

First Presbyterian Church
PresbyNews



April, 2023

Dear Friends,

We look outside our windows and thank God for the glorious springtime that is upon us! As I write this from my home, I can see dogwoods, azaleas, daffodils and much more already blooming. As sports fans around the country know, this is also the season for NCAA basketball championships, the beginning of baseball season and the Masters Tournament in Augusta. As our financial advisors remind us, it is tax season, too. School systems wrap their spring break around Holy Week in some fashion each year.

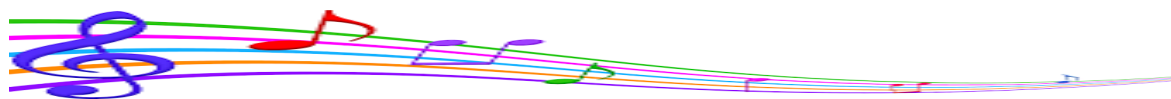
More important than all those things, or anything else we could name, is the Easter season celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! As the old hymn says it, “Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes....” His resurrection power at work in the Church means our eventual triumph over all forces of sin, sickness, fear and death. When we had no more reason to hope, because of his death on the cross, God intervened and raised his Son, our Lord Jesus from the dead. That is the news that sustains our faith and increases our hope. Throughout Lent, I have preached Sunday messages that “It Happened” from John 3,4,11 and 12. Now, for Easter Sunday, we affirm again in a bold voice, “IT HAPPENED!!!” “IT” is God’s great victory, which we celebrate in many ways.

We will have our Palm Sunday processional on Sunday, April 2, with help from our children and chancel choir. We will have our Maundy Thursday communion service on the evening of April 6 at 6:00 in the sanctuary. We will have several Easter Sunday celebrations, including a 7:00 Sunrise Service and a 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt. I will present the Easter Sunday message as “John” at our 11:00 service. Our new music director, Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, is arranging very special music for all these occasions.

Holy week and Easter are great times to invite other people to join us! The good news of Jesus Christ goes out to all the world! Be sure to share our good news with everyone around us!

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Interim Pastor

Music Ministry Corner



Spring is here! April is one of the busiest months of the year for music ministries all over the world, and that is a good thing. It shows that Christian churches across the globe are unified, commemorating the death and resurrection of the Lord. How powerful!

The music of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter reflects the glory of our risen savior. Several very talented guest musicians will help elevate our worship experience. Mikael Darmamie, concert pianist, from NYC, will be joining us on Palm Sunday 4/2, and Terri Hurley, guest trumpeter, from Fayetteville, will be playing during the 11am service on Easter, 4/9. Their music will surely elevate us all to worship! Our own church has a lot of talent too! Jackson Tucker and Blair Driggers will be gracing us with their talents on percussion during April. God bless them for sharing their time and talents with us! No matter the age, if you have a knack for music, I'd love to feature you!

Upcoming dates to remember:

Fun Program kids will not have rehearsals 4/5 & 4/12. They will participate during youth Sunday on 5/7.

Chancel Choir will sing for the Maundy Thursday service 4/6, at 6pm (rehearsal at 5:30pm) in the sanctuary and Easter 11am service. No choir practice on Wednesday, 4/12.

The children's choirs sang and rang so well during the 11am service on Sunday, 3/26. Lindsay and I love to work with them each Wednesday. To God be the glory alone!

I am enjoying chancel choir practice each week and love each and every member. We have such a great time and have already bonded! They are such an encouragement to our church.

I will close with one of my favorite hymns for the season of spring:

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every
darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a
mystery,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; in our life,
eternity, In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Tunefully,

Mary Louise Baker

News from the BELL ROOM

It's a busy time in the Bell Room at First Presbyterian Cheraw. Every Wednesday, the room is filled with enthusiastic Fun Program Ringers and Chimers. Youth Bell Group continues to practice new selections on Sunday evenings. It is a joy to work with these amazing young people!

Lindsay Bennett



Presbyterian Women News

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Circle Duties

Circle 1-None

Circle 2- None

Satellite-Communion- Maundy Thursday April 6

Youth Supper-April 16

Bible Study and Circle April 12 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Building.

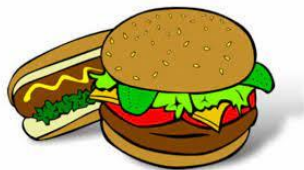
Fellowship Ministry Team News



April 9- Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Please have all children meet the Fellowship Team on the steps of the Session House. Our Easter Egg Hunt Activities will begin at 10:00am with a story and activities instead of regular Sunday School. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin around 10:20 am.

May 10-Hot Dog and Hamburger Cookout with Bingo at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Building



Worship Ministry Team News

The Worship Ministry Team is investigating installing a T-loop system that will enhance the audio for our members who have hearing aids or are hearing impaired. If you might benefit from this please contact the church office and let Carolyn know. We need to know how many of our congregation this might help.

Fellowship Class News

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building for Sunday School. We will complete our Lenten study on April 2nd and will then go back to our study, *Signs and Wonders* by Amy-Jill Levine. Following this, we will begin a study of Hebrews.

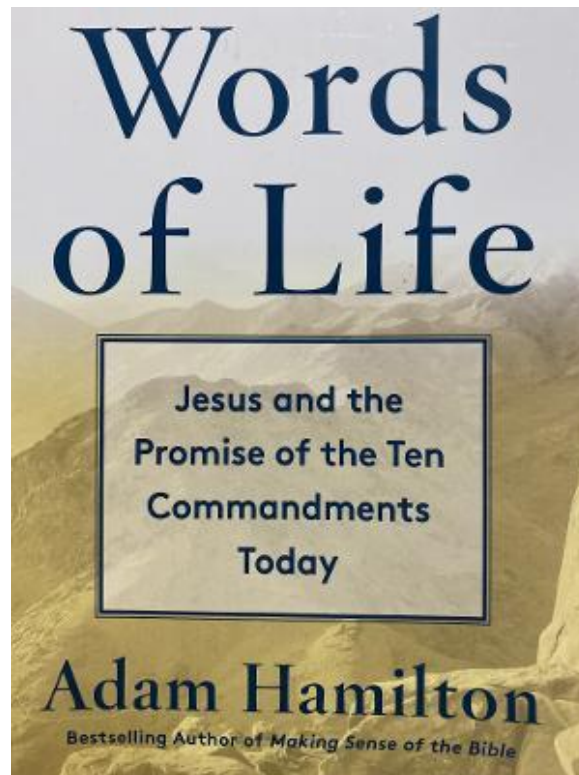
Session Highlights from March Meeting

- Youth Sunday has been moved to May 7th because of the Prom.
- Seven of our youth will be attending Montreat this summer.
- We still need volunteers to sign up for Nursery on Sunday mornings. You can sign up by clicking on the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545afaf22ab9-nursery#/>
- The Mission Outreach Team delivered 32 Friendship meals on March 5th. The next Friendship Meal will be delivered on May 21st.
- The Mission Outreach Team will be focusing their work on the Pee Dee Coalition Transition House this year. Team members had a workday on March 25th at the Transition House in Wallace.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Sunday, April 9th.

The Session, our governing board of elders, has changed its meeting date to the 4th Tuesdays for the remainder of this year. The elders will meet at 6:00 p.m. on March 28th and April 25th.

Parlor Class Spring Series
Words of Life by Adam Hamilton
March 26th- May 28th

In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving “thou shalt.” He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.



Middle School and High School Youth Schedule for April 2023

Sunday, April 2nd 6:00 pm Prepare Exam Boxes

Sunday, April 9th Easter No Youth

Sunday, April 16th 6:00 pm Regular Meeting

Sunday, April 23 6:00 pm Prepare for Youth Sunday

Sunday April 30th 6:00 pm Prepare for Youth Sunday

Looking Ahead: May 7th Celebration at Tillman Farm



Sunday School Teaching Schedule

2-4 Preschool

April 2nd Kelli Beck
April 9th Easter story time and Egg Hunt
April 16th Sadie Smith
April 23rd Debbie Watson
April 30th Charlene Tillman

Elementary

April 2nd Tammy Joyce
April 9th Easter story time and Egg Hunt
April 16th Karen Tillman/Shelley Morgan
April 23rd Jean Page Watson/Fred Harris
April 30th Mary Jane Evans/Ashley Driggers

Fun Program Schedule

Wednesday, April 5th No Fun Program
Wednesday, April 12th No Fun Program/Easter week
Wednesday, April 19th 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 26th 3:00 pm

*Save the date - Sunday, May 7th Children and Youth Sunday (will ring and sing)

Nursery Volunteers for APRIL



4/2/23	Shelley Morgan	4/23/23	Marietta M. Burch
4/9/23	Kelli Beck	4/30/23	Cathy Chapman
4/16/23			

If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link below:

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



Mission Inside Yard Sale

Saturday April 1, 2023 from 7:00 to 11:00 am.

McArn Food Bank: hours of operation are
1-5 Thursday and Friday
Items needed: cereal, bread, pasta, rice.

MMO NEWS



There are currently eight enrolled at MMO and we are expecting eleven for the fall 2023.

Prayer Changes Things

Bobby Polson

Gerry & Bobby Rogers; Ina Coggeshall

Atha Lou Gibson; Gray & Bea Sloop

Bennie and Benny Lou Moore;

Gina Goddard's dad: Gene Brymer

Jodi Reid (cancer)

Craig Dubos

Patty Greene (relative of Carole Kennedy)

Beth O'Neal

Marion Murphy

Bobbie Jones

Cindy Aremia (friend of Grayson Cauthen)

Jim Conn, Monty Dodson

Elsie Rainey (Shirley Brock's sister)

Jo Ellen Stewart

Donna Bilby (Libby Knight's sister in law)

Ray Harris (Mary Louise Baker's dad)

Kathie Cook

Chase, Rebecca and Laikyn Denham

Susie Ingram

Gloria Turner

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

Benny Lou Moore and her family upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Josephine Poole. Mrs. Poole died on March 4, 2023.

To the family of Ms. Shirley T. Huggins. Ms. Huggins died on March 15, 2023.

Barbara Dickson and her family in the death of two relatives. Pat Belk died March 8 following a long illness. Madeline Belk died March 18 following a short illness. Both resided in Lancaster, SC.

April Calendar Of Events

1	7:00 am	Yard Sale
2	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Membership Mtg.
	5:30 pm	Mission Outreach Mtg.
	6:00 pm	Youth
3	8:30 am	MMO
4	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	5:00 pm	McArn Meeting
	5:30 pm	CE Team Meeting
5	8:30 am	MMO
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
6	6:00 pm	Maundy Thurs. Service
9	7:00 am	Sunrise Service
	10:00 am	Church School
		Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 am	Worship
		Office Closed
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12	10:00 am	PW Bible Study
16	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth
17	8:30 am	MMO
19	8:30 am	MMO
	3:00 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
23	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth
24	8:30 am	MMO
25	6:00 pm	Session Meeting
26	8:30 am	MMO
	3:00 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
30	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth

**The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, April 10th for Easter.**



Congratulations to Laura Brabham, daughter of David and Kim Brabham. Laura and Zain Noorani were married on March 3 in Austin Texas.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING –
OFFERING TO BE TAKEN ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 9th**



**Providing relief from natural disasters,
food for the hungry, and support for the
poor and oppressed.**

*APRIL
Happy Birthday*



- 1-Alex Evans, Payton McCall**
- 2-Etta Ingram**
- 3-Bill Cauthen**
- 5-Dena Tillman**
- 6-Kathy Bradshaw, Edward Tinsley**
- 7-Nathan Jewart**
- 8-Josh Evans**
- 9-Buddy Brooks, Phillip Tucker**
- 12-Mike Chapman, David Morgan**
- 13-Louise Carpenter**
- 14-Danny Bradshaw**
- 17-Douglas Anderson,
Brittany Tillman**
- 18-Carolyn King, Diane Hines**
- 19-John McLaughlin**
- 20-Charlene Tillman**
- 21-Sue Cutchin**
- 22-Betty Laney**
- 24-Debbie Jewart, David Nagel**
- 26-Maggie Barton**
- 28-Kathie Cook**
- 30-Maylen Harris**