



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 19, 2020
10:30 A.M**

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

It is Well With My Soul

Martha Kaulbach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.
We live sustained by God's presence and love.

Thanks be to God.

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

God weeps with us.

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who lived in faith,

God gives thanks with us.

As we struggle for justice,

God struggles with us.

As we strive for peace,

God strives with us.

As we work to build the beloved community,

God works with us.

As we offer our gifts to all,

God blesses us.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. We confess we too often cling to the privileges derived from inequity.

Loving God, help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. Move us to action with the compassion of your grace; give us the courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done on earth as is in heaven. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

(our prayers continue in silence)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (responsive)

Brothers and Sisters, God delights in you. So much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent, but will call you by name.

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us! Amen.

***RESPONSE**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Megan Gates

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deep River

Emily Allison & Donna James

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Isaiah 49: 1-7**

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON**John 1: 29-42**

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE*****Guide My Feet***

Eng. 354

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHFROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN OF MISSION	<i>I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</i>	Eng. 369
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE	<i>Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i>
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***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

Sermon Notes

PRAYER CONCERNS



Prayer Person(s) of the week: **The Gates/Anderson Family**
Brent, Megan, Malie, Meredith, Brayson, & Ellie

In the Oaks (Scenic): **John Howard**

In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** (to be stationed at Fort Benning) and his family, **LCpl Kevin Matthews** (Naval Air Station-Pensacola, FL) and his family.

Melody Little (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter); **Dean Hartsock** (Jennifer Hartsock's newborn son); **Leighton Miller** (Charlie & Pam Miller's newborn grandson); **Carolyn and Jeff Denton**; **Brenda Boonstra and family**; **David and Martha Lee Sherman**; **Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb's Stepsister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb's cousin); **Maria Costley**; **Robin Griffin**; **Khamphant Touralack** (Souvanh's brother); **Scott and Melissa Painter**; **Barbara Gates** (Brent Gate's mother); **Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Philip Barber**, **Garth and Sue Smith**, **Betty Schaefer**, **Pat Mizer**, **Ruth Breed**, **Sylvia Palmer**; **Joyce Barrett**; **Bonnie McKim**; **Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **June P. Mercer**; **our country, its leaders, and military personnel.**

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SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Clerk of Session: Grace Hulsey

Class of 2020

Natalie Crawford, Ed Hendricks, Ron Sprayberry

Class of 2021

Ramsay Allen, John Wayne Armour

Class of 2022

Scott Hulsey, Benjamin Padtha

DIACONATE

Co-Moderators: Andrea Armour & Diane Hopkins

Class of 2020

Nancy Hendricks, Joy Mullen

Class of 2021

Betty Gillette, Diane Hopkins

Class of 2022

Andrea Armour, Jan Barton

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, January 19

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Worship Service
No Evening Programs

Monday, January 20

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Annex

Tuesday, January 21

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

Wednesday, January 22

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Hoyt
5:00 P.M. Children's Program
Middle School Youth
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:15 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

Thursday, January 23

FPC Soup Kitchen Workday
8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

Saturday, January 25

8:30 A.M. Session Retreat, Scoggins

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10:30 A.M. Worship Service

ASSISTING TODAY

Opening & Clean Up:	Gary Hulsey
Closing & Counting:	Kimberly Chosewood & Natalie Crawford
Greeters & Ushers:	Charlie & Pam Miller
Projection System:	Jessica Irvin
Sound System:	Becki Pierce
Audio-Video:	Gideon Padtha
Nursery Attendant:	Jacky Vespi
Flowers:	Worship Committee
Elementary Sunday School:	Armour Family
Middle Sunday School:	Kimberly Chosewood



Church Attendance 1/12/2020: 82

January Happenings:

19 (Today) Annual Martin Luther King Jr Friendship Walk 2 pm

Gathering at the Big Red Apple at 2 pm and walking to Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church for a 3 pm program of music, recognition of our civil rights heritage and the way ahead, to be followed by potluck fellowship. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you are able to bring a dish to share for the POTLUCK, it will be most welcome - drop it by the church fellowship hall before the walk begins. If you are not able to participate in the walk itself, it is fine to just come to the celebration. Suggested to get to the church by 2:45.

22 (Wednesday) weekly Brown Bag & Bible begins Noon
Bring your own lunch and your Bible to join Pastor Andy in a weekly Bible Study, beginning with the book of John.

23 (Thursday) FPC Soup Kitchen Work Day

25 (Saturday) Session Retreat 8:30am- Noon

27 (Monday) weekly Prayer Time begins 10 am
Begin your week with Prayer Time in the Sanctuary.



January Birthdays:

13th: Myrna Fouts
Tim Mullen

25th: Kelly McCollum

26th: Cheryl Crisler

28th: Cathy Webb

30th: Rick Billingslea
Ed Hendricks