

November 3, 2024

24th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church Aiken, South Carolina

A community actively seeking ways to continue

... writing new chapters in an old story ...



A Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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. We would be happy to answer any questions about our mission, ministry, and membership.

We invite you to please join us again in worship.

Call To Worship

Gathering Music: The people are called to worship God through the Gift of Music.

Congregational: The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:8).

Prayer Of Confession

is intended to encourage people to lay down any burdens of guilt, regret, sense of failure, or inadequacy, and to reaffirm their trust in Christ's unfailing love and forgiveness.

Assurance Of Pardon

in the waters of baptism, God claimed you and named you a child of God. In the waters of baptism, we receive God's forgiveness, healing, and love.

Gloria Patri giving glory to the Good Father in thanksgiving for grace and forgiveness.

✦ Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE
STRIKING OF THE HOUR
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME
One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

GATHERING MUSIC FAIREST LORD JESUS

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
All: **Who made heaven and earth.**
One: In life and in death
All: **We belong to God**
One: Baptized into Christ's death
All: **We live unto Him.**
One: Come, let us Worship God!

✦ **HYMN 326** FOR ALL THE SAINTS

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE Rev. Dr. Christopher Erde & Rev. Dr. Beth Yarborough
John Hansell
Robert Hanvey
Jean King
Carol Ryder
Mary Jo Steel
Fred Thumm
Aaron Bert Bartman

✦ **INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN**
(Silent Confession)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
✦ **GLORY TO GOD 581** GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther

and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning,

is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with out end A - men a - men.

✠ **PASSING OF THE PEACE - WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBORS**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Christopher Erde

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYERS

**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.**

✠ **HYMN 457**

HOW HAPPY ARE THE SAINTS OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

SECOND READING

MARK 12:28-34

THIRD READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

SERMON

“Love — and Love — and Love”

Rev. Dr. Christopher Erde

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ **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 sits 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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

*Please place your pledge card, time and talent sheets,
and offering in the baskets at the front of the church.
If you are unable to come forward, an usher will come to you.*

Please sign and pass the friendship register on your pew during this time.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

GOD OF HEAVEN

Sanctuary Choir

Passing of the Peace

worshippers may share signs of Christ's peace welcoming each other i.e. "The peace of Christ be with you" response "and also with you".

Prayer For

Illumination is a prayer seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to lead us to a deeper understanding of the reading, hearing, and proclaiming of God's word.

Sermon Or

Meditation when the Bible has been read, its message is proclaimed in a sermon or other form of exposition of God's Word. The God who speaks in scripture speaks to us now. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is presented in the sermon, offering grace and calling for obedience.

Affirmation of Faith

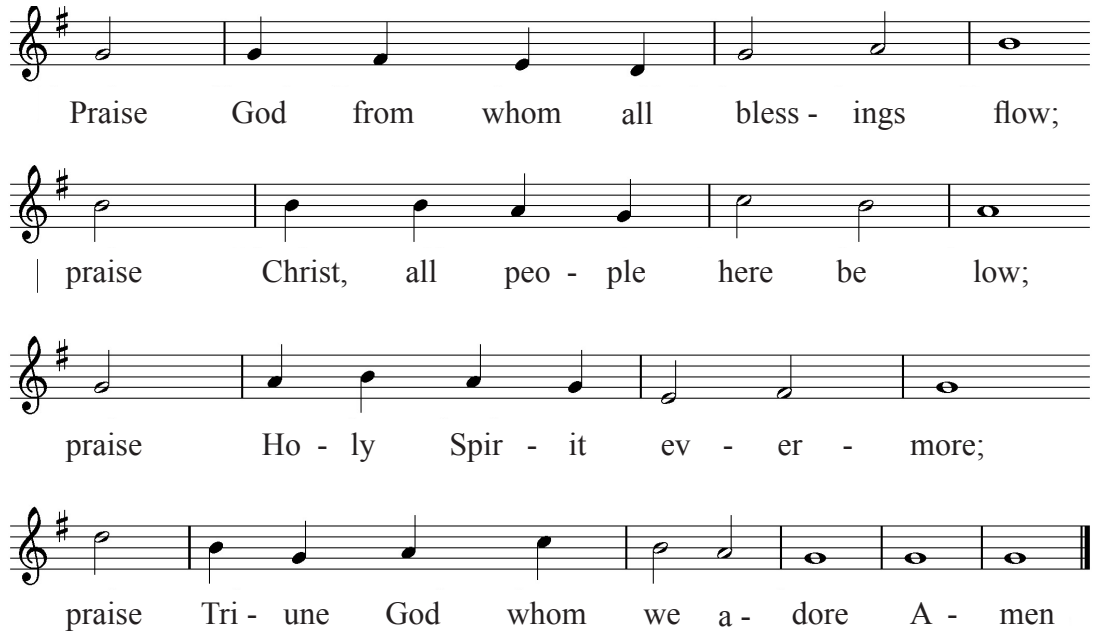
the congregation speaks as one, affirming essential tenets of the reformed Christian faith.

The Offering is a

significant part of our response to the Gospel. As we present the financial gifts that represent our commitment to the work of the church. We resolve to maintain this community of worship, fellowship, and service.

The Doxology is sung, ascribing glory to God in three persons - praising Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

♠ **DOXOLOGY 607**



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
| praise Christ, all peo - ple here be low;
praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore A - men

Charge And Benediction are delivered from the pulpit, font, or table. The charge is a challenge to take the lessons learned in worship, and apply them to our lives. The benediction concludes the worship service, and confers the Triune God's blessing upon the congregation.

♠ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

♠ **HYMN 541** GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

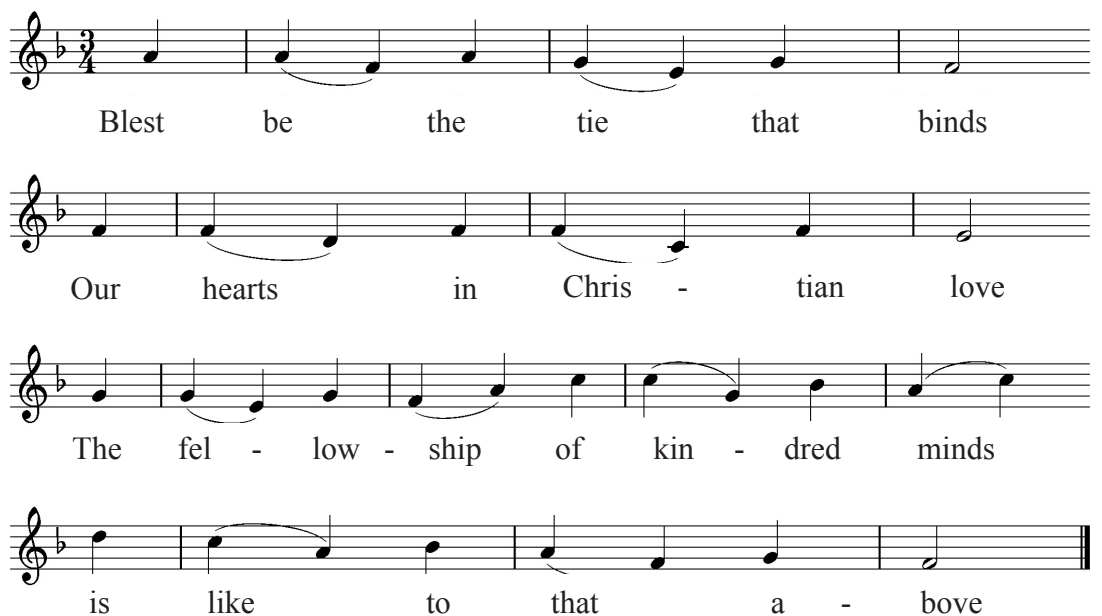
BEARING AND FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING 306

Congregational Blessing we join hands and voices as we acknowledge God's blessing which binds us together in ministry.



Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Chris - tian love
The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds
is like to that a - bove

POSTLUDE

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in loving memory of our members who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints' Sunday 2023.

Lay Reader: Will Williams

Head Usher: Bennett Tucker

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and wireless assisted hearing receivers are available from any usher.

Childcare is available during Sunday school and worship for our youngest members ages 0 - 5. Join us in Room 6.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex for children through 5th grade.

Offering Cards have been added to the pews for our online givers. Please use these during the offering as the plates are passed.



CHURCH AT WORK

Sunday Night Youth - Will meet today 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM for all 6th-12th Graders. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship while we grow our faith together.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans November 10, 2024 - Presbyterian Churches celebrate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage with a Kirkin' O' the Tartans service. The events include a playing of pipes and drums outdoors, a "Blessing of the Tartans," and a large procession involving flags, Scottish banners, pipes and drums. "Kirk" is the Scottish word for "church." Tartans, with their distinctive plaid, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments. The "Kirkin' O' the Tartans" is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, and its tartan. Be sure to start getting your tartans together! Search this site to find your Tartan: <https://clan.com/help/kilt-design-choices/how-find-family-clan-tartan>.

Wednesday Dinner - Will be on November 6 in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 PM. Please bring wrapping paper or a gift for the Giving Together Store. This dinner will be catered, with donations taken at the door. A short devotion for the adults will be given; children will head out after dinner for games. Menu: Smoked meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and a dessert. A vegetarian option will be available.

New Church Directory - Be sure to pick up your copy of the new directory in the Narthex or office hallway of the church. There will be stacks of inserts, for those who still have a FPCA binder or binders with inserts included.

Giving Together Store - Please contact Margaret Marvin at (803)-645-5668 to purchase doll clothes. The sales will be used to buy dolls and clothes for the Giving Together Store. Also, they are having a sale at Crosby Dance on November 11 after 3:30 PM. Also if you would like to donate items to the store please refer to the list below.

(All are new and unwrapped)

- Baby and children's learning toys
- Dolls/doll strollers
- Toy cars and trucks / Hot Wheels ramps and sets
- Balls (basketball, football, soccer baseball gloves / baseballs)
- Board games – all ages
- Legos/Duplo sets
- Card games (like Uno)
- Art sets, craft kits, journals
- Make up sets and hair accessories for teen girls; Axe and Dove sets for guys
- Lava lamps
- Soft throws for teens
- Riding toys like scooters and tricycles
- Tents, play tunnels, and sleeping bags
- Punching bags
- Magna-tiles, blocks, marble runs
- Sweatshirts (Adidas, Nike, etc.) and gym shorts for teens age 13-18 all sizes

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM Coffee
9:15 AM - 11:30 AM Nursery
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Indoor Soccer
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Group
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's Basketball

Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:20 AM - 9:15 AM Men's Breakfast
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM Coffee
9:15 AM - 11:30 AM Nursery
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM **Worship/ Kirkin'**
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Indoor Soccer
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Group
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's Basketball

Monday, November 4, 2024

5:16 PM - 6:45 PM Pickleball
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Stephen Leaders

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

5:16 PM - 6:45 PM Pickleball
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Memorial
Committee
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Stephen
Ministry
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM BSA Girls Troop

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM Preschool
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Morning Prayer
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Finance
Committee
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Handbells
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday
Dinner
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir

Thursday, November 7, 2024

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM Preschool
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Preschool 5K
Conferences
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Prophet Study
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Pickleball
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM BSA GA-CA

Friday, November 8, 2024

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM Preschool
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Preschool 5K
Conferences

CHURCH OFFICERS AND STAFF

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Office hours Monday- Thursday 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The Church Organized For Work

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| Pastor/Head of Staff | Rev. Dr. Christopher Erde |
| Parish Associate | Rev. Dr. Beth Yarborough |
| Director of Operations and Media | Joanna Hamilton |
| Director of Christian Education | Tamra Erde |
| Director of Music | Daniel Hamilton |
| Director of Finance | Cassie Buchanan |
| Office Manager | Debby Dugan |
| Organist/Accompanist | Kathy Clark |
| Preschool Director | Mary Maddrey |
| Finance | Suzanne McLeod |

The Session

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Christopher Erde

Clerk of Session: Clark McCants

Class of 2024

Katie Brown
Robin Callicott
Chuck Dynarski
Jennifer Feraldi
Katie Kucharski
Connor Patterson
Jerry Shumpert
Chick Warner

Class of 2025

Trey Brown
Suzanne McLeod
Melissa Patterson
Graham Reynolds
Wayne Rickman

Class of 2026

Richard Abney
Dub Bankes
Wallace Fraser
Martha Funk
Sharon Rodgers
Bill Tucker

The Deacons

Class of 2024

Dave Clerc
Mary Fran Crook
Kathy Kent

Class of 2025

Barbara Bower
Anne Elkins
Mary Hunter

Class of 2026

Mike Anderson
Gail Ebner
Brock McLeod

The Trustees

Class of 2024

Reggie Ebner

Class of 2025

David Keisler

Class of 2026

Bob Buchanan

Stephen Ministry

Rob Gray, Kathy Kent, Mary Maddrey,
Carol Mondschein, Lucy Sutter, and Vic Sowers

If you are wanting a Stephen Minister assigned please contact:
Gayle Gordon (803) 507-7725, Karalee Kludzuweit(803) 335-8632,
or Julie Taylor (803) 979-9919

Presbyterian Women

Moderator:

Sandy Evans

Gathering Contacts:

Amy Gray, Barb Magrath, Margot Salzman

Church Officers the congregation of the PCUSA operate using a model of shared leadership and responsibility. Ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament work along side men and women called to serve in the ordained officers of Elders (the Session) and Deacon (the Diaconate). In the PCUSA, the gifts of leadership and ministry are affirmed and celebrated in all people and the service of all is appreciated.

