

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Dedication Sunday
November 11, 2018 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "God of Our Fathers" arr. J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS/Recognition of Veterans

INTROIT "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Dutch Melody

✦CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: In the midst of loss and hurt, we wait for God.

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Liturgist: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God.

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

All: God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning!

✦HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Love Excelling HYFRYDOL

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially for others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be your faithful servants. We pray in the name of Jesus. (continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: In Jesus Christ, God grants us grace, mercy, and peace.

People: Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith:

Liturgist: that God has the power to save us and gives grace to all his children.

People: We hold fast to the truth that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✦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.

EPISTLE READING

Second Corinthians 9: 6-12

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

ANTHEM "Blessed are You" Craig Courtney
Matthew 5: 3-12

GOSPEL READING Luke 19: 1-10

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

SERMON A Radical Response to God's Favor Rev. Edgar McCall

✦HYMN 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised ANGEL'S STORY

✦LITANY of COMMITMENT

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

PRESENTATION of TITHES, OFFERINGS and GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Improvisation on MATERNA" arr. Charles Calahan

✦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 391 Take My Life HENDON

✦CHARGE and BLESSING

RESPONSE *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE
**Go to the World! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE "National Hymn" arr. Mark Thewes

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 **Chancel:** Peggy Furr **Liturgist:** Vickie Jewell

Greeters: Holly Furr/Robert Lee Steele **Ushers:** Phil Neely/Mark Jewell

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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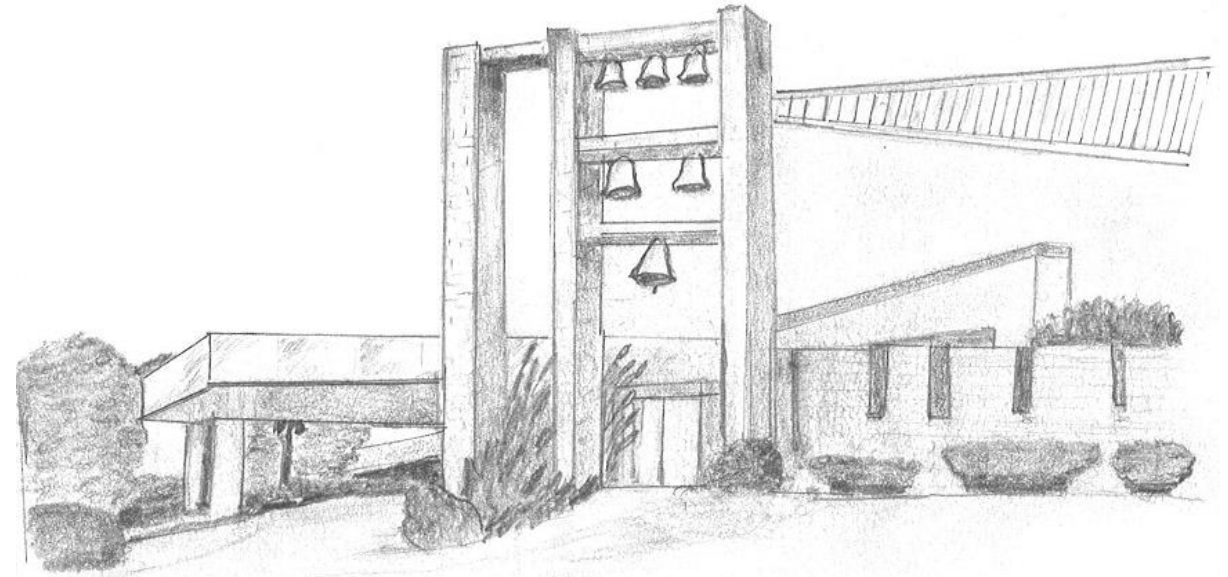
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A Place to Belong. A Place to Serve.



"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)



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Charles & Linda Helms
 Phill & Debbie Hinson
 David & Janet Houk
 Betsy Howey

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: Cindy Williams/Noel McCall **Next Week:** Debbie Hinson/Lena Wallace

Please pray for our members: Louie Belk; Ann Powers; Locketta Stephenson; Adele Williams; Helen Hegler; Cindy Ruh; James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Bucky Hardin; Angie Elsberry; Ned Gregory; Robert Folks; Peggy Bell.

Friends of the church: Freda Snipes; Andy Novinger; Libby Woodruff; Harriett Garris; Wanda Taylor; Kim Carpenter; Phillip Hough; Tom Forkner; Debbie Spaugh; Susan DeVenny; John Kloepfer; Robert Taylor; Robby Ashworth; Arthur Collins; Karen Musitano.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: November 11, 2018 - November 17, 2018

Sunday	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Worship/Dedication Sunday
Monday	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	11:00 AM	Bible Study Group
	7:00 PM	Finance
Tuesday	12 Noon	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday	6:00 PM	<i>Jubilant Ringers</i> followed by Chancel Choir at 7:15

BIRTHDAYS: **11** Louie Belk/Betsy Howey **12** Cheryl Wiggins **13** Robert Folks

ATTENDANCE: Nov 04 Worship - 61 Sunday School - 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 26

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>11/04/18</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,894.00	\$ 171,336.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>7,922.33</u>	\$ <u>180,706.32</u>
	\$ <u>4,028.33</u>	\$ <u>9,370.32</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.**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY. The flowers that grace the chancel are given by Jim and Merrio Morton to the *Glory of God*, in loving memory of *Lucy Graybill Morton* and in honor of the marriage of *Sarah Elizabeth Morton* and *George Bernard Stevens* on November 4th in Charleston, SC.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION. Today we will dedicate your commitments to the work of God's church so that God's kingdom will be built up. *For I know the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD; plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart.* Jeremiah 29:11-13

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS. Tomorrow begins *Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week* in Lancaster. Please pray for the most vulnerable among us.

The **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets Monday, **November 12th** at 11:00am in the Library.

ARCHITECTURAL THEOLOGY. **Next Sunday, November 18th** at **9:45am** learn about the unique architectural features of our sanctuary, the origin of its design, the theological significance of the furnishings, the history of the bell, baptismal font, the organ, stained glass and much more. **Robert Folks will host the presentation in the sanctuary.** The goal is through knowledge of the space and its contents, the worship experience can be enhanced.

The annual **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** benefiting **THORNWELL HOME** will be received **next Sunday, November 18th.** Please give generously to this wonderful ministry that has helped abused, abandoned and neglected children for 143 years.

COMMUNION. Please join us **next Sunday, November 18th** as we gather at the Lord's Table for Communion which will be served by the traditional method; passing of the juice and bread.

POINSETTIAS are offered in memory or honor of at \$13/each. Forms are available in the narthex and as an insert. **Deadline to order is November 18th.** Memorials and honoraria will be listed in a bulletin insert on December 2nd. Poinsettias may be picked up after our Christmas Eve Service.

SAINTS ALIVE. The next Saints Alive trip will be **November 27th** to see the Biltmore House at Christmas. We will depart from the church at **8:00am** and travel to Asheville. Participants will buy their own lunch at the Stable Café; the church will then pay for admission to the House for a tour from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. After an hour of free time, we will return with subs provided for an early dinner. Please **sign up** on the sheet outside the church office.