

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019 11:00am

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
Minute for Missions/*Dimes for Hunger*

Barbara Kurz

INTROIT "How Lovely, Lord " Hal H. Hopson

✦CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Let us sing to the Lord;
People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Liturgist: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

✦HYMN 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX
Conrad Kocher, 1835

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

God of mercy, you command us to love one another across all differences. Your command is meant to open us to new life, yet we often respond with fear and judgment. Our fear and judgment hinders your goal for humanity. You call us to live in unity, but we often let our differences stand in the way of unity in the body of Christ. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. *(continue in silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: God's promises are trustworthy and true.
People: We rejoice that our sins are forgiven.
Liturgist: Be at peace to serve the Lord,
People: and may we always be known by our love and forgiveness.

✦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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 13: 31-35

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

ANTHEM "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" Patrick Liebergen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1: 26-31

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

SERMON God Loves His Creation Rev. Wayne Dickson

✦HYMN 440 *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

✦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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Conrad Kocher
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

✦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 554 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

✦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 "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Diane Bish

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

✦All who are able, please stand.

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

Count Team: Holly Furr/Glenn Simpson **Greeters:** Joy Williams/Casey Ballard
Ushers: Bill Williams/Max Clyburn **Chancel:** Peggy Furr **Liturgist:** Phil Neely

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 2019

Holly C. Furr
Elizabeth W. Gregory
William K. Williams

Class of 2020

Jennifer L. Bryan
H. Max Clyburn
David A. Ghent

Class of 2021

Jon C. Lochner
Philip W. Neely
Diana A. Threatt

MINISTRY COMMITTEE LEADERS

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

Columbarium & Memorial Garden - Jane R. Mahaffey

Congregational Care - David A. Ghent

Fellowship - Jon & Diane Lochner

Mission & Outreach - Jennifer L. Bryan

Worship - Elizabeth W. Gregory

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Pastoral & Staff Relations - H. Max Clyburn/William K. Williams

Property Management - H. Max Clyburn/Philip W. Neely

Stewardship and Operational Support - William K. Williams/Diana Threatt

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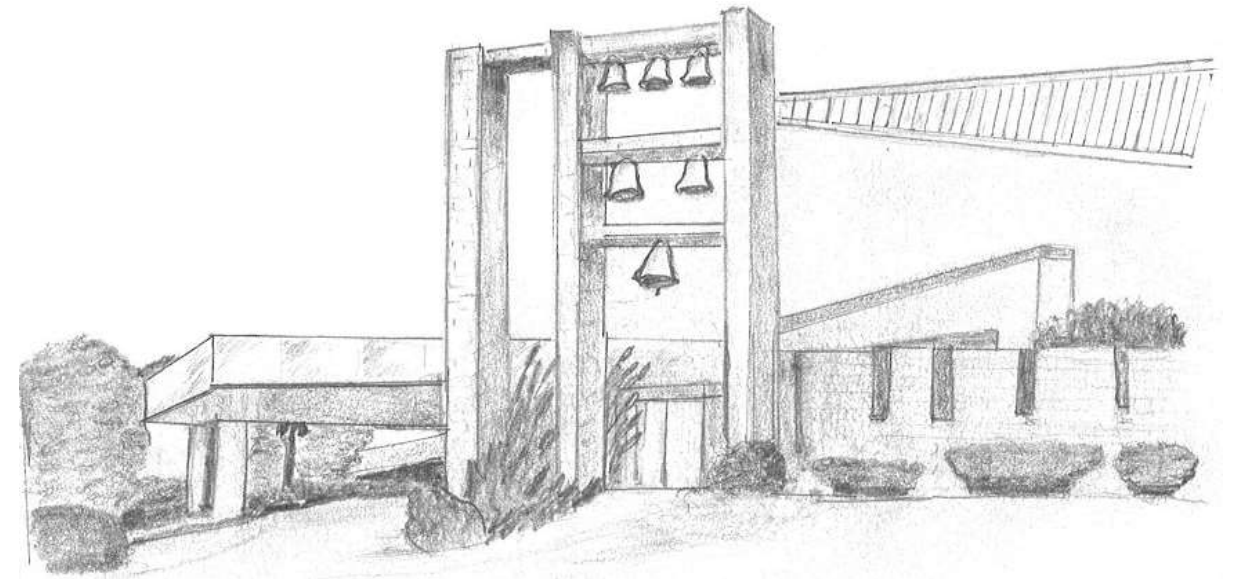
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A Place to Belong. A Place to Serve.



"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

Shawn Williams
 Steve & Cindy Williams
 Buck, Cindy & Zachary Winchester
 Dave Yarborough

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

PRAYER MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Today: Debbie Hinson/Lena Wallace **Next Week:** Karen Neely/Suzanne Harper

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 & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Geneva Davis; Ernie Clyburn; Jim Morton, Linda Helms; Cheryl Wiggins; Mary Lowe.

Friends of the church: Freda Snipes; Libby Woodruff; Robby Ashworth; Jake Campbell; Wanda Taylor; Cassandra Davis; Debbie Spaugh; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Mike Bohonak; Carol Hodnett; Greg Adams; Richard Steele; Lisa Williams; Kiersty Duncan; Doris Lloret; family of Linda Williams.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: May 19, 2019 – May 25, 2019

Sunday	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Worship followed by Fellowship Covered Dish
Monday	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday	12 Noon	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting

BIRTHDAYS: 19 Sandy Spaugh
ANNIVERSARIES: 23 John & Angela Elsberry
ATTENDANCE: May 12 11am - 47 Sunday School - 10 Men's Prayer Breakfast- 22

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>05/12/19</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,994.00	\$ 75,886.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>2,071.00</u>	\$ <u>80,490.32</u>
	\$ <u>(1,923.00)</u>	\$ <u>4,604.32</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.**

WEE WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS for children are available in a basket on a table in the narthex. Please return the bags to the basket after worship.

Our **WORSHIP LEADER** today is the *Reverend Wayne Dickson* who is an honorably retired member of Providence Presbytery after serving the New Cut Church for 22 years. He is a graduate of Catawba College and Erskine Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Debbie live in Lancaster.

COVERED DISH LUNCH. The Fellowship Committee will host a covered dish lunch after worship today. *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all of His benefits.* Psalm 103: 2

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets each week, with the next meeting being held on **Monday, May 20th** beginning just before **7:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. *See you there! Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.* Hebrews 7:25

GRADUATE RECOGNITION. First Presbyterian will celebrate and honor our graduates during worship **Sunday, June 2nd**, in recognition of their accomplishments. Plan to attend to show support and to encourage our future leaders of First Presbyterian Church and the community.

GRATITUDE. We express our gratitude to the choir, handbell ringers and others who keep our music ministry vibrant. Words cannot truly express how wonderful it is for our church to have so many wonderfully gifted musicians who practice, plan and give willingly each Sunday. Each gift adds immeasurably to our worship. **Thank you!**

NEW MEMBERS. As a church family we welcome *Ann* and *Christina Mori* as members of our congregation. We pray God's blessing on the Moris in their journey of faith with FPC. **Welcome!**

