

First Presbyterian Church

October 23, 2016 - 11:00 A.M.

Singing in Community
A Celebration of Hymns

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

PRELUDE: “How Firm a Foundation” Ingram
Adult Handbell Choir

READING: *Community*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: Zimbabwe gathering song
“Come All You People”
Hymn No. 388
Children’s Choirs and Chancel Choir
Descant: Leah Jones
Percussionist: Preston Walter

PRAYER OF ADORATION and THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM: “O Sing to the Lord” Brazilian folk song
Hymn No. 637
Cherub Choir

READING: *Always*

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE:** {AZMON}
No. 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** {Read in unison.}
“Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace”
Hymn No. 425

✠ **SILENT CONFESSION**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** “We Are Forgiveness”
Hymn No. 447

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *Apostles’ Creed* {hymnal, p. 35}

✠ **RESPONSE:** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
Hymn No. 582

READING: *Harmony*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: {GATHER US IN}
No. 401 “Here in This Place”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Tucker
Adult Handbell Choir

✠ **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: “How Can I Keep from Singing” Honore
Hymn No. 821
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 42 and 43 {Pew Bible, page 881}
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION: “SINGING IN COMMUNITY” Dr. Daniel Massie

✠ **CLOSING HYMN: No. 612** “We Praise You, O God” {KREMSER}

READING: *The Walls*

CHORAL RESPONSE: “May the Love of the Lord” Lim
Hymn No. 549
Carol and Crusader Choirs

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ **POSTLUDE:** “When in Our Music God is Glorified” Hobby

✠ Those able are invited to stand.

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THE READINGS used in today’s worship service are from the collection From Glory Into Glory: Reflections for Worship by Susan Palo Cherwien. Susan is a poet and hymn writer who composed several of the hymns in our Presbyterian hymnal.

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 to our church family by Anna Brake and Jay Plummer.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTORS are Trudy Frierson, Julianne Shuler, and Cheryl Smith. Our children's music ministry would not exist without the dedication of these women. Thank you!

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

GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP: This Wednesday, October 26, we will have a fun night playing BINGO, with prizes to include a weekend at Edisto Beach! **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 for dinner or call the church office (534-0088) on Monday. Menu: soup, salad, potato bar, and dessert; soups will be chili and chicken noodle. Cost: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$3 children 10 and under; family maximum \$20.00.

BOOTSTRAPS MENTORING FOUNDATION is having a Fifth Sunday CommUNITY Worship Service on Sunday evening, October 30, 2016, at 6:30 at the James & Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel on the campus of Claflin University. Enter the main gate at 400 Magnolia Street. This service brings churches and community organizations together for fellowship and to support scholarships for students in Orangeburg County School District 5. Our 28 Bootstraps Scholars will be featured. The inspirational speaker will be Rev. James Cromartie, Pastor of Olive Grove Baptist Church and up-lifting music will be provided by the Voices of Greater Faith Choir. Please attend and support our youth.

VOLUNTEER HELP IS AN ONGOING NEED while Harry Lewis, our custodian, is on medical leave. Volunteers are needed to for various duties such as set up and take down of tables in the Centre; floor care in the Centre; trash detail; open facilities and blow sidewalks on Sunday mornings; yard-work. If you are willing to help even once or more often, please contact Gerald Myers (536-0845, cell 682-3721) or George Ware (534-0257, cell 664-3077).

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY:	3:00 p.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship
MONDAY:	1:00 p.m. - Prayer Team: Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. - Manual Team: Office 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 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

IF YOU WISH TO PLACE A POINSETTIA in the sanctuary during the Advent Season your order must be received by Sunday, November 6. Envelopes are in the pew racks, or information may be sent to the church office. Poinsettias are \$15.00 each. (Make checks payable to the church.) Orders cannot be accepted by telephone.

KIRKIN' o' THE TARTANS will be on **REFORMATION SUNDAY**, October 30, 2016. This service emphasizes and reminds us of our Scottish roots within the Presbyterian Church. Please make plans to celebrate this special service of worship with your church family.

OUR FATHER'S CLOSET needs gently used or new coats for November delivery to school-age children. All coats are gladly accepted, but boys' sizes 7/8 - 14/16 are in demand. Please put donated coats in the red tub outside the coat closet room (Fellowship Hall basement) or in the large box in the bathroom hallway in The Centre. No prior washing required.

PRESCHOOL NURSERY: October 23 Katherine and Craig Smith
October 30 Tracy and Evelynn Myers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: October 30 Erin and Jeffrey Axson

USHERS - October 23: Gordon Huddleston, Tripp Wingard, Herb Bradley, Cal Bruner, Eddie Byrd, Matt Coggins
October 30: Gordon Huddleston, Kurt von Besser, John Brailsford, Dodd Buie, Curt Campbell, Bill Covington