

Sunday, June 20, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

"Growing Together in Faith - Loving and Serving in the World"

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

# June 20, 2021 4th Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day

\* WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated for a time of silent meditation as we prepare to worship God. The wearing of masks during service and singing hymns is optional.

**NOTE:** This service may be video recorded.

Please stand if you are able where asterisk.

PRELUDE "The Master Hath Come" Arr. Purifoy

\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: Together, let us worship God!

# \*OPENING HYMN #481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

### **CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in good-ness and love.

People: Live, then, as those who received new life, rejoicing in your baptism.

June 27: Bill Lancaster July 04: Francis Womack Jul. 11: Bill Lancaster Jul 18: Justin Cazel Jul. 25: Pressley Cox

**REVISED COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:** Please note that, as of today, our Revised Safety Protocols are in effect. The most noteworthy change is the lifting of the mask requirement. These protocols were emailed to those with email and mailed to those without email. There are extra copies of the Revised Protocols on the table in the Narthex.

Due to the changes to our worship service because of the pandemic, we are asking those who have served in the past as ushers, liturgists, and in the sound booth to sign up for Sundays for the rest of this year. Sign-up sheets are located on the back table, along with the sign-up sheet for flowers. We encourage others who have not served in these capacities in the past to also sign up. We need more volunteers for these duties since some of our congregation have not yet returned to active worship due to COVID.

**CARDS:** Our twice monthly card games at the Church will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 11 a.m. The next date is this Wed., June 23rd. Bring your own lunch.

**LADIES' LUNCH:** All women of the Church are invited to lunch at Sweet Katherine's in Fountain Inn on Thursday, July 8th at 11:30. Please let Gail West know if you will attend by Sunday, July 4th.

Response: "Alleluia" He's my Savior!, He's my Savior!, He's my Savior! He's my Savior!, He's my Savior!, He's my Savior! He's my Savior!, He's my Savior! His is Worthy!, He is Worthy!, He is Worthy! His is Worthy!, He is Worthy!, He is Worthy! His is Worthy!, He is Worthy!

HYMN #372"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATIONSCRIPTURE LESSONRevelation 3:14-22

"A Visit from the Doctor"

SERMON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From The Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA) We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. Francis Womack

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER (the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "Worthy of Worship" Arr. Bozard

\*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #394 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

\*BENEDICTION

#### **RESPONSE:**

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you Share His love by sharing of your faith And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you Every moment, every day!

#### "PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL DISMISSED BY THE USHERS.

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Tune ARISE

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN!** Whether you are a long-time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about the First Presbyterian community, we invite you to

contact us through our website www.firstpressimpsonville.com, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

We welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Francis M. Womack, Jr. Rev. Womack graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary. He has served at many Presbyterian Churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Florida.

He serves on a number of committees in both the Presbyteries and Synods, including COM in three Presbyteries. 4 Rev. Womack has four children, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. For the past 7-8 years he has been living in the Presbyterian Community Home in Clinton, and for the past five years he has served the Providence ARP Church. His past hobbies and interests include sailing, hiking, and caving. He spends his time now on writing and publishing, HAM radio, computer science, RC airplanes, and does a little traveling.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** this week are given by Jo & Gary Klein. Thank you!

**BIBLE STORY BAGS** are available for children during worship. See an usher if you would like one for your child to use. Please return the bag to an usher after worship.

### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS**: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Hector & Susan Medina; Robbie Herd; Ronnie Storch, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Sue Marshall's mother; Etta Gallo (sister of Jo Klein); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; Kyle Simonds (grandson of a friend of Jackie Koch); Pat Clark; Elizabeth Cooper; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@firstpressimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Kitty Daniels, Greg & Josie Shelton

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**: Susan Medina (06/22); Sue Marshall (06/26), Nick Young (06/26)

#### **SCHEDULES AND EVENTS**

**FOOD PANTRY**: Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of June are cookies, snack cakes, and snack crackers. As always, we are grateful for all donations.