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Stay in touch with the church for Sunday services, children's stories and devotions by fellow church members.

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First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg, SC



JULY 5, 2020 — ONLINE WORSHIP

E-GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE.

You can now give to the church online or via text.

To give online go to the following website.

<https://abundant.co/firstpresbyterian/give>



Then enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, choose your frequency and enter your email address. Click continue and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

If you create an account, you can log-in when prompted and use a saved payment method.

To give by text, text firstpresb and any amount to 73256. Click the link you receive in your text message response and follow the prompts to give. Text giving even saves your payment information so you can quickly give again.

Of course, you may continue to give by mailing your contributions (536 Stanley Street, 29115) or dropping them in the secure dropbox on the office door.

UPDATE ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, both VBS and Bethelwoods Camp-in-a-Van are cancelled this summer. We will miss having fun with our children but feel that we are not able to safely carry out the events. We are already planning our next VBS and are looking forward to June 2021!

Bethelwoods is offering a camp alternative called "Backyard Bethelwoods." It is designed for children and families to do at home and includes Bible studies, games, and other activities. If your family would like to receive a Backyard Bethelwoods pack, let Sarah know by July 1.

534-0088/scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org

There is no cost to participate, and the packs will be available to pick up at the church the week of July 13.

Sarah Coggins

PROJECTED FIRST SUNDAY BACK IN THE SANCTUARY

AUGUST 2, 2020

A committee is working on plans to safely conduct worship services.

KNOWN COLLEGE GRADUATES



Sarah Paige Bozardt University of South Carolina
Bachelor's Degree -
Public Relations and Business Administration

Morgan Leigh Clark University of South Carolina
Public Health

Sarah Cameron Frierson USC School of Law
Juris Doctor

Anna Frierson House University of South Carolina
Masters in Education

Walker McGill Hutto Clemson University
Bachelor of Science-Management

LET'S GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Anyone wishing to join the Saltshaker Class by Zoom,
please contact Howard Shirer for details.

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

Even though I grew up in Batesburg, SC, I had forgotten how hot and humid it can get down here. I have found that around 7:30 in the morning Duke and I can sit on the front porch, and enjoy a little cooler weather. While sitting there I have a great view of our church. I thank God for sending me to First Presbyterian and I really am praying for the coronavirus to be over. So, in the meantime, I am learning how to get around in Orangeburg; only been lost once but not for long.

I am so very thankful for the good folks who have been working hard to make the house my home. I am also thankful to all of the staff for how they have made me feel right at home, and some of the stories they have told me --- I think I will save those for another time.

Have you been watching our services online? The organ is back and all tuned up and each week our choir is growing. They are a delight to work with and we look forward to hearing great music from them in the future.

I close today with a favorite verse of mine taken from the hymn *This is My Father's World*. "This is my Father's World. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." I believe this with all of my heart and know that our heavenly Father has some most exciting and wonderful days ahead for us here at First Presbyterian.

In Christ,
Raymond

GENERAL FUND 2020

For month ending May 31, 2020	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$56,209.68	\$227,141.51
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$24,234.85</u>	<u>\$173,158.76</u>
	\$31,974.83	\$ 53,982.75



What Is Freedom?



"Freedom is a noun. Freedom means exempt from external control." Is this the type freedom Christ preached?

"South African freedom hero Nelson Mandela said: 'For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.'"

"Freedom requires us to live so that all may be free. Christ's freedom is not for one person, but for every person. Go today into the world and fight for the freedom of another. Go today to let the world taste the unending love of Christ through loving your neighbor. And go today letting the spirit change your motivations. Live free and fight for freedom." Written by Katie Barret Todd for D365.

Do we confuse the true nature of freedom with personal independence? Does freedom mean we can make our own decisions and do whatever we want whenever we want? Is this the kind of freedom Jesus promised when He said in Luke 4:18 that He came to "proclaim freedom"? I'm thinking not! Jesus set us free to do what we ought, to walk in relationship with God and to be the kind of person He created us to be. He set us free to obey God and choose to live by His will for us.

Can we do this by ourselves? No, Paul told us in Philippians 2:13, "It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill HIS good purpose." C. S. Lewis said, "Growing in Christ is much more than reading what Christ said and carrying it out. A real person, Christ...is doing things to you...gradually turning you permanently into....a new little Christ, a

being which....shares in His power, joy, knowledge and eternity." His power frees us but also enables us to serve Him. Our freedom means we are saved to work hard to show the results of our salvation and to shine "like stars in the sky" in a world darkened by sin. Philippians 2:15

What are you doing in gratitude for His Grace and Mercy? For the freedom His death granted us? We know God's kingdom here on earth is an alternative lifestyle to that imposed by the world. We have the freedom to choose to which we belong. Jesus bought your freedom. What are you doing with it?

Challenge: What does it mean to you that "it is God who works in you?" What do want Him to do in you?

Remember, "The work is God's. The joy is ours. Easy does it. With His help, we shall get there one day."

Prayer: God, help us be grateful that you are changing our hearts and actions to make us like Jesus. Please give us humble attitudes to learn from you. And all God's children said....

With Christian Love,
Kaye Borgstedt

BEAUTIFY THE GROUNDS

Our Living Flower Fund has been put to good use planting annuals and perennials on the church grounds. These improvements showcase our continued commitment to maintaining our house of worship, and to our participation in this community. Funds are running low and additional gifts are encouraged, perhaps in honor or memory of a loved one. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, designating the money for the Living Flower Fund.



NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for the prayers and notes as I underwent surgery and began my recovery process. God's providence and a wonderful group of caring physicians led me to discover the seriousness of my illness; prompt surgery has restored my health and I am deeply grateful for the compassionate care and concern I have received. May God continue to hold you all in His hands.

Blessings,
Harris Murray
Lexington, SC

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/01	Stacey Walter	7/19	Caley Shaw
	Jimilyn Kell	7/20	Tracy Myers
7/03	Solomon Selvam		Layne Oswald
7/05	Alayna Shaw	7/21	Elise Myers
7/06	Helen Culler		Harry Mims, III
7/08	Marji Albergotti	7/22	Davis Dangerfield
7/09	Ann Edwards	7/24	Sloan Moore
7/13	Marcia Wood	7/25	John Shuler
	Delle Bolen		Wendy Dudley
	Julianne Shuler	7/26	Candace Fowler
	Anna Kate Kuck		Carol Cassone
7/14	Logan Miller		Andrew Hunter, Jr.
7/15	Nancy Nance	7/28	Evelynn Myers
	Robin Mims	7/29	Jim Stevens
7/16	Zoe Wingard	7/30	Sandy Price
7/17	Steven Patterson		Beth Nexsen
	Katherine Patterson		

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Janet H. Fogle
Nancy W. Hudson
LeClair Burckhalter
Harvey Garrick
Harris Davis, Sr.

GIVEN BY:

Mr. M. Lewis Fogle
Mr. and Mrs. David Sojourner, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson