:00 pm HOP  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class

#### Wednesday, September 28

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee Interest Meeting

#### Thursday, September 29

8:30 am Walking Group  
3:00 pm Yarns of Love  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class

#### Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Montreat Family Weekend

#### Sunday, October 2

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

#### Office Hours

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

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#### 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

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

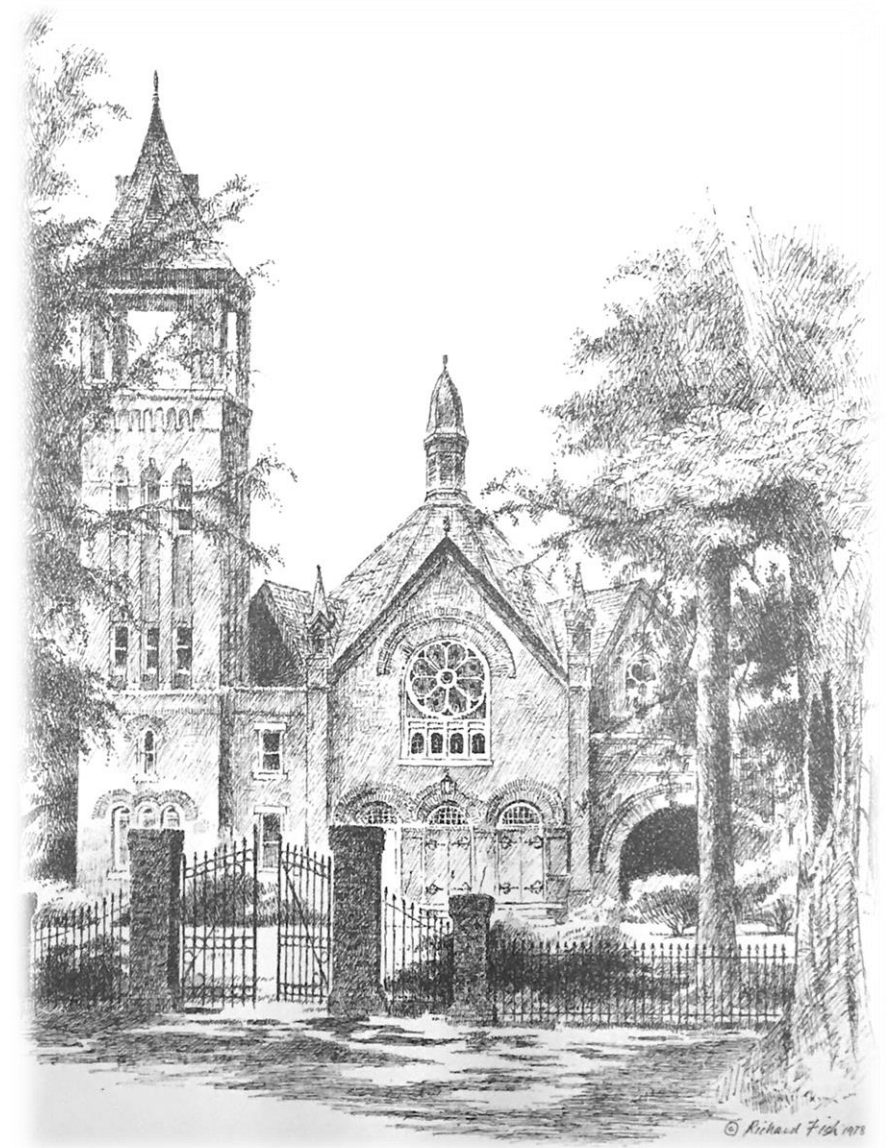
Sam Curry  
Tom Hickman, Moderator  
Mickey Johnson  
Rob Joiner  
Christine White

#### Class of 2024

Matt Elston  
Charles Gresham  
Bev Keely  
Michele Murdoch  
Tara Park

#### Class of 2024

Gordon Barrett  
Deneen Gresham  
Freeman Sturgis  
Wayne Terry  
Linder Tucker



## First Presbyterian Church

234 East Main Street  
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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