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Sunday, July 4, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 4, 2021 6th Sunday after Pentecost/Independence 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 "To God Be The Glory" Arr. Whitworth

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

People: His grace is sufficient for us.

Leader: Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #151 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

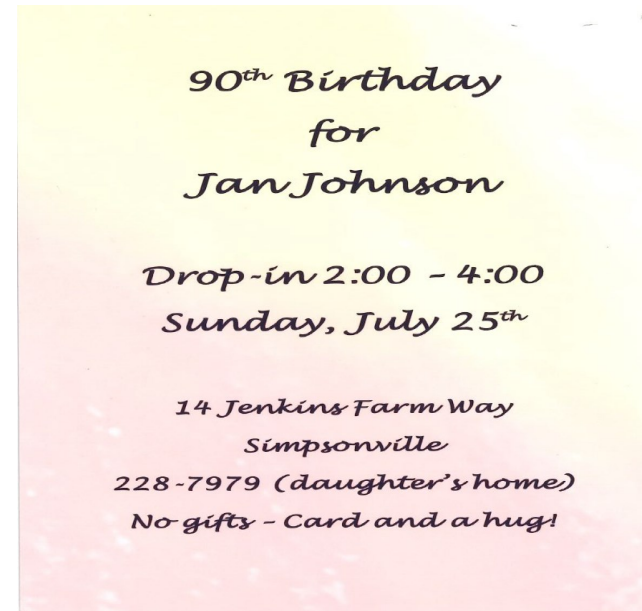
Holy Three, Holy One, triune God, we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others. O God of David, forgive us. O Son of David, have mercy on us. O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace. Send us out with the good news: nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation.

People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE and CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session is looking for two people from the congregation to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. This committee will recruit members to serve on the Session for the class of 2023. There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, July 18th after worship to elect the nominating committee.



PULPIT SUPPLY:

July 11: Bill Lancaster

July 18: Justin Cazel

Jul. 25: Pressley Cox

REVISED COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS: Please note that, as of June 20th, 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.

LADIES' LUNCH: All women of the Church are invited to lunch at Sweet Katherine's in Fountain Inn this Thursday, July 8th at **12:30 (Note time change)**. Please let Gail West know by today if you plan to attend.

THE LEGACY PROJECT is a time of discernment for congregations to identify gifts of the congregation, reflect upon their impact to the community, and plan for the future. We currently have a team working on this with representatives from our church working with Foothills Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation. Please keep this group in prayer.

SAILBOAT CHURCH: The Legacy team invites all who are interested to read the book "Sailboat Church" along with us. A copy of the book is on the table in the back of the sanctuary along with a sign-up sheet. A free copy will be provided to anyone who signs up to read the book.

Response: "Alleluia"

*God is so good; God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me!
God answers prayer, God answers prayer,
God answers prayer, He's so good to me!*

HYMN #561

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 85:1-8

SERMON

"Shalom! The Word of Peace"

Rev. Francis Womack

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The 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 there He will come to judge the living 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.

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.

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

OFFERTORY “Is Your All On The Altar?” Arr. Renfrow

***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 #420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

*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!*

POSTLUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Geibel

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.

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 writing and publishing, HAM radio, computer science, RC airplanes, and does a little traveling.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are given by Gail West. 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); Doris Phipps (sister of Linda Stenhouse); 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: Sharon Stone, Paula Ely

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Tori Fowler (07/04)

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 July are personal items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. As always, we are grateful for all donations.