

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019 11:00am

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Aria" Paul Manz

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "O God, Show Mercy to Us" Gustav Holtz
Psalm 67

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord a new song,
People: for he has done marvelous things.
Liturgist: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.
People: Let us worship our God who rules the world with hope and justice.

✦HYMN 478 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Like lost sheep, we have wandered away from your love. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our sins are forgiven,
People: for God is merciful and just.
Liturgist: God's children are reconciled to God and to one another.
People: We celebrate our forgiveness which flows from God's mercy in Jesus!

✦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 55: 10-13

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

ANTHEM "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Jeremy J. Bankson
Tune: Henry Purcell, (1659-1695)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15: 1-10

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

SERMON An Invitation to God's Joy Rev. Edgar McCall

✦HYMN 507 *I Come With Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

✦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 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" arr. Robert Hobby

✦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 40 *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦CHARGE and BLESSING

RESPONSE *O for a World* (Hymnal, Page 386, Stanzas 1, 3)
O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways; Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise. We welcome one world family; And struggle with each choice that opens us to unity, And gives our vision voice. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Finale on 'Praise My Soul the King of Heaven'" arr. Robert Hobby

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

✦All who are able, please stand.

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

Count Team: Max Clyburn

Ushers: Betsy Gregory/Abe Perry

Greeters: Cindy Williams/Mary Jo Yarborough

Chancel: Casey Ballard

Liturgist: Holly Furr

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

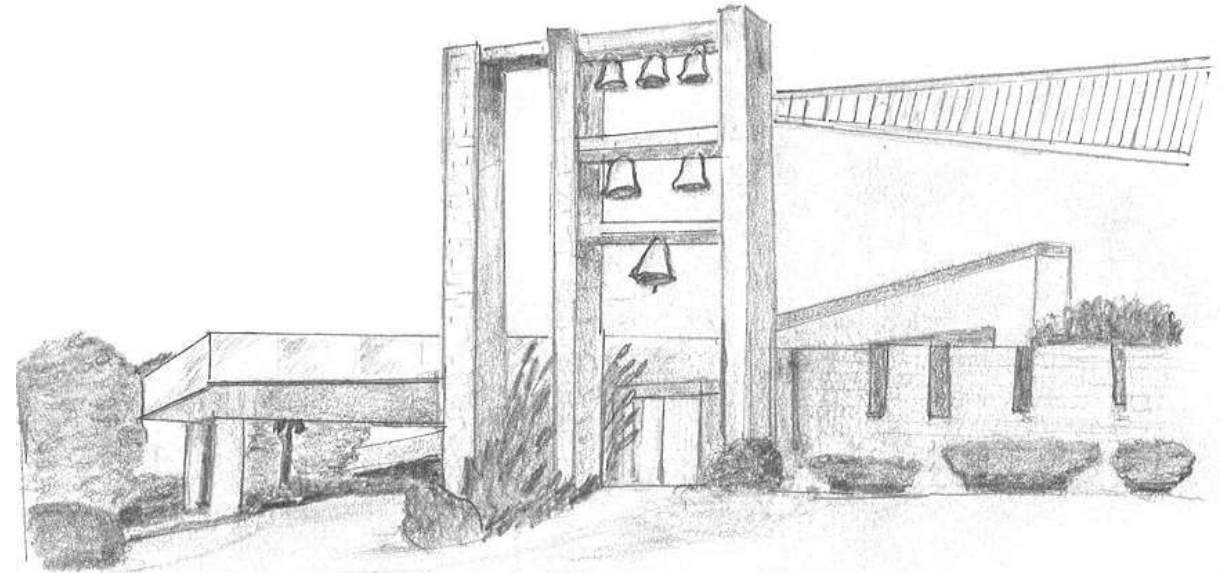
SUPPORT COMMITTEES

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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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
 Bill & Jamie 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 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: Jane Mahaffey

Next Week: 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; Linda Helms; John McCulloch; Cheryl Wiggins.

Friends of the church: Freda Snipes; Libby Woodruff; Wanda Taylor; Debbie Spaugh; Eaven Austin; Eric Hough; Jim Thompson; Grace Clyburn; Chandler Bryan, Sr.; Beth Thomas Harris; Andy Novinger; families of Will Moredock, Mary Helms & Lewis Harris.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: September 15, 2019 – September 21, 2019

Sunday	9:45 am	Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship/Congregational Meeting
	5:30 pm	Session Meeting
Monday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Jubilant Ringers</i> followed by Chancel Choir at 7pm

BIRTHDAYS: 20 Lois Rao

ANNIVERSARIES: 15 Buck & Cindy Winchester

ATTENDANCE: September 08 11am - 48 Sunday School - 20 Prayer Breakfast - 24

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>09/08/19</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,994.00	\$ 143,784.00
Amount Received	<u>3,144.00</u>	<u>144,537.64</u>
	\$ <u>(850.00)</u>	\$ <u>753.64</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 and beautify our worship are given by Mary Lowe and Diana Threatt to the *Glory of God*; with appreciation and in honor of the *Music Ministry of First Presbyterian; Jubilant Ringers, Chancel Choir and Marsha Roberts.* Your faithfulness is commended. The beautiful outflow of melody and harmony brings our convictions of faith deeper into our hearts and lives. With the music of the faith our worship is even more meaningful. You bless us all year long in every season and occasion with your precious gifts of sacred music. All of this helps us perceive the magnificent nature of God and the glory of His Grace in Christ Jesus. Sing Alleluia!

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **today** to elect one member of the congregation to the *Congregational Nominating Committee.* Each year as one person rotates off a new member is elected so that all members will have 3 year staggered terms.

THORNWELL TEACHING and PREACHING MINISTRY.

The Thornwell Teaching/Preaching event will be held **next Sunday, September 22nd.** Dr. Adrian Bird, Assistant Professor of Church History at Union Presbyterian Seminary will be our guest; leading our Christian Education and morning worship. Dr. Bird will teach a joint Sunday School session entitled: Christian Enrichment and Mission in the Midst of Inter-Religious Diversity. Following worship, we will enjoy a Fellowship meal. **Plan to attend and look forward to this wonderful opportunity to share in God's word.**

The **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** is **Wednesday, September 25th** at Noon. The cost is \$4/person. Please **sign up** outside the church office.

DIMES FOR HUNGER. Everyone is encouraged to contribute a dime for every meal to help feed families across the five counties of Providence Presbytery, Central America and Africa. These offerings will be dedicated **Sunday, October 6th** during morning worship. *Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9: 7

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Charles Helms following the passing of his mother, *Mary Helms.* Our prayers are with Charles, his family and all who loved Mrs. Helms *And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."* Revelation 21: 5