



Prelude: *Cross of Jesus*Charles Callahan

Introit: *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Robert Cull

Sanctuary Choir

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,

To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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Welcome

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
Psalm 19:7-10

***Hymn:** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*No. 299

Time with the Children (11:00 a.m.)

See the Children Here Before Us.....Jan McGuire

Congregation

See the children here before us, fresh expressions of God's love,

Each young life a precious promise, sent from heaven's realm above.

Lord, we ask You now to bless them as they learn and grow each day.

Help us teach them all the lessons that will guide them on their way.

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After *Time with the Children*, children are invited to Children's Church.

Call to Confession (hymn No. 29):

Congregation

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.

When I walk or lie down you are before me; ever the maker and keeper of my days.

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

**People: According to your steadfast love create in us a clean heart,
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Assurance of Pardon (hymn No. 447):

Congregation

We are forgiven, We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Passing of the Peace:

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *Second Word* (from *Seven Last Words*)Théodore Dubois

Michael Schwartzkopf, *tenor* ~ Brian Fatzinger, *baritone* ~ Sanctuary Choir

“Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me. Amen, so I tell thee.”

(Luke 23: 43, KJV)

“Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.”

(Luke 23: 42, KJV)

Scripture: Luke 23: 39-43 Page 919

Sermon: “The Seven Last Words of Jesus” Dr. Douglas K. Fletcher

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

***Hymn:** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*No. 216

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Elder Jane Upshaw

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Life of the Church (Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad.)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *Old Irish Blessing*Denes Agay

Judy Conrad & Kelda Maynard, *vocal duet* ~ Charles Curtis, *piano*

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,

The sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall softly upon your fields,

And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

May the Lord cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*.....No. 722

*Charge & Benediction

Congregational Response:

O How He Loves You and Me Kurt Kaiser

Congregation

O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me;

He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you;

O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!

***Postlude:** *Fugue in G Major*J. S. Bach

*congregation standing as able

FPC Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. traditional worship in the sanctuary

9:45 a.m. contemporary worship in Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. traditional worship in the sanctuary

Join us for worship on March 24 ~ Guest preacher, Rev. Pete Peery

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

“Woman, behold your son, son behold your mother.” ~ John 19:26-27

Rev. Pete Peery has been an ordained Presbyterian minister for more than 40 years. He serves on the leadership team of NEXT Church. NEXT Church seeks to strengthen the relational fabric of the PC(U.S.A.) so that our congregations are strong and healthy enough to be sustained, effective and faithful. Rev. Peery previously served as Interim Pastor/Head of Staff at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC; President of Montreat Conference Center and Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC.

For pastoral care needs, Pastor Lisa Schrott may be reached on her cell phone at 318-286-3816.

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Heberton by his wife, Helen, and their family.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS, hearing devices and children's bulletins are available from the ushers, as well as nursery care throughout the morning.

Love Letters: Look for new “love letters” in the Gathering Space this Sunday morning, extending blessings from our membership to others who are in need of support.

Connection Card: Connections with our members and visitors are important to us. Drop your completed card in the offering plate during worship or leave it at the Welcome Center in the narthex after worship.

If You See Something, Say Something! If any concerns arise within the church facility or on campus, notify one of the ushers and/or pastors or staff immediately. Ushers may be found in the rear of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Schedule

Three years-grade 12

Please check in your child at the registration table adjacent to the elevator in the Gathering Space.

All morning: **Nursery** for babies-2 years of age in the Day School/children's wing

9:45 a.m.: **Sunday school** for ages 3 years-5th grade;

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten – Room 113 in the Day School/children's wing

1st – 5th grades – Creation Station/Room 216

The Bridge: Grades 5-7 in Room 219

Faith Foundations: Grades 8-12 in Room 216

11:00 a.m.: **Children's Church** following Time with the Children

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten – Room 113 in the Day School/children's wing;

1st – 5th grades – Creation Station/Room 216

12:00 p.m.: **Adventures in Music:** Community youth choir and musical enrichment for grades 6-12 in the Choir Room

Adults

9:45 a.m. **Work in Progress** in Honey Horn Chapel for fellowship and a discussion of current events in relation to scripture and Christian beliefs

Seekers in the South Room exploring the biblical message and how to apply it to daily life

Lowcountry Lessons in the sanctuary combining a study of scripture with stories about the lowcountry

Living in the Word in the library; March 17, 24 & 31: “Mysterious Prophecy of Isaiah 53”

Family Faith in Room 202

11:00 a.m. **J.O.Y. Group** in the library; study is “Nooma,” meaning wind, spirit and/or breath

Join us *At the Table on Wednesdays*

Fellowship Dinner at 5:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space

Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/youth/\$2 child

Reservations to the church office at 843-681-3696 by 5:00 p.m. each Monday
or sign up in the Gathering Space ~ Entrées by SERG Takeout Kitchen

March 20 menu: Pulled pork, salad, corn pudding, mac & cheese, rolls, dessert

- 3:15 p.m. **WOW: Kids for Christ** (We're on Wednesdays!) for pre-school at 4:45 p.m. & kindergarten and grades 1-5 at 3:15 p.m. in the Christian Education wing
- 5:15 p.m. Family Lenten worship in Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. *New Voices* in the Choir Room
- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship dinner in the Gathering Space
- 6:00 p.m. Nursery care for birth through age 3 in the nursery
- 6:15 p.m. Youth program in Honey Horn Chapel

March 20

NEW Family Lenten Worship Service! ~ "The Importance of Worship"

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

We invite children and parents to join us as we intentionally create space
to experience the wonder of worship.

Children in the WOW program will be brought to Fellowship Hall at 5:15 p.m.

Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. in James Chapel exploring who "they" said Jesus was

March 20: Pastor Joel Wood preaching ~ "Jesus Teaches & Prophecies"
Luke 4:14-21

In the Life of the Church

Welcome Visitors! Whether this is your first visit or you have been here many times, we are happy to have you with us! Please come into the Gathering Space following worship for coffee and fellowship and stop by the welcome table to say hello, and find out what is happening here at First Presbyterian Church.

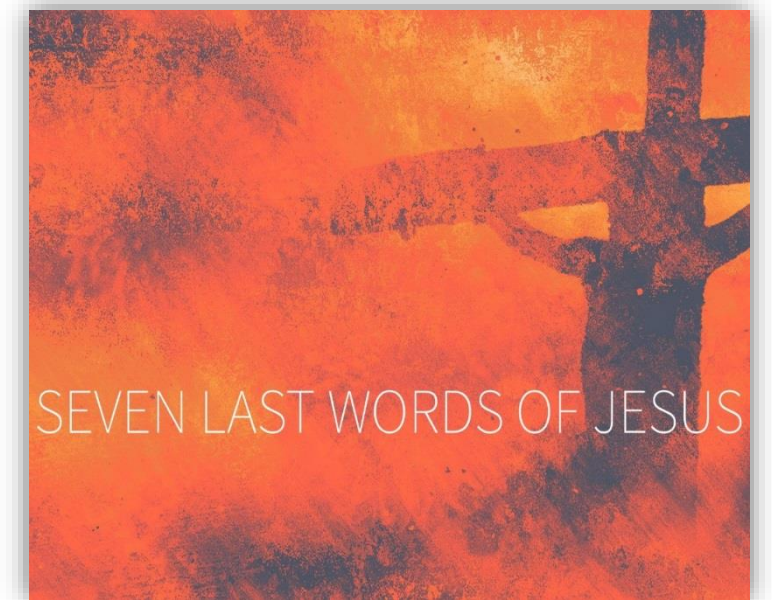
New Member Class: The next class will take place on March 23 at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the church library. Please call Jean Tharin in the church office for your reservation.

Book & a Buck: Bring slightly used or new books for all ages, pre-school through adult, for our neighboring Jasper, Hampton, Colleton & Allendale counties. Leave your donations in the church office or in the Gathering Space on Sundays. Goal: 400 books.

Weekly Happenings: Please see FPC's "Weekly Happenings" found at the Welcome Center and on the information rack outside Fellowship Hall to learn about the many FPC activities scheduled during the week.



8:30 & 11:00 a.m. **Worship Services**
March 17, 2019



Our Mission:

Changing Lives . . . Making Disciples

Our Vision:

Every Member in Ministry

Our Values of Ministry:

**Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,
Sacrificial Service & Caring Connections**

Dr. Douglas K. Fletcher ~ Pastor
Rev. Joel M. Wood ~ Associate Pastor of Discipleship
Rev. Lisa M. Schrott ~ Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care
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