

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "The Snow Lay on the Ground" English Melody

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness.
Liturgist: Remember the baptismal promise, that God's people belong to him.
People: Give thanks to God and bless his name!

HYMN 476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! LYONS

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love often does not follow the example of Jesus. We are inclined to follow selfish goals. We repent and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart and reconcile us one to another. We ask that you bless us with your peace. (continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Friends, we are confident of this:
People: If we repent, God is sure to forgive us.
Liturgist: We rejoice that we are pardoned for our sins.
People: Thank God for his mercy and never-failing love!

RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS Glory Be to the Father (Hymn 579)
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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43: 1-5a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Love Came Down at Christmas" arr. K. Lee Scott

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3: 13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Who Are You? Rev. Edgar McCall

HYMN 370 Just as I Am, Without One Plea WOODWORTH

AFFIRMATION of FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

PRESENTATION of TITHES, OFFERINGS and GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Meditation on 'Rejoice, Rejoice Believers'" arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymnal, Page 592)
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

HYMN (supplemental hymnal p.11) Jesus Calls Us GALILEE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CHARGE and BLESSING

RESPONSE God Be with You Till We Meet Again (Hymnal, Page 540, Stanza 1)
God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, up hold you;
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "Toccatina on 'Rejoice, Rejoice Believers'" arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

All who are able, please stand.

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

Count Team: Jim Morton/Jennifer Bryan Greeters: Vickie Jewell/Holly Furr
Ushers: David Houk/David Ghent Chancel: Suzanne Harper Liturgist: Garren Adamson

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May you feel God's presence, may the message be a blessing in your life
and may the grace of God go with you and strengthen you for the week ahead.

Please come again soon!

A SPECIAL INVITATION! You are encouraged to become a member of our congregation, if you have no permanent church home. The Session receives new members upon their profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon their reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or by transfer of their membership from another congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor following the worship service, indicate this on the Friendship Register, or call the church office.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND one of our Sunday School classes: 9th-12th grade;
Adult: Friendship Class; Spirit/Passage Class. Come join us as we explore God's Word together!

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Edgar McCall - Pastor

Marsha Roberts - Director of Music and Organist

Susan Lott - Administrative Assistant

Philip W. Neely - Treasurer

SESSION

Holly C. Furr, Clerk

Class of 2018

Ned Gregory, II

Jane R. Mahaffey

Mary Jo Yarborough

Class of 2019

Holly C. Furr

Elizabeth W. Gregory

William K. Williams

Class of 2020

Jennifer L. Bryan

H. Max Clyburn

David A. Ghent

MINISTRY BOARD LEADERS

Christian Formation - H. Max Clyburn/Holly C. Furr

Columbarium & Memorial Garden - Jane R. Mahaffey

Congregational Care - Jane R. Mahaffey/Mary Jo Yarborough

Fellowship - Jon & Diane Lochner/Mary Jo Yarborough

Mission & Outreach - Jennifer L. Bryan/David A. Ghent/Ned Gregory, II

Worship - Elizabeth W. Gregory

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Pastoral & Staff Relations - Ned Gregory, II/William K. Williams

Property Management - H. Max Clyburn

Stewardship and Operational Support - Jane R. Mahaffey/William K. Williams

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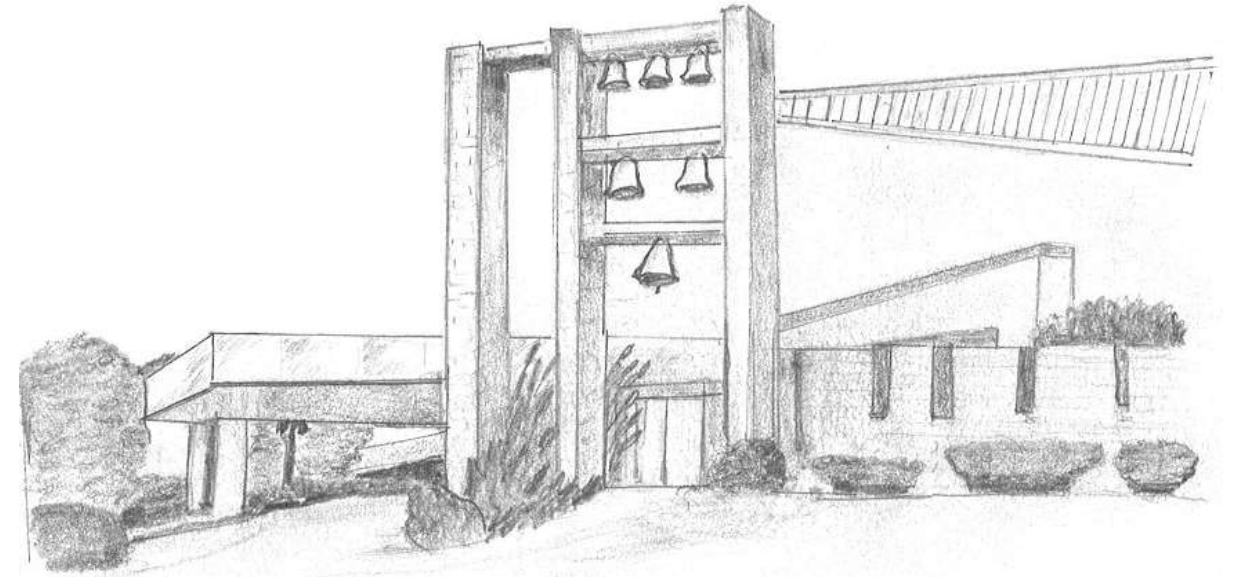
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A Place to Belong. A Place to Serve.



"Now you are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

OUR VISION AND MISSION

We, the members of First Presbyterian Church, are disciples of the risen Christ and members of his universal Body, who are empowered by God's Spirit to WORSHIP God with joy and thanksgiving; PROCLAIM the Gospel through word and deed; TEACH the message of God's love in Christ; SHARE God's love for all people by reaching out in hospitality, ministry and mission; WORK together in harmonious unity as a loving and caring people; and to SERVE one another and others beyond our fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

The values we cherish to enable us to accomplish our vision and mission are the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Bill & Jamie Williams
 Jack & Joy Williams
 Shawn Williams
 Steve & Cindy Williams

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church office at (803) 283-3329, so the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

Please come by the Prayer Ministry Table before the worship service and give the name of your prayer request to our prayer ministry representatives. The names will be provided to our pastor before the pastoral prayer to be raised to God in corporate prayer. At the Prayer Table cards are available to express our corporate love and concern to those remembered in prayer. Please stop by each Sunday on your way into the sanctuary to sign these cards. Help us in this way to further our church's ministry of sympathy, witness and service to others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Today: Carolyn Hardin/Joy Williams **Next Week:** Donna Connors/Jamie Williams

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: James Mahaffey; Angie Elsberry; Geneva Davis.

Friends of the church: Freda Snipes; Libby Woodruff; Phillip Hough; John Kloepfer; Robby Ashworth; Jake Campbell; Nancy Barz; Wanda Taylor; Nancy Carpenter; Mike Rhyner; John Brewer, Jr.; families of Susan Bennehoff & Robert Taylor.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: January 13, 2019 - January 19, 2019

Sunday	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Worship/Congregational Meeting
Monday	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	11:00 PM	Bible Study Group
Tuesday	12 Noon	Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Wednesday	6:00 PM	<i>Jubilant Ringers</i> followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00pm

BIRTHDAYS: 13 Sandy Gregory
ANNIVERSARIES: 16 Sal & Lois Rao

ATTENDANCE: Jan 06 Worship - 53 Sunday School - 23 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 29

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>01/06/19</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,832.00	\$ 3,832.00
Amount Received	<u>4,196.00</u>	<u>4,196.00</u>
	\$ <u>364.00</u>	\$ <u>364.00</u>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

VISITORS and GUESTS. **Worship is essential to your walk with Christ** and we are glad you are with us today. We welcome you as our guest. Please fill out the *Friendship Pad* found on the pew seat. *In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.* **Join us again as we worship God.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is a congregation dedicated to **Living God's Word and Sharing God's Love.** With a variety of opportunities for Christian education, worship, spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and outreach ministry, we hope you will find your church home here. Experience the community of faith at FPC. **Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. A congregational meeting will be held following worship to present the 2019 budget and to vote on the terms of call for the pastor.

The **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** will hold their next meeting Monday, **January 14th**, just before **7:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for breakfast, devotion, great camaraderie and prayer. **No reservations needed.** See you there!

The **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet Monday, **January 14th** at 11:00am in the Georgie Beckham Memorial Library. All are welcome as we continue the study of Exodus, led by the Pastor.

FPC MUSIC MINISTRY. Weekly practices have resumed on Wednesday evenings with *Jubilant Ringers* beginning at **6:00pm** and choir following at **7:00pm.** *Come make a joyful noise!*

DURING MORNING WORSHIP on **January 20th**, we will give thanks for outgoing elders *Ned Gregory, Jane Mahaffey* and *Mary Jo Yarborough* who have given the church three years of faithful service. After the recognition, we will install the newly elected elders in the Class of 2021, which include *Jon Lochner, Phil Neely, and Diana Threatt.*

COVERED DISH LUNCH. We are glad to support Presbyterian mission co-workers Scott and Elmarie Parker, who serve in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. One of the Parkers will be our guest on **Sunday the 27th** in a joint Sunday School class, worship and after worship a **covered dish lunch** for all to enjoy. Learn how the Church is working in the part of the world where the Parkers serve.

The **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** is **Wednesday, January 30th** at Noon. The cost is \$4/person. Please **sign up** outside the church office.

JOY GIFT. The annual *Joy Gift Offering* was received last month with contributions totaling \$591. *Thank you for your generous support.*

THE YEAR BEHIND/THE YEAR AHEAD.

Become aware of God's presence.
 Review the past year with gratitude for God's presence, especially in the difficult times.
 Pay attention to your emotions.
 Choose one feature of last year and pray about it.
 Look forward to 2019; with God's blessings of peace and comfort to guide the way!