

# First Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2022

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Nimrod from Enigma Variations, Op. 36*

Edward Elgar

#### 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 401, v.3)

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we are, Lord. Like Jesus' first disciples, we are ready to follow.

**Like the early church, we are ready to glorify God.**

Here we are, Lord. We have heard your call.

**In this hour of worship, with the presence of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we respond to your call and carry that call into the world.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 396

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we thank you for your good creation and the responsibilities you have given us in it. Forgive us where we have been irresponsible. We thank you for creating us in your image. Forgive us when we tarnish it. We thank you for the abundant life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us where we have refused it for something less. Ready us now to hear your promising Word, to be healed by your forgiving love, and to be renewed by your life-changing power. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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

God sent his Son to fill the world with heaven's peace.

**Christ came and cleanses us through his great sacrifice.**

Jesus came into the world not to punish, but to offer God's pardon.

**Through the grace of God our sins are forgiven.**

Let us live each day in the fullness of that grace!

**Amen!**

#### \*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)*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 10-18

(Pew Bible, P. 86)

John 21: 1-17

(Pew Bible, P. 109)

#### THE SERMON

"Rediscovering Grace"

Rev. Dr. T. Mark Verdery

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Behold Your Promised Lord*

Benjamin Culli

#### \*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!**

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION (Hymnal 518, v.1)

*Your Only Son*

LAMB OF GOD

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE (see insert)

### WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

#### \*CLOSING HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

#### \*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

*Tuba Tune*

C. S. Lang

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.

Rev. Dr. T. Mark Verdery served our church for 19 years (1985-2004) followed by serving as General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of our Presbytery for 14 years. He honorably retired after 48 years of ordained ministry in December 2018 and currently serves part-time as Parish Associate at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill. Our Verdery Chapel is named in his honor and we gladly welcome him back to First Presbyterian today!

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.

**Deacons will be at the exits today to receive your offering for the Deacons' Fund.**

**Worship Care Today:** Elizabeth Cycak      **Sept. 11:** Natalie Harper  
**Counters for Sept 11:** Linder Tucker, Sam Curry  
**Acolyte(s) Today:** JoJo Zelinski, Penelope Zelinski  
**Acolyte(s) Sept 11:** Olivia Green, Michael Green  
**Bell Ringer(s):** Chyler Gockel

**Please remember the following in prayer:** Health Concerns: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Audrey Moore, Alvane Deal, Shirley Burton, Bill Kayser, Izzy Brooks, Ashley Kay, Braeden Blackwelder, 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 **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 kick-off on September 11<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Retirees Lunch** returns on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at The Little Café at noon. The Guest Speaker will be Stephen Turner, retired Director of Economic Development for City of Rock Hill. He will share the history of Rock Hill with us.

**Mission Fair:** The Presbytery wide Mission Fair begins at 10:00am on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center with a closing worship service at 2:30pm. The California Grille Food Truck will be there for lunch, youth activities from noon to 3:00pm. Contact Kara Wheeler (kwheelerfpcrh@gmail.com) or Dave Keely(dfkeely3@gmail.com) with questions. We are better together!

**Save the Date:** Our next Red Cross Blood Drive at FPC is Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm - 6:30pm. To register or give, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org. If you would like to volunteer for a two hour shift to help host the drive, please contact Kara Wheeler (kwheelerfpcrh@gmail.com).

**Our Extraordinary Children Need You!** We are excited to open our Extraordinary Children classroom on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. (munnt1@gmail.com).

**Rolling in Rock Hill:** Adult & Youth are needed to help paint walls and window trim (without ladders) and some soffit-level areas (with ladders) on Saturday morning, September 17<sup>th</sup> as part of the City of Rock Hill Rolling in Rock Hill paint day. For more details, contact Jennifer Abernathy from our M&O Committee at [Jennifer.Abernathy@pauldavis.com](mailto:Jennifer.Abernathy@pauldavis.com).

**Columbarium Update:** Construction is in the final stages. Pressure washing was completed Monday, 8/29. Remaining activities include receipt and installation of the precast concrete caps, installation of Memorial/Legacy plaques, installation of niche covers, and installation of railing sections.

After worship on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will conduct an information session to discuss the process for having engraving done. A dedication ceremony is planned for November 6<sup>th</sup>

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

**September – Deacons of the Month**  
**Faye Ballard, Sam Curry, Wayne Terry**

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 4**

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch

**Monday, September 5**

Church Office Closed - Happy Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 6**

8:30 am Walking Group  
 4:00pm Seniors Yoga Class  
 6:30 pm Diaconate

**Thursday, September 8**

8:30 am Walking Group  
 10:00 am Seniors Yoga Class  
 12:00 pm Retirees Lunch/The Little Café  
 3:00 pm Yarns of Love  
 5:30 pm Worship Committee

**Saturday, September 10**

10:00 am Presbytery Mission Fair @Bethelwoods  
 12:00 pm Youth Event at Bethelwoods

**Sunday, September 11**

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 Choir / Covenant Choir  
 4:30 pm Handbell Choir  
 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study

**Office Hours**

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

**Office Staff and Contact Information**

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 Jean Horton  
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 Charles Gresham  
 Bev Keely  
 Michele Murdoch  
 Tara Park

Elder Emeritus - Margaret Ann Tice

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**Class of 2022**

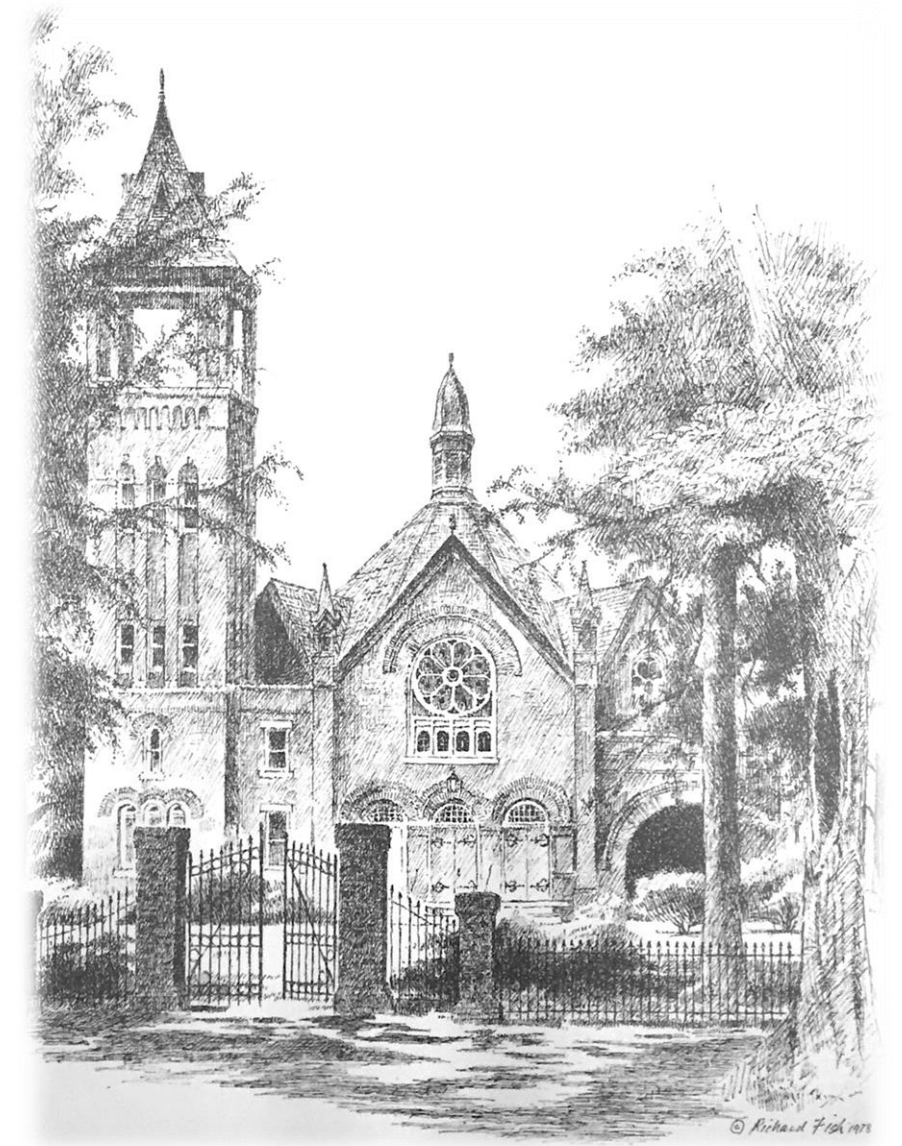
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 Steve Mullinax  
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 Wayne Terry  
 Linder Tucker



**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