

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA)

Sound:

Ushers:

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Next Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius

Sound:

Ushers: Candie Vaitkevicius
Joe Vaitkevicius

Elder of the Month for September: Barb Daugherty,
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Class of 2021

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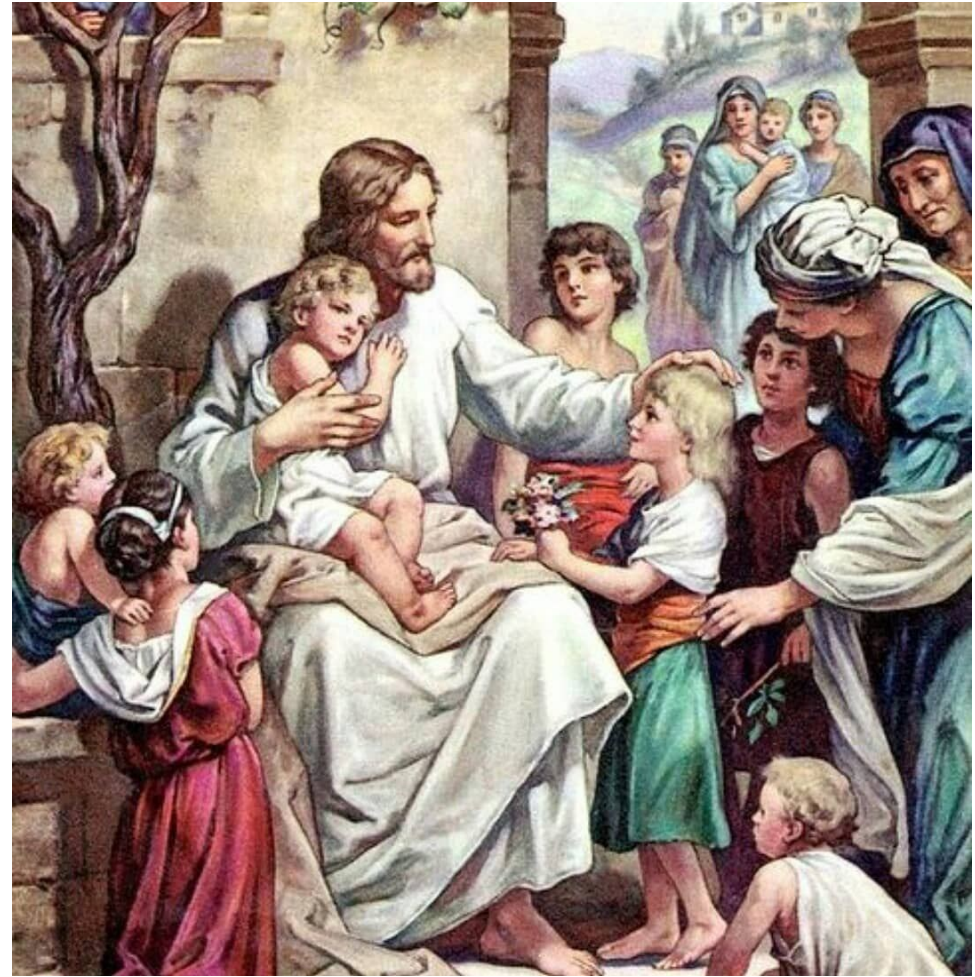
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

* 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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Larson

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Marshall (PA), Liturgist

Leader: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

People: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of righteousness, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***OPENING HYMN #457 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,

People: but the people who fear the Lord are to be praised.

Leader: Hear the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, September 22nd, at 11 a.m. here at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

VIDEO TRAINING: We are seeking volunteers to train to use our new video recording equipment. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

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. The FPC Legacy Project team is working on this with representatives from Foothills Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation.

Each week, through October 3rd, the bulletin will highlight important messages from a chapter in Sailboat Church. This week Chapter eight will be our focus (see bulletin insert).

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER: The next step in the Legacy Project is "Forty Days of Prayer." The congregation is urged to do these daily prayers with the team. Prayers begin today. You should have received the first three weeks of prayers in an Eblast or by mail. Printed copies are available in the Narthex. **We appreciate our congregation joining us in the Forty Days of Prayer. As you pray, if something comes to you, please share it with a member of Session.**

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: www.firstpressimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

PULPIT SUPPLY:

Sep. 26: Pressley Cox Oct. 10: Pressley Cox &
Oct. 03: Beverly Kelly Olanda Carr
Oct. 17: Nancy Blakely

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.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!! 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.**

POT LUCK LUNCHEON: The Presbyterian Women's Group is hosting a Pot-Luck luncheon after worship service today, September 19th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for good food and fellowship, to relax with our friends and catch up with all their news.

SAVE THE DATE: The Legacy Team is planning a luncheon after service on Sunday, Oct. 10th. Pressley Cox and Olanda Carr will be with us to discuss the Legacy Project/Sailboat Church.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of FPC will meet Monday evening, September 20th, at 7 p.m. here at the Church.

Response: "Change My Heart, O God"

*Change my heart O God
Make it ever true
Change my heart O God
May I be like You*

HYMN #439 "In Christ There is No East or West"

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON

"Hard Questions"

Rev. Beverly Kelly

***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 “His Eye is on the Sparrow” arr. Smith

***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: “The Lord Bless and Keep You”

*The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious, gracious.*

*The Lord bless and Keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance on you
and give peace, give you peace.
Amen, Amen*

POSTLUDE “There is Power in the Blood” Jones

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.firstpresssimpsonville.com, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are given by Jackie Koch. 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.

We welcome to our pulpit today, The Reverend Beverly J. Kelly who is a native of Tryon, NC. She is a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA and before coming to the Upstate, served as the Director of Christian Education at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland, Michigan and pastor of First United Church of Christ in Bay City, Michigan. Thirteen years ago she and her husband, Burnett retired and moved to Sunset, SC. Shortly after moving, she began working to establish a monthly ecumenical worship service at the historic McKinney Chapel. Beverly has been a volunteer Chaplain at Hospice of the Upstate, served on the Board of Oconee County Habitat for Humanity, and served on the Thornwell Home for Children Board of Trustees. She has served as Interim Director of Christian Education at Pickens Presbyterian Church and is presently Parish Associate there. She and Burnett have four children and fourteen wonderful grandchildren.

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Ronnie Storch; Sue Marshall’s mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); Robert Pryor (Roger Pryor’s brother); Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall’s mother); Colleen Rogers (friend of the Stenhouse family); Doris Phipps (sister of Linda Stenhouse); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papua New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; 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@firstpresssimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Elizabeth Cooper, Meals on Wheels volunteers.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ivy Bertuzzi (09/19), Gail West (09/20)

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 September are 1 lb. bags of white rice and also green beans. As always, we are grateful for all donations.