SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2022 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" 17th Cent. English Melody arr. Albert L. Travis

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels" Peter Cutts, 1969

♦CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Sing aloud to God our strength; **People:** Shout for joy to the Lord of life!

Liturgist: We come to praise the one, holy, and living God.

People: Let us give God the glory today and forever!

\$\Phi\$HYMN 554Let All Things Now LivingASH GROVE

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We often hoard what we have, and we live in overriding fear. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of sacrificial love. (continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: God rejoices when we repent and return.

People: We can rejoice because we have been reconciled to God and to one another.

Liturgist: As God's reconciled people, we are set free to love and serve anew.

People: Let us rejoice in our salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ!

†RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS Glory Be to the Father (Hymnal, page 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 Ezekiel 34:11-16

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

ANTHEM "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15: 1-10

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

SERMON Lost and Found Rev. Edgar McCall

♦ HYMN 280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound AMAZING GRACE

♦AFFIRMATION of FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith (bulletin insert)

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

MUSIC for DEDICATION "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" Trad. American Melody arr. Carolyn Hamlin

PRAYER for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

†HYMN (hymnal supplement p. 25) *I Love to Tell the Story*

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Recessional" Francesco Manfredini, 1680-1737

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

♦All who are able, please stand

FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Mary Jo Yarborough 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 at 283-3329, to ensure the Shepherd under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

Prayer Concerns

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: Martha Jo Mahaffey; Derek Cercena; Helen Hegler; Cindy Williams;

Ann Powers; Phil Neely; Jane McNeely-Sowell; Mary Jo Yarborough; Diane Lochner; Cindy Ruh.

Friends of the church: Annie Sue Steele; Amaryllis Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Anne Hinson; Marge Campbell; Becky McCulloch Taylor; Jonathan Perry; Tony Scott; Chad Stillwell; Evan Aiken; Frazier Baldwin; Earl Adams; Mary Francis Thomas; Randall Robinson; Mark Lott; Doug Crenshaw; Henry Shute; Bruce Ridgeway; Molly Carrison; Patricia Gardner; Stewart & Sally Lochner.

CHURCH ACTIVITES: September 25, 2022 – October 01, 2022

Sunday	9:45am	Christian Education
	11:00am	Worship
Monday	7:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	6:00pm	Boy & Girl Scouts
Wednesday	10:00am	Chancel Choir
	6:00pm	Jubilant Ringers

BIRTHDAYS: 26 Andy Harper **28** Karen Neely

ATTENDANCE: Worship – 37 Live Stream Worship - 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast – 20

	OUR GIVING REPORT		
	09/18/22	Year To Date	
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 151,620.00	
Amount Received	<u>1,945.00</u>	159,794.97	
	\$ <u>2,045.00</u>	<u>8,174.97</u>	

OFFERING PLATES are located inside the sanctuary doors on pedestals.

WE WELCOME VISITORS. Please fill in the visitor card (located in the pew pocket) and drop into the offering plate. Thank you for worshiping with us at First Presbyterian.

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the wellbeing of our city, state and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry, aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing each in the faith; equipping each with the knowledge for service to Christ and effectively obtaining peace in all walks of life.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets each week, with the next meeting being held on Monday, September 26th beginning just before 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-21

DIMES FOR HUNGER. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20: 35 Our Dimes for Hunger offering will be dedicated October 2nd.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is one of the two sacraments in Protestant churches.

A sacrament is 'an outward and physical sign of an inward and spiritual grace.' Communion is a unique and essential way for Christians to experience the great grace of God, shown through the life and death of our Lord Jesus. **WORLD COMMUNION** is **October 2nd.**

Prepare your hearts with gladness and with hope for this powerful celebration of God's grace.

CAPITAL FUND 2022. A boiler, the sanctuary roof and a 25 ton air conditioning unit have had to be replaced in just over a year and a half. The Capital Replacement/Major Maintenance account the church maintains for large expenditures has been substantially reduced. The air conditioner just contracted for the sanctuary cost \$34,900. The new sanctuary roof cost more than twice that. The Session, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, has approved an ask of the congregation for donations to restore the balance of funds to have available for more unexpected major capital expenditures Donations may be made to the church as customary or by mail to P.O. Box 990, Lancaster, SC 29721. Designate for the "Capital Fund 2022" or otherwise for capital needs.

