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May 2022



MAY 1, 2022

**Come celebrate First Presbyterian's
187th anniversary on Sunday, May 1, 2022.**

First Presbyterian Church was established by Charleston Presbytery on May 2, 1835. "A total of 15 earnest, hopeful members" were "admitted to membership" on that day. "The first celebration of the Lord's Supper took place on the third Sabbath of August, 1935." (History of Orangeburg Presbyterian Church, by Frank Estes)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

will be observed in the
11:00 a.m. service of worship.



A COVERED DISH LUNCH

in the Centre will follow our service of worship. Macaroni and cheese and chicken will be provided; please bring your favorite dishes to share.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 5, 2022

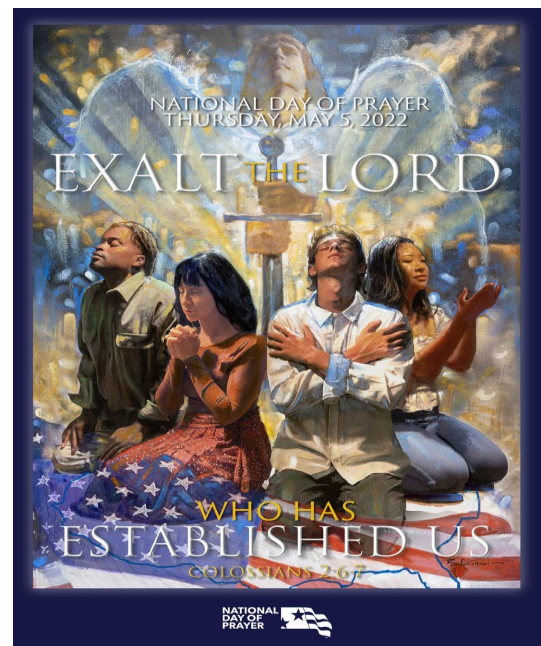
Thankfully, once again this year our sanctuary will be open from midnight to midnight for silent prayer and prayer guides are available. We will be using the McLees Gallery/parlor side door only.

Our goal is to have someone praying in our sanctuary for the 24 hours. We pray you will help us reach that goal by signing up for a specific time. Sign-up sheets are in the McLees Gallery on Sundays and in the foyer in the Centre or email Suzanna Crabb (suzannacrabb@gmail.com). More than one person may pray in each time slot. You are welcome at any time for any length of time, even if you have not signed up.

We encourage you to come for the brief musical interlude and devotion at noon in the sanctuary.

We also ask that you pray each day, as close to noon as possible, that the prayer vigil will end in a revival in your heart, the hearts of each person in our church, and will spread into the community, county, state and world. Some of our members are praying Psalm 67.

Kaye Borgstedt



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Received April 3, 2022

Annabelle Hunter
Walt Mims
T. Riley
Jackson Strickland
Davis Turner



(with Dr. Danny Massie, interim pastor)

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

MAY 8, 2022

Our annual offering received on Mother's Day is for residents of Presbyterian Communities who have out-lived their resources through no fault of their own. This offering is used solely to provide charitable care for residents.

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 an upcoming newsletter.



FOOD TRUCK PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 13-17, 2022

Join First Presbyterian June 13-17 for Food Truck Party VBS for a fun filled time of learning about Jesus! Children 4 years old - 5th grade (completed) are invited. We only have space for 50 children, and you must register in advance.

Register online at <https://first-presbyterian-church.mycokesburyvbs.com/> by May 31, as the registration website will be closed after that date. The cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. This includes a VBS T-shirt. Money can be turned in to the church office or mailed (536 Stanley Street, Orangeburg, 29115). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and include VBS in the memo line. If you want to ensure that your child gets a certain shirt size, you need to register by May 15.

Sarah Coggins
Youth and Children's Director

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Our high school graduates will be honored with a breakfast and during worship on **Sunday, May 15**.

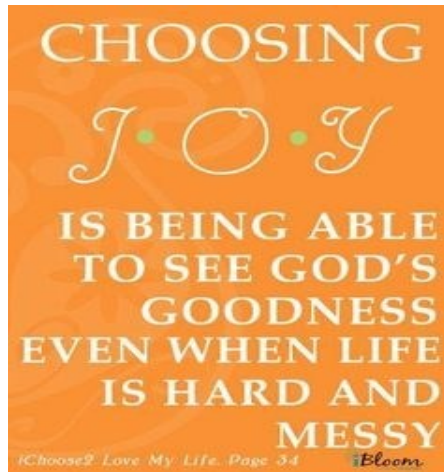


Andrew Hunter
McCullough Mims
Anna Brake Plummer

Delaney Ridley
Nic Rivas
Tanner Whalen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joy



"The Lord.....will rejoice over you with joy.."
Zephaniah 3:7

"April showers bring May flowers." And both bring joy and show God's love. God's love is a time for joy. God's love and joy never leave us. Did you know there are 214 Bible verses that speak to joy? The Bible never promises us happiness but does promise us joy. Happiness may be temporary and based upon what is happening. Joy is from the Lord and we can experience God given joy even when we may be experiencing trials, suffering or testing. Joy from God is permanent and eternal.

Psalm 126:3, "The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Jack Wellman, a pastor and author from Kansas, identified what he calls the top 7 Bible verses on joy. Hebrews 12:2; James 1:2-3; 1 Peter 1:8-9; John 16:22; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20; Psalm 28:7 and Isaiah 12:6. They all speak to me at different times but for the purposes of this article I chose Psalm 28:7. "The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusts in Him and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise Him."

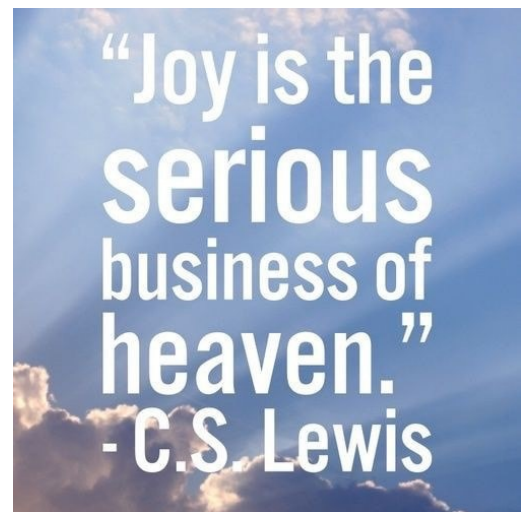
When I think of you, the people of this congregation, I praise God and thank Him for each of you. You take God's joy to so many and my prayer is you always feel the joy that comes from God.

What a joy it is to join with you in worship, fellowship, studying Scripture, praying and caring for others. What a joy to know you are available for helping promote spiritual growth and unity in Christ. As the hymn says, "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love" and that love should radiate joy on our faces.

God is the very essence of love, grace and mercy but also the essence of JOY. In how many joyous occasions did Jesus participate? After all, His first miracle was at a wedding! I believe in a God who smiles, delights in seeing our joyous smiles and "rejoices over you with singing" Zephaniah 3: 17d.

CHALLENGE: Take a moment and delight in God and His works. Smile as He smiles at you. The next time you find yourself getting rigid in your faith, remember David who said in Psalm 16:11, "You fill me with joy in your presence...." Focus on joy, not happiness.

PRAYER: God, I thank you for each member of this church family and pray each one always feels surrounded by your love and joy. Amen



Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/01	Dee Anne Miller Gordon Weigle, III	5/15	Joe Belcher Gordon Weigle, II Libby Ridgeway
5/02	McGill Hutto		Jay Hutto
5/04	McCrary Johnstone		Andrew Dudley
5/05	Randy Smoak Retta Guthrie Paul Trimmier		Benjamin Davis
5/06	Ruth Harvey Janet Gilchrist	5/16	Jackson Strickland
		5/17	Michael Delaney Abby Lee
5/08	Betsy Davis Jacob Fogle Sarah Beth Fogle	5/20	Aaron Strickland
		5/22	Danny Fogle
		5/23	Grayson Smith
5/09	Webbie Davis Caroline Marcus Susan Shirer	5/25	Maggie Robertson
		5/26	Ruth McCormick Sue Thomas
5/10	Sarah Coggins		Susan Smoak
5/12	Lessie Gayle Dickson	5/27	Megan Dangerfield
5/13	Norma Shaffer Barbara Shirer Thomas Gué, Jr.	5/28	Jason Fogle Erin Carter
5/14	Lee Hendren Sally Fitzhugh Porter Weigle	5/30	Larry Jordan Karen Davis
			Jim Riley
		5/31	Yuri Davis



PIANO CONCERT

May 22, 2022 ♦ 5:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Myungsook Song Stoudenmire
and
Janet Elshazly

Myungsook Song Stoudenmire, a piano faculty of Charleston Southern University, received a Doctoral degree of the Musical Arts from the University of South Carolina. She has also completed one year of residency for doctoral studies at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Stoudenmire has extensively appeared throughout the South Eastern US in recital and with orchestra in Korea, Germany and United States. Since 2011 she has appeared in duo piano concerts with Dr. Janet Elshazly in venues that include the Newberry Opera House and the Piccolo Spoleto Spotlight Concert Series.



Dr. Janet Elshazly has piano performance degrees from Illinois Wesleyan, The University of Illinois and The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where she received her DMA. Upon retiring from the public school system of South Carolina she worked full time as an accompanist in the voice department of Charleston Southern University where for many years she also gave duo piano concerts with her colleague, Dr. Myungsook Stoudenmire. She has spent decades as a church organist and pianist in Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches. Currently she serves as pianist at the Church of the Palms United Methodist Church in Okatie, SC.

GENERAL FUND

For month ending March 31, 2022

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$43,952.70	\$120,926.65
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$34,441.88</u>	<u>\$ 89,197.47</u>
	\$ 9,510.82	\$ 31,729.18

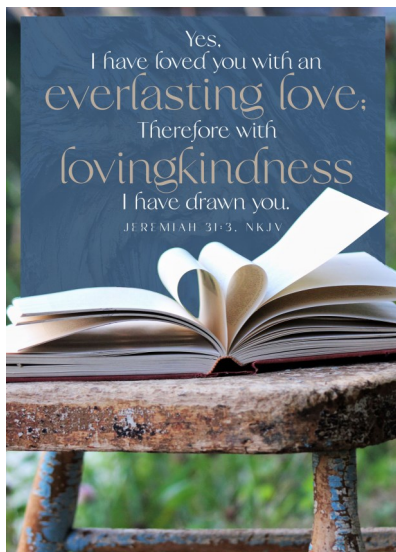
PALM SUNDAY 2022



First Presbyterian Church

536 Stanley Street

Orangeburg, SC 29115



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MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Harvey Garrick
Margaret Dawes Edwards

Ann Ji Salley
Hubert L. Shuler, Jr.
Faye Carnahan

GIVEN BY

Mrs. Katherine Patterson
Hayne Meyerson
Julianne and Bert Shuler
Mr. and Mrs. David Bull
David and Geni Gillespie
First Praise: Michael Borgstedt, Jessica Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. David Bull

Mrs. Cheryl Baugh
Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
Mrs. Cheryl Smith
Mr. Gordon Huddleston
Janet and Johnny Brailsford