

November 5, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Allegro, from Concerto I, BWV 592* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder Gina Goddard
Come to hear God's call to service; come to meet the Christ who claims us all.
Speak, O God, for your servants hear. Show us the way, for we choose to follow.
Come, responding to God's summons. Come, rejoicing that God leads.
With longing hearts, we seek God's love; with joyful lips, we sing God's praises.
Come, for we are not our own. God's love, in Christ, has made us saints and servants.
God is our help and our support; nothing can separate us from God's love and care.
Let us worship God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

***Processional Hymn 326** *For All the Saints*

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated) 1 John 1:8-9
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession
We are grateful for our Savior's love, O God and pray that we may be controlled by that same love. Forgive us when we give in to bitterness and unkind feelings toward others. Forgive us when we do not respect and support those who labor among us and called by you to lead. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may sincerely love and forgive, encourage and nurture one another in the same way that we are loved and forgiven, encouraged and nurtured by Christ our Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.
Thanks be to God!

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

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings Rev. Gavin Meek

Offertory Anthem *In Remembrance* Red/Larson

***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:** (from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Message to the Children Rev. Gavin Meek

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Isaiah 52:7 and Hebrews 11:32-12:2

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Message "Beautiful Feet of Our Pastors" Rev. Gavin Meek

The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKS

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 432** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *For All the Saints* Held

Please remain standing until all acolytes recess.

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

The Church This Week (11/5/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Mission Outreach
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of November 5, 2023

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

Rev. Gavin D. Meek is our **Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk** of **New Harmony Presbytery** which consists of 59 churches in 12 counties in the northeast corner of South Carolina. He has served in ordained ministry in the PCUSA for 35 years, 24 of those years in interim/transitional ministry, serving one other presbytery and eight congregations of various sizes in seven states. After graduating from the Presbytery Leader Formation program in 2018, he was chosen by his peers to be one of seven faculty in the program which trains new PCUSA presbytery leaders. Gavin and his wife, Jennifer (Jen) Kottler, who is the Supply Pastor of our John Calvin congregation, are avid travelers; Gavin has been to 49 states and over 60 countries and enjoys reading biographies, all things Scottish (his mother was born and raised in Scotland and Gavin has been there over a dozen times visiting family and leading tours), hiking, tennis and good food, good wine and a wee dram with friends.

It's time to order our Christmas poinsettias! If you would like to honor or remember someone please place your order by Sunday, November 19th. Poinsettias will be red with green wrappers.

The prices are:
 small: 6 1/2 inch - \$11.50
 large: 8 inch - \$16.00

Please place your money and requests in the offertory plate in an envelope or drop it off at the church office. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. **Include all money and requests in an envelope labeled**

Attn: Karen Tillman

Your name: _____
 Remembrance: _____
 Honor: _____
 number of poinsettias: _____
 size of poinsettias: _____
 total money : _____



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.

The Chancel Choir has begun learning their Christmas music. Practice is on Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm and they are inviting YOU to sing with them on their Christmas program, Sunday, December 17. It's not too late to rehearse with them & make this year's Christmas music special for our church!

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.

November 5 is a day dedicated to raising awareness about hospice and palliative care. The white carnation is placed in the church in honor of Hospice Care Sunday.

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
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Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

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*

Sunday, November 5, 2023

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