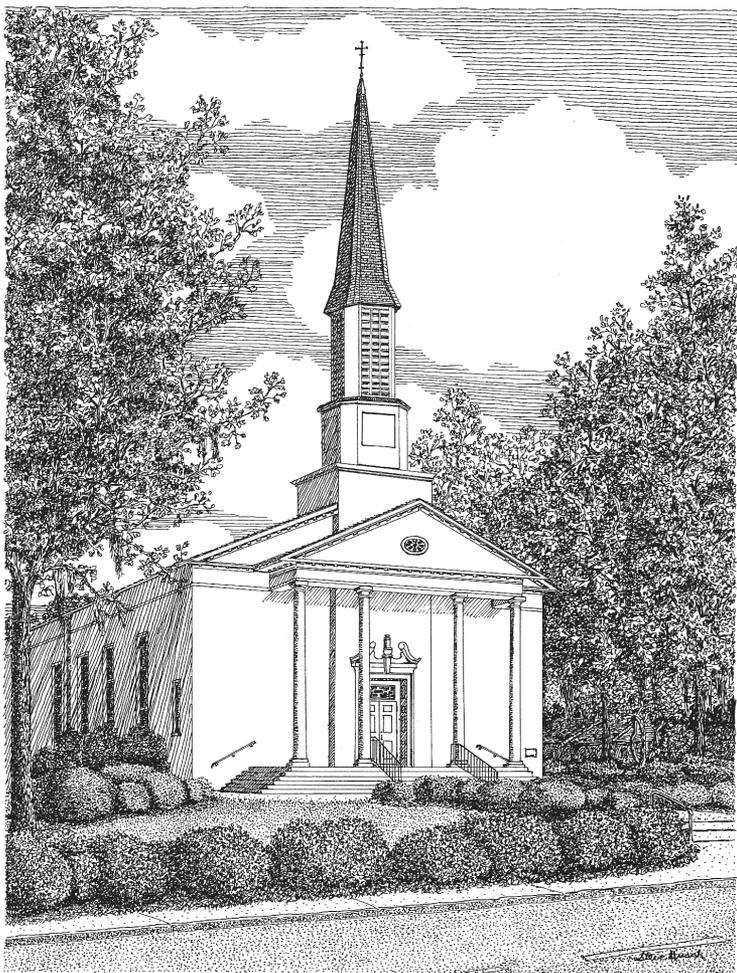


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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*"I was glad when they said unto me,  
'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"* Psalm 122:1

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# First Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

All Saints' Day

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** "Promised Land" arr. Lani Smith  
Early American Hymn Tune

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

**All:** Blessed are those who stand alone at gravesides,  
for they are wrapped in God's arms.

**Leader:** Blessed are those who humbly care for the vulnerable,  
for they shall create new communities.

**People:** Blessed are those who miss dinner,  
and happy hour each night,  
in order to care for the forgotten,  
for they shall be filled with the manna of hope.

**Leader:** Blessed are those who are compassionate,  
even with those who rub them the wrong way,  
for they will be cared for by others.

**People:** Blessed are those who look out for their  
neighbors, for they live next door to God.

**Leader:** Blessed are the menders of brokenness,  
for they know what it is like to be reconciled to God.

**People:** Blessed are those who are mocked by the rich  
and the powerful, for they know they are  
walking the streets of the kin-dom.

**Leader:** Blessed are you when others mock you,  
point at your mask, think you are foolish for keeping  
your distance, caring for others, for then you know  
you are a sibling of Jesus.

**People:** Blessed are all those who model faith for us  
in these uncertain days, weeks, months.

## ✠ ALL SAINTS' DAY PRAYER {Unison}

We continue to bless you, our God,  
as we try to do every day, all day long.

By your grace,  
we discover that the boasters are not  
the role models we are looking for,  
but the whisperers of grace are.

We look for saints in the shadows of fear  
and find a neighbor with a candle.

We long for a saint to ease the ache in our emptiness,  
and a stranger pours love into our souls.

We wonder if a saint might quench our thirst for life,  
and a little boy hands us a glass of lemonade.

You surround us with saints in every moment,  
even these uncertain, confusing ones,  
if we but open our eyes to see.

We seek a saint who will overturn injustice  
and a tired woman sits at the front of a bus.

We hunger for a saint who will feed  
our hunger for gentleness, for kindness, for civility  
and a friend packs sandwiches filled with these gifts.

We want saints to take away our worries.  
You surround us with saints in every moment,  
even these times which seem overwhelming,  
if we but open our souls to pay attention.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
it is your hope which wipes away every tear,  
your grace which restores our souls,  
your mercy which makes us one with you,  
In Jesus' name. AMEN.

## 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.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION / OFFERING

*{Offering plates are available in the vestibule and McLees Gallery.}*

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing  
their gifts, so the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be  
comforted, so the forgotten will be remembered, so our sisters and  
brothers might know God's grace and love in their lives. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** {Children will remain seated.}

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:**

Pastor Sherry Teves

"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS A PLOT TWIST: BLESSED SAINTS"

**ANTHEM:**

"Hymn of Promise"

Natali Sleeth

## NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD

**A candle will be lit and the bell tolled as each name is read:**

Peggy Grissom Crocker, Nancy Wolfe Hudson, Azel James Hutto, Jr.

Leader: For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Leader: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists,  
disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

**People: We thank you for their example. We praise you  
for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O  
Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed,  
obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we  
sing.**

Leader: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Leader: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us,  
nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked  
and traveled, lived and died that we might be who  
we are, where we are--your precious children in this  
community of believers.

**People: We thank you for their example. We praise you  
for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O  
Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted  
you their great reward - accept our thankful  
cry.**

Leader: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Leader: Family members and members of this congregation;  
fellow believers in every country, every  
denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift  
us--children of your family, sheep of your fold,  
saints of your redeeming.

**People: We thank you for their example. We praise you  
for their lives of faith. For this, your name we  
bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like  
them in holiness may live and die in you.**

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a  
cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight  
and the sin that clings so closely,

**People: and let us run with perseverance the race that  
is set before us,**

Leader: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our  
faith.

**People: Amen.**

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Here at this Table, on this day of remembrance,  
we discover how much love God has for us  
as we gather around the feast  
where those who have gone before us have been fed.  
We pray you will pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
of the bread and the cup as well as for those  
whose hunger for justice seems to go unfilled for far too long,  
and for those whose thirst for righteousness is not quenched.  
We eat this bread, hoping to taste God's gentleness,  
to go into the world to care for those  
who are willing to wear a mask,  
to stay apart from others,  
and care for strangers as much as for themselves.  
As we share the cup of grace, may we see God's hope,  
heading out into the world as God's people,  
to offer shelter to the forgotten,  
to feed those whose hunger is still there,  
to speak out for those who endure the great ordeal of  
oppression.  
And when we gather with those from every nation,  
those from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
especially those who have gone through this pandemic,  
washing their hands, wearing their masks, setting aside  
their PPE,  
as we will all be with God, no longer isolated or quarantined,  
but worshiping day and night, God in Community,  
Holy in One. Amen.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
*The body of Christ broken for you. (Consume the bread.)*

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.  
*The blood of Christ shed for you. (Consume the juice.)*

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you  
proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,  
until he comes.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### ✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go to be God's saints this week.

**People: Not because we are more pious or special,  
but because we are called to care for those  
whom the world has tossed aside.**

Leader: Let us go now to serve with Jesus this week.

**People: Not because we are better than those around  
us, but because we are called to humble  
ourselves in serving those whom society has  
forgotten.**

Leader: Let us go now to journey with the Spirit this week.

**People: Not because we have the inside track,  
but because we have all lost our way,  
but hand in hand will be led to God's heart.**

### ✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION:

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

Richard Colligan

### ✠ POSTLUDE: "When the Saints Go Marching In" American Folk Tune

✠ 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.

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS** similar to those followed for Worship (CDC guidelines: temperature checks [threshold 100 degrees], masks, social distancing) are in place for all ministries.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of our Church family members that we lost this past year by Anna Brake and Jay Plummer.

**GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP (GTF):** This Wednesday Pastor Sherry will lead a book study entitled "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. The meal will be from 5:45-6:15 p.m. and the program will be 6:15-7:00 p.m. Reservation forms for the meal are on the table in the narthex (place in the offering plate when completed) or call the church office (534-0088) by 4:00 p.m. on Monday. **Menu:** Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Banana Pudding.

**POINSETTIA DEADLINE IS TODAY.** These plants will beautify our sanctuary this Advent season. If you wish to purchase a plant please complete an envelope (on the table with the bulletins) and place in the offering plate. Flowers are \$15.00 each. (Orders cannot be taken by phone.)

**THANKSGIVING BOX MINISTRY:** We are starting to move forward with plans for the Thanksgiving Boxes. Instead of having the box distribution on the Sunday just prior to Thanksgiving day, we will have a pick up day on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

The change from delivery to pick up necessitates changes in our procedures. **The deadline for your donations will be Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.** This will allow the committee time to determine how many of the requests we can honor. We will then have to notify each recipient to come pick up their box.

Last year, your generosity enabled us to distribute 135 boxes to needy families in the Orangeburg area. We are expecting more requests this year due to the shutdown of many businesses. As in the past, we will add to each box a \$20 gift card to be used for a turkey or a ham.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL:** First Presbyterian is once again participating in this Thanksgiving Day meal along with First Baptist, St. Paul's Methodist, Cornerstone and several other churches in our area. There have been adjustments for this year but your opportunity to participate is even greater. St. Paul's and First Baptist are using their kitchens to do all the cooking. They have asked us to contribute some of the nonperishable foods that they will cook. Also included are thawed turkeys and desserts. **NONPERISHABLE** items **MUST** be delivered to the table on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the gym in the **CENTRE** by Sunday, **NOVEMBER 15**. These include: Extra large (6 lb.) cans of cut green beans (18 needed); Jiffy Cornbread mix (24 boxes); Chicken broth (25 quarts); Yellow onions ( 10 Three lb. bags); Light brown sugar (6 lbs.); small marshmallows (8 bags); Elbow macaroni (10 large boxes). Items to be in the Centre Kitchen on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**: Non perishable **DESSERTS and THAWED TURKEYS** (8-10) delivered in aluminum pans with giblets in a zip lock bag and placed in the refrigerator. We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing any part of this list to help provide a meal for those who would otherwise do without. If you have any questions please contact Susan Smoak at 803-535-5926 or Chalmers Mikell at 803-536-1255. Thank you.

**PASTOR SHERRY** will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday of this week. You are welcome to call her at home on Monday or any time (843-568-7803).

**USHERS:** David Gillespie, Dawes Edwards, Danny Fogle, Lewis Fogle

## Church Staff

Sherry P. Teves .....	Interim Minister
Raymond E. Tucker .....	Minister of Music
Kaye W. Borgstedt .....	Christian Education Coordinator
Sarah B. Coggins .....	Youth and Children's Director
Harry Lewis .....	Custodian
Denise C. Seymore.....	Church Administrative Assistant
Susanne Womack .....	Bookkeeper
Vernelle Conway.....	Kitchen
Leslie Lovelace .....	Nursery
Jackie Dixon.....	Nursery
Margaret Robertson.....	Nursery

## The Session

Worship.....	Jack Johnson (chair), Michael Borgstedt, Retta Guthrie, Melissa Plummer
Discipleship.....	Craig Smith (chair), Michael Borgstedt, Gregg Frierson, Jimmy Smoak
Evangelism .....	Robbie Myers (chair), Cal Bruner, David Gillespie
Fellowship .....	Cal Bruner (chair), Craig Smith, David Gillespie
Facilities.....	Jimmy Smoak (chair), Michael Delaney, Jack Johnson, Robbie Myers, Melissa Plummer
Personnel.....	Retta Guthrie, (chair), Howard Shirer
Finance .....	Gregg Frierson (chair), Michael Delaney
<i>Clerk of Session</i> .....	Howard Shirer
<i>Church Treasurer</i> .....	Dawes Edwards

## *Diaconate: Congregational Care Unit*

Moderator .....	Katherine Smith
Secretary .....	Delle Bolen

## Congregational Care Teams' Deacon Advisors

Bereavement.....	Theresa Bramblett, Geni Gillespie, Katherine Smith
Meal Angels .....	Kathryn Nexsen, Kathy Bradley
Offering Collection .....	Josh Ridley, Carol Cassone
Pastoral Care - Card Ministry .....	Delle Bolen
Prayer .....	Taylor Riley, Suzanna Crabb
Shepherding.....	Joni Thackston, Stacey Walter
Tape Ministry and Ushering .....	Leslie Lovelace, Anna House, Sloan Moore

## Missionaries and Mission Organizations We Support

Hearts with Haiti	Mr. and Mrs. Ron (Betsy) Manila-Central Asia
Catch the Vision/Amazon Mission	Rev. Don and Dr. Martha Wehmeyer-Mexico
Medical Benevolence Foundation	Elizabeth Codington-Christar
Mission: Hope (Rivers of the World)	Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Sissie) D'Jernes-Wycliffe