



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 21, 2021
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

All: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

One: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

**All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;
we put our trust in God.**

GATHERING MUSIC

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS
prayed silently

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

*Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.
Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.
We do not live according to your ways,
but according to our own.
We condone violence,
participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage
at the expense of others.
Forgive us, we pray,
when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.**

**In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always,
an ark of safety and new life.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✠ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(11:00) PRESCHOOL SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Presentation of Mary Hunter Award

Remarks by Mary Maddrey, Preschool Director

Special Music

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS
COME AND PRAISE THE LORD

3K Preschool Students
4K Preschool Students

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

SERMON

"I will remember"

The Rev. Dr. Brian Coulter

RESPONDING

SILENT REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

KELVINGROVE

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Financial offerings can be placed in the plates as you exit or given online.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE BUTTERFLY SONG

Kindergarten Students

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN G MAJOR

Bach

Please remain seated until an usher dismisses your pew.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As a community of those who are actively seeking ways to continue:

... writing a new chapter in an old story ...

First Presbyterian Church of Aiken extends a simple and unqualified welcome, in Christ's name, to all who seek to join us. We affirm that there can be no exclusiveness within the body of Christ, and therefore we invite all children of God into our worship, study, mission, and fellowship as we together seek ways to live in grace and respond with gratitude.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Karalee Kludzuweit and in loving memory of her husband Ron.

Our assisted hearing receivers are not available at this time. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Visiting Parents: Our Children's Wing is currently closed, and childcare is not available at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Worship Packets are available in the narthex for children through 5th grade. Please take one per child, and take it home with you after worship.

Sanitation: Our building is sanitized by B & T Janitorial Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS — God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. Author Jill Duffield draws readers' attention to ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem. Join us for at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent via email.

DEVOTIONALS FOR LENT — These devotions written by Roger Gench, Presbyterian pastor and author, provide an opportunity to take on a new spiritual discipline. Throughout the season of Lent, you will be invited to pray with one passage from Scripture each day and prompted to reflect on what it discloses to you about movement toward God and movement away from God in your life. Each week, these will be sent out via email. You may also pick up a copy as you exit.

LENT IN A BAG — Lent in a Bag is an interactive devotional for all ages focusing on a particular object each week. Items in the devotional correspond with items from *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield. They are available in the narthex.

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT — Join us for fellowship and fun today! Families with 4 year olds - 5th graders will meet at 3:30 p.m., and middle & high school families will meet at 6:00 p.m. Come together with your knowledge base (no googling allowed!) for a time of trivia! We will be using the Kahoot app for the trivia questions. The winning family will earn a pizza delivery! The Zoom links will be sent via email.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTS — During February, we are collecting complete canned meals (e.g. beef stew). Looking ahead, March's item is soap (dish, bath, and laundry).

CHURCH OFFICERS AND STAFF

STAFF

Pastor/Head of Staff
Pastor for Compassionate Ministries
Pastor for Connectional Communities
Director of Music
Director of Purposeful Education
Director of Operations
Program Ministry Assistant/Creative Specialist
Organist/Accompanist

Brian Coulter
Holly Shoaf-O'Kula
Terry Wimberley
Daniel Hamilton
Andrea Paschal
Chris Jolicoeur-Smith
Joanna Hamilton
Kathy Clark

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021
Ted Girardeau

Class of 2022
Becky Reynolds

Class of 2023
Dave Muhlbaier

THE SESSION

Clarke McCants,
Clerk
Brian Coulter,
Moderator

Class of 2021
Franklin Buchanan
Addie Feraldi
Gayle Gordon
Rob Gray
Brad Kuhn
Amy Shumpert

Class of 2022
Bobby Calfee
Terry Montgomery
Andy Ploeger
Ashby Reynolds
Vic Sowers
Hugh Verenes

Class of 2023
Phyllis Britt
Brenda Guerry
Barb Magrath
Frank Townsend
Lindsay Tucker

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021
Miranda Anderson
Susie Ferrara
Hank Reynolds

Class of 2022
Corey Feraldi
Burt Starks
Chick Warner

Class of 2023
Lestine Bush
Janice Cadwallader
Jean Covington

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Preschool Sunday

February 21, 2021

GROWING WITH GOD



Today is Preschool Sunday at First Presbyterian Church! We are grateful for the children and families' participation in our Preschool program and to the directors and teachers who make this program possible:

Preschool Staff

Mary Maddrey
Chris McDanel
Margie Taylor
Kim Bussey
Susan Edwards
Lauren Castro
Monica Moore
Valerie Zielinski
Katie Kucharski
Amanda Derico
Sharon Yapoujian
Lori Toole
Dalyn Farr
Patty Edel
Miranda Anderson
Megan Coulter
Lisa Welsh

Preschool Director
Assistant Director
Early Riser/Infant Teacher
Toddler Teacher
Toddler/ 2 yr. Teacher
Toddler Teacher
2 yr. Teacher
2 yr. Teacher
2 yr. Teacher
Floater, 3 yr. old lunchroom
4 yr. old lunchroom
3 yr. Teacher
3 yr. Teacher
4 yr. Teacher
4 yr. Teacher
5K Teacher
5K Assistant

Bid before it's too late
ONLINE AUCTION

Auction Items Include:

7 themed baskets

Sterling silver necklace

Golf for 4 at Aiken Golf Club or Cedar Creek

Private tour of Hitchcock Woods w/ picnic lunch for 10

One night at Inn at Houndslake

Vintage pool table

30-minute photography session

*All proceeds benefit
First Presbyterian
Preschool*

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<https://www.32auctions.com/1stpresbyterianpreschool>