

First Presbyterian Church

August 20, 2017 - 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: {Please pass the Friendship Pads.}

PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune" D. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

Leader: The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

People: **Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** {DARWALL'S 148th}
No. 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** {unison}

God of grace, God of mercy, our hearts are open before You. Lord, You know our greatest areas of strength and our greatest areas of weakness. You know the wonderful, creative things we are capable of and You know the terrible ways we often see ourselves and others. We confess we don't understand ourselves sometimes. Still, You alone love us, forgive us, even create us knowing our limitations. You see something within us we struggle to see ourselves. You see beauty, wonder, intelligence, imagination and an untapped capacity to love, care for and serve others. Father, thank you for the forgiveness we find in Your Son Jesus Christ and for welcoming us home once again.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

CHILDREN'S SERMON: {Children first grade and under please come forward.}

PASTORAL PRAYER

† **HYMN:** **No. 306** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" {DENNIS}

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed* {hymnal, page 35}

† **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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "Lord I Need You" Maher
FIRST Praise

† **The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

† **Prayer of Dedication**

ANTHEM: "In Christ Alone / The Solid Rock" Cottrell
FIRST Praise

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1-14 {Pew Bible, page 1221}

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 22:7 {Pew Bible, page 1938}

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Dr. Darren Bess
"GOD'S FAITHFULNESS: PART THREE, THE FUTURE"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation to the Table
Prayer
The Words of Institution
Communion for the People
Prayer of Thanks and The Lord's Prayer*

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE:** {TO GOD BE THE GLORY}
No. 634 "To God Be the Glory"

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE:** "Grand Choeur" G. Young

† Those able are invited to stand.

WELCOME to all who are worshipping with us this Sunday morning. We pray that you will feel the warmth of God's Spirit, and that you will be spiritually encouraged and nurtured as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please take a moment to sign our friendship pads found in the pew rack.

A **NURSERY** is provided for infants through four-year-olds, and Children's Church is offered for five-year-olds through second grade following the Children's Sermon.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn Guthrie Brown by Jimmy, Retta and Renn Guthrie.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be observed today in the service of worship.

ORGANIST: Mrs. Cheryl Smith

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Dr. Darren Bess will be teaching a combined Adult Sunday School Class for the next 30 or so weeks. This class in the fellowship hall will start between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. Each Sunday is a "stand-alone" lesson even though it is a walk-thru of the Bible. All you need to do is come prayerfully and bring your Bible.

A **CHURCH FAMILY COOKOUT** will be today from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Spray Park. This event for all First Presbyterian families and guests is hosted by the Deacon Class of 2018.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR AT THE OAKS - Wednesday, September 6, 11:30 a.m., *The Oaks Dining Room*: To minimize the disruption of residents and guests and ensure that adequate seating arrangements will be available, reservations must be confirmed by Tuesday, September 5, 12:00 noon. Call Norma Shaffer (516-6135) if you wish to come. Tickets may be purchased at the Reception Desk in Woodard Commons.

HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SAVE THE DATE: Church-wide breakfast on Sunday, September 17, at 9:30 in the Centre.

USHERS-August 20: Tiffany Hunter, Billy Kelley, Lewis Lanier, Stuart Marcus, Rob Miller, Allyn Price

August 27: Tiffany Hunter, William Kuck, Wayne Lorick, Chalmers Mikell, Harry Mims, Robert Richardson

PRESCHOOL NURSERY: August 20: Miller

August 27: Myers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: August 20: Axson

August 27: Sterling

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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| TODAY: | 5:00 p.m. - Church Family Cookout: Spray Park |
| MONDAY: | 1:00 p.m. - Prayer Team: Sanctuary |
| TUESDAY: | 7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study: <i>The Kuckery</i> |
| WEDNESDAY: | 8:00 a.m. - Jim Turner Men's Bible Study Class 6:00 p.m. - Meeting: Elementary Sunday School Teachers 7:00 p.m. - Meeting: Middle and High School Sunday School Teachers 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY: | 11:15 a.m. - Intercessors Meet for Prayer |

EDISTO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY began building a new home at 980 Kings Road on August 19. Scheduled work dates are Saturday, August 26, Saturday, September 9, Saturday, September 23, and Wednesday, October 11. Contact Melissa Camp, Volunteer Coordinator, for more information (378-8277).