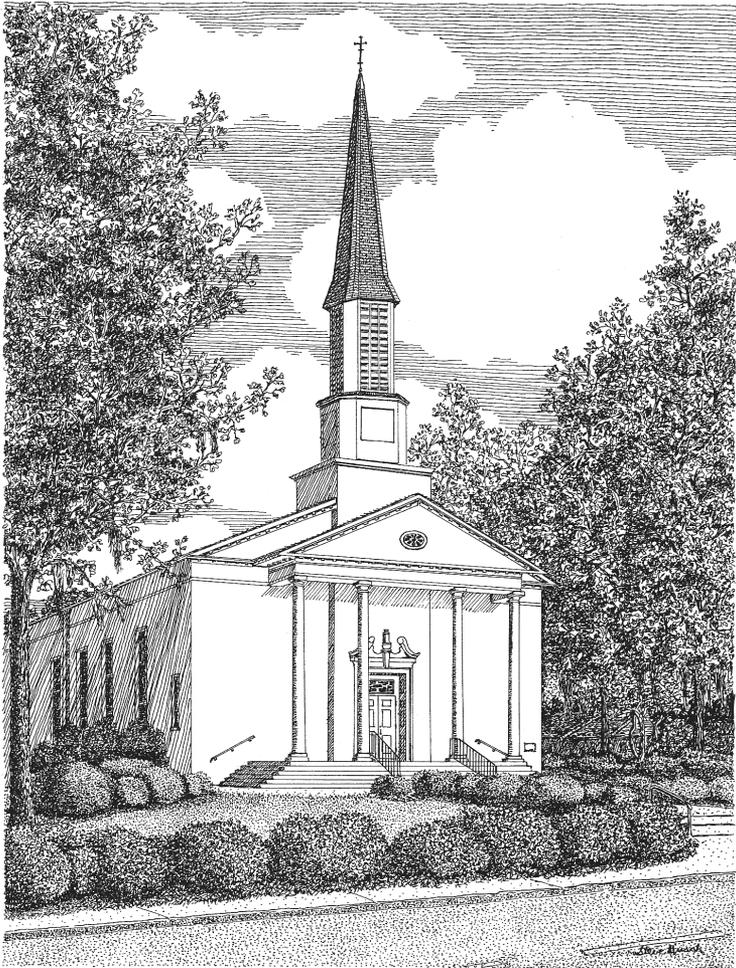


First Presbyterian Church

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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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May 16, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Trumpet Voluntary" Henry Purcell

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** I Peter 1:13-16

Leader: Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.

People: **Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance.**

Leader: Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct;

People: **for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."**

✠ **HYMN:** No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" {NICAEA}

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION {Unison}

O God of forgiveness, we come before you, haunted by memories of duties unperformed, of promptings disobeyed, of beckonings ignored. We confess that there were opportunities for kindness and service which we allowed to pass by in the week just ended. We are ashamed of sins committed with evil intent, as well as follies committed unwittingly, or even with good intention. Make us honest enough to recognize our transgressions, big enough to admit them, strong enough to forsake them. Humble us by showing us what we are; exalt us with a vision of what we may yet become. Keep us ever mindful of our dependence upon you, and help us to understand your need of us. United with you in a holy partnership, may we dedicate our lives to your law of love. Help us to create homes filled with joy and harmony, and to labor for peace among communities and nations. On this sacred day, grant us atonement, and help us to find serenity within. Kindle within us the fires of faith, and set aglow our courage to live the words we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

‡ 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

Mrs. Sarah Coggins

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

ANTHEM:

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

John Carter

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 96

{Pew Bible, p. 934}

Revelation 2:18-29

{Pew Bible, p. 1915}

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Dr. Daniel Massie

“WHAT CHRIST EXPECTS OF HIS CHURCH”
V. THE LETTER TO THYATIRA: HOLINESS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

‡ HYMN:

“Take Time to Be Holy”

(see insert)

‡ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plates are available in the narthex and McLees Gallery.

‡ The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

‡ Prayer of Dedication

‡ **HYMN:** {I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN}
No. 729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

‡ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “March” Felix Mendelssohn

‡ 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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of our high school seniors by their parents. Our graduates are Sidney Adicks, Brison Ardis, Evelynn Myers, Olivia Strickland, and Abby Thackston.

THE DIACONATE will meet today following the service of worship.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. Raymond Tucker will conclude our study from the book of Philippians on May 23 (fourth chapter). Meet in The Centre gym; welcome is at 9:55 and class begins at 10:00.

THE SESSION will meet on Tuesday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. in The Centre.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline to submit articles for the June issue of The PRESSbyterian is Tuesday, May 18 (dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org).

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER will be observed in the service of worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

OPEN DATES ON THE SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR: If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary on June 27, July 18, or November 7, contact Katherine Patterson (katcalpat@aol.com) or Denise Seymore in the church office (534-0088 or dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org).

IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR SOUND AND VIDEO capabilities in the sanctuary will soon begin. This will enhance our mission and ministry both within the walls of the sanctuary and beyond through live-streaming of worship services and other events. If you wish to give to this fund, please call Susanne in the Church Office (534-0088).

COLLEGE GRADUATES: If you are graduating from college this semester please contact the church office (534-0088 or dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org) so that we may acknowledge this accomplishment in the newsletter.

High School Seniors - Class of 2021

Sidney Margaret Adicks is the daughter of Laura and Eddie Adicks, and she is a senior at Orangeburg Prep. She has been a member of the volleyball, basketball, and track teams and is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Interact Club. In her free time, Sidney enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and going to the beach and lake. Sidney has been an active member of the First Presbyterian youth group and youth handbell choir since sixth grade. In addition, Sidney has participated in the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat. Sidney will be attending Presbyterian College and plans to major in Pharmacy.

Stephen Brison Ardis is the son of Stephen Ardis and Erin Richardson, and he is a senior at Orangeburg Prep. His grandparents, Margaret and Buddy Barnwell, are also members of First Presbyterian. Brison is a member of the National Honor Society, and he is a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams at school. He also participates in the Gamecock Pharmacy Assurance Programs through the University of South Carolina and volunteers through Service in the Soda City, which is a mission experience for youth in Columbia. Brison has participated in the youth group at First Presbyterian. He will be attending the University of South Carolina and plans to major in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Evelynn Lou Myers is the daughter of Tracy and Robbie Myers and is a senior at Orangeburg Prep. Her grandparents, Elise and Gerald Myers, are also members of First Presbyterian. Evelynn is a member of the National Honor Society, the Interact Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the cheerleading team. She was also the recipient of several scholarships and awards, including the Life Scholarship and SCISA Scholar, and she was selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference. Evelynn's hobbies include hanging out with her friends and going to the beach. At church, Evelynn was active in youth group, the youth handbell choir, attended the Montreat Worship and Music Conference, and served on an Officer Nominating Committee. She will be attending Clemson University and plans to major in Biological Sciences.

Olivia Belle Strickland, the daughter of Vicky Ware Lee and Paul Strickland, is a senior at Orangeburg Prep. She is also the granddaughter of First Presbyterian member George Ware and the late Carol Ware. Olivia is a member of the cheerleading team at school. Her church activities include youth group and the youth handbell choir, and she volunteered as a helper for Vacation Bible School. Olivia will be attending Tri-County Technical College in Clemson and plans to major in Medical Sonography.

Abigail Lee Thackston is the daughter of Joni and Lawrence Thackston and is a senior at Orangeburg Prep. Abby is president of the senior class, a member of the National Honor Society, and was voted Prom Queen and May Queen. In addition, she was a member of the cheerleading, basketball, and track teams. Abby's church activities include youth group and the youth handbell choir. Abby also was a volunteer in the church nursery and a helper for Vacation Bible School. She will be attending Clemson University and plans to major in Business/ Marketing.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called for Sunday, May 23, 2021, following the service of worship. Purpose of the meeting is to elect officers to the Class of 2024 and one Elder to fill an unexpired term (2022).

Elder Nominees—Class of 2024

Delle Bolen and her husband Shelby are the parents of Laura Fogle. They have been members for a little more than three years. Delle has served as Moderator and Secretary of the Diaconate, and on several committees including VBS, Card Ministry, Bereavement, and National Day of Prayer. She is also a member of the Intercessors prayer group and the prayer chain.

David Bull and his wife Faye have been members for 42 years. They are the parents of Kathryn Whitaker and Weston. David has served as a Deacon and Elder, chaired past worship and music committees, and been a member of five music search committees. He has been a member of the Chancel Choir for 41 years and sings with First Praise. David helps each year with the Easter Flower Cross and is a former youth leader.

Ed Dickson and his wife Lessie Gayle have been members for 29 years; their sons are James and Charles. Ed has served multiple terms as an Elder during which he was a member of and chaired several committees. He served as Clerk of the Session and is President of the Orangeburg Presbyterian Church Society (Corporation).

Chalmers Mikell, a member for 49 years, has served as both Elder and Deacon. He is currently a youth advisor. Chalmers has chaired and served on multiple Session committees including Missions, Faith Promise, Bootstraps, and Hispanic Ministry. He has volunteered with the Community Thanksgiving Meal and other food distributions.

Elder Nominee—Class of 2022

Jim Harvey and his wife Ruth have been members for eight years. They are the parents of David Butts and Justin Harvey. Jim has served as an Elder and is currently Facilitator of the Jim Turner Bible Study. Jim has also been active in the Card Ministry, Bootstraps Mentoring, Sunday School, Thanksgiving boxes, and as our Liaison to our Partner School (Rivelon). He and his wife facilitated the United Way Reading Project at Rivelon in which six of our church members participated as tutors.

Deacon Nominees—Class of 2024

Laura Fogle and her husband, Jason, are the parents of Jacob and Sarah Beth. They have been members for just over three years. Laura is active in Wednesday night art with the children's choirs, member of the Card Ministry Team, and a volunteer with VBS.

Ashton Gué and her husband, Thomas, members for 11 years, are the parents of Morgan and Carson. Ashton has been a Vacation Bible School volunteer, a GTF server, and a volunteer for Hands of Christ. She is a member of Circle 1 and the Bereavement Committee.

Fred Riley and his wife Taylor have been members for 5 years. Their children are T and Gee Gee.

Drew Shuler was confirmed in this church 19 years ago. He is married to Natalie. Drew was a member of the First Presbyterian youth group and served on a PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) as a youth representative.

Dawn Strickland and her husband John are parents of John Colston and Jackson. They have been members for 3 years. Dawn has served on the Card Ministry Team and assisted with youth events as needed.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY:	12:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting (following worship)
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m. - CTVI Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
	1:30 p.m. - Intercessors
	6:00 p.m. - Session Meeting: The Centre
	6:30 p.m. - FIRST Praise: Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY:	8:00 a.m. - Jim Turner Men's Bible Study
	1:00 p.m. - Intercessors Meet for Prayer
	6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Church Staff

Daniel W. Massie	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

Take Time To Be Holy

WILLIAM D. LONGSTAFF—alt.

GEORGE C. STEBBINS

1. Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft with the Lord; A - bide in Him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, The world rush-es on; Spend much time in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, Let Him be your guide, And run not be-
4. Take time to be ho - ly, Be calm in your soul— Each tho't and each

al - ways And feed on His Word. Make friends of God's chil-dren,
se - cret With Je - sus a - lone. By look - ing to Je - sus,
fore Him, What - ev - er be - tide. In joy or in sor - row
mo - tive Be - neath His con - trol. Thus led by His Spir - it

Help those who are weak, For - get - ting in noth - ing His bless - ing to seek.
Like Him you will be— Your friends in your con - duct His like - ness will see.
Still fol - low - the Lord, And, look - ing to Je - sus, Still trust in His Word.
To foun - tains of love, You soon will be fit - ted For serv - ice a - bove.

Tune: HOLINESS