

October 22, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Manz

Welcome and Announcements

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Eva Goddard

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

The LORD forgives all your iniquities and heals all your diseases.

The LORD redeems your life from the Pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The LORD satisfies you with good as long as you live.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name! (from Psalm 103)

***Processional Hymn 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Friends, the same Psalm reminds us, "*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love*" (Psalm 103.8). So we dare to make our confessions to our God of grace, and trust his forgiving love toward us all. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, we admit to you how independent and self-reliant we can be, while you intend for us to depend upon you in all things. We admit how wrapped up in our own lives, our own schedule and our own activities we can be. We admit that there are days when we rarely think of you and your purpose for our lives. Forgive us, O God, for trying to make a life and earn a living as if we did not need you. Break our pride. Show us again how much we really need you. Pour out your Spirit upon us anew. Transform us into more willing and faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. May all we say and do bring glory and honor to his name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the same Psalm tells us, "*The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities . . . As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us*" (Psalm 103:10, 12). The promises made in the Psalms are fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings Elder Paula Davis

Offertory Anthem *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* Burkhardt

***Praise of God**

**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**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**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**

Message to the Children Eva Goddard

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Hymn 824** *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Psalm 99; Psalm 96:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message "God's Beautiful World" Elder Paula Davis

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** *Take the Name of Jesus With You* (see insert)

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Manz

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Chuck and Sara Caulder in loving memory of Charles and Kathleen Ingram, Billy and Sara Wicker, Charles and Dezzy Caulder and Buff and Beatrice Vaughn.

We welcome Elder Paula Davis to the pulpit this morning. She is an active member of First Presbyterian Church Hartsville. At this time she is a member of the Worship committee, and serves as a Pastor's Aide. Born to parents who were Baptist she attended First Baptist Church, decided to follow Jesus and was baptized there.

She is a graduate of the Hartsville city schools. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Richmond, and a Master's degree from Francis Marion University. Presently she is studying at the Lay School of Theology offered by the five presbyteries of South Carolina. Through the years she taught at Thomas Hart Academy, Hartsville High School and Coker College. She is happy to have a daughter, one granddaughter, one grandson, and two great granddaughters.

The Church This Week (10/22/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	5:00 p.m.	McArn Meeting
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of October 22, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
Ina Coggeshall
Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
Beth O'Neal
Bobbie Jones
Keller Smith
Gene Brymer

The Chancel Choir began practicing their Christmas program music on Wednesday, October 18. Regular choir practice is from 6-6:30p.m. and Christmas music rehearsal from 6:30-7:30p.m. All are invited to sing with us on this year's Christmas Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 17, during the 11 a.m. worship service. You don't have to join the choir or be a member to sing with us. Help us make our church's Christmas music special as we enjoy Christian fellowship, learn new music, and sing praises to the Lord!

Trunk or Treat – this Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Mission Outreach Ministry will have a church grounds clean up day next Saturday, October 28th from 8:00 until 12:00. Bring rakes, chainsaws, shovels, hedge trimmers and gloves. Our main focus will be on cleaning up the backyard of the Fellowship Building and manse yard.

Our church is growing and we are so excited. The number of children attending nursery during worship has increased and we need your help! We ask that **any adult** who is willing to keep the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link listed below. We ask that **parents** with a young child attending nursery, please help us by signing up for a Sunday every other month. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer in our nursery.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545afaf22ab9-nursery#/>



The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

Christmas Shoe Box ministry boxes are located in the library and narthex. All instructions for fixing the boxes are in the boxes. National Christmas box collection week is November 13-19. We will need boxes at the church in the library by Sunday November 19 at 12:00pm. They will be delivered to the collection station on Sunday November 19. Presbyterian Women would greatly appreciate your participation in this mission project. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Evans.

The closing celebration of the SC Jazz Festival will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church. The 2pm concert will feature the Mark Rapp Jazz Ensemble and the children of St. David's school. All ages are invited to attend this free concert at 420 Market Street. The concert will be inside the sanctuary. Selected photos from "A Love Letter to Old St. David's" exhibit by Ron Stafford will be displayed at the concert.

The First Presbyterian Church Talent Show is on November 1, 2023. We will begin the evening with a covered dished supper at 5:30 pm and the talent show will start at 6:15 pm. Please let Charlene Tillman know if you plan to share a talent as there will be a limit of 12 acts. 843 910-4837.

A memorial service for Sally Bryant will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m. at Chatham Hill Cemetery.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2023

Gina Goddard
John Joyce
Christie McLeod
Calvin Phillips
Charlene Tillman

Class of 2024

Marietta Melton Burch
Cathy Chapman
David Nagel
Dan Tillman, III
Jennifer Tillman

Class of 2025

Kelli Beck
Avery Dickson
Mary Jane Evans
Jean Page Watson

The Church Staff

Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullledge, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

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