

First Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2017 - 11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: "Prelude in F# Minor" Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP: Romans 8:26-27

Leader: In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

People: We do not know what we ought to pray for,

Leader: but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

People: And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,

Leader: because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

PRAYER OF ADORATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE:** {MORECAMBE}
No. 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** {unison}

Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We have often lost our way. Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at your feet.

✠ **SILENT CONFESSION**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The 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.*

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "Sarabande" Callahan

✠ **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: "Prayer Litany" Kemp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 63 {Pew Bible, page 899}

✠ **HYMN:** "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire" {ST. AGNES}

**Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed;
The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.**

**Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.**

**Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice, Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice And cry, "Behold, he prays!"**

**Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, The Christian's native air,
His watch-word at the gates of death; He enters heaven with prayer.**

**O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer Thy-self hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 7:21-23 {Pew Bible, page 1506}

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "PRAYER'S PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES" Dr. Daniel Massie
I. "Why Prayer?"

✠ **HYMN OF RESPONSE:** {MC AFEE}
No. 824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

✠ **POSTLUDE:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Drischner

✠ Those able are invited to stand.

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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 memory of John and Betty Cruise by Carol and Rocco Cassone.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The youth will raise money for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** through a **soup lunch after church today**. The money received will benefit *Into The Mouths of Babes / The Filling Station*, which feeds 1000 children from District 5 every weekend. These are children who would not have enough food to eat if it were not for this worthy organization. Last year we raised \$1651.27, and our goal is \$2000! We are also taking donations of nonperishable food items, which will be used in the food bags provided by *Into The Mouths of Babes / The Filling Station*. The collection will run through February 12, and food can be left in a box in the Fellowship Hall and the grocery buggy in the Centre. Please remember to check the expiration date of the items.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Drew (Emily Ann) Evans and Miss Rylee Wofford and family on the death of Emily and Rylee's mother, Mrs. Lee Ann Wofford.

THE YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR will not rehearse this afternoon.

GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday, February 8, program at 6:30 p.m. **Reservations are essential for the 6:00 p.m. meal.** Complete the tan forms found in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate to make reservations or call the church office (534-0088) on Monday. **Menu:** Taco night.

PRIME TIME LUNCH in February will be on Tuesday, February 14, at noon in the Centre. This gathering is for adults of all ages. Call the church office to make reservations (534-0088).

DEADLINE for the March newsletter is February 15. Submit articles to dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY:	Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch after worship
MONDAY:	1:00 p.m. - Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting: Conference Room
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 10:15 a.m. - Circle 1: Conference Room 6:00 p.m. - GTF Dinner 6:30 p.m. - GTF Program 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY:	11:15 a.m. - Intercessors Meet for Prayer 5:30 p.m. - Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. - Basketball in The Centre

USHERS - February 5: Lawton Salley, Webbie Davis, Roy Dickson, Mark Dudley, Danny Fogle, Gregg Frierson
February 12: Lawton Salley, Michael Delaney, Spencer Dixon, Freddy Felder, Lewis Fogle, Martin Gilchrist

PRESCHOOL NURSERY: February 5 Smith
February 12 Myers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: February 5 Albergotti
February 12 Ridley

EDISTO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is building a home at 960 Kings Road for the Christina Morrison family. The next work day is Saturday, February 18. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Melissa Camp for more information (803-378-8277).