

Weekly Worship

Sunday,

The Lord's Day

9:00am Worship Service
 10:05am Assembly &
 Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00 Missional Small Group

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 10

6:30 *Mission Ministry*

Saturday, Jan. 12

*Officer's Retreat and
 College of Elders*
 9:00-11:00 *Deacons and
 College of Elders*
 9:00-1:00 *Active Elders*

Sunday, Jan. 13

*Congregational Meeting
 at 10:40am*
*Ordination and Installation of
 Officers*
*Fellowship Sunday
 (No 9:00 Service)*
Monday, Jan. 14
 9:00am *Circle 1 at the home
 of Machele Scott*
 6:00pm *Circle 2 at the home of
 Janet Lucas*

Wednesday, Jan. 16

5:30 *Stewardship, Personnel,
 and Finance Ministry*

Monday, Jan. 21

1:00 *Prayers & Squares*
 3:00 *Visitation Ministry*

Pastor
 Timothy Scoonover
 Director of Spiritual
 Formation
 Angeline Brock
 Editor
 Sally Harvey

A Note From Our Pastor

January 2019

The New Year is a time to make resolutions—to be better, to grow in some areas, to shrink in other areas, to stretch toward the “new”, or to commit to transformation. At our core, we really *DO* want change. We want to be better than we were a year ago. However, there are parts of us that NEVER change. They are not supposed to change. No one makes a New Year’s resolution to change their blood type or to change their birthday. Imagine the look on your face if a friend shared her resolution in 2019 was to change her DNA. We can’t change our DNA any more than we could sprout a tail or learn to breathe underwater. There are core parts of us that will never change.

Similarly, there is core DNA for our church that will never change. For the last, six months our session has been working to determine our core DNA—What are the deep values? What’s at the center of who we are? If you remember, we explored this through “Story Night” back in August. Through prayer, discernment, and lots of listening, we have uncovered four Core Values.

Welcoming People into the Family of God



Teaching the Word of God



Connecting People to the Mission of God



Raising the Next Generation for God



Of course, there is so much to unpack with each of these but for the sake of this newsletter, I simply wanted to get these values before you (thanks to our own, Lisa Kelly, for creating the graphics) and let you know that we will be exploring these over the next few Sunday mornings. With each value, there are aspects that we do well (accustomed value), and yet, there is plenty of room for growth (aspired value) in each. **The point is... what we want to become must come from who we already are. The transformation we seek as church will come from this core of our identity.**

Now that we know what will never change, the transformation can begin! Happy New Year to you and Happy New Year to FPC! I can’t wait to see what’s in store!

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

Class of 2021 Deacons

Kelly Brown, Deacon Christian Education Ministry

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

Ephesians 3:20 in the NKJV as it shows the providence and sovereignty and loving kindness of God. I love so many verses, but I come back to that one time and time again. *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”*

What excites you most about serving God?

I like to see growth in others; that is probably my favorite thing.

What is your prayer for our church in 2019?

For obedience; to believe and trust God’s Word; For us to know the length and breadth and depth of God’s love (as Paul prays) so that we can further trust and obey and thereby see God’s glory.

Charles Matthews, Deacon Worship Ministry

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

One of my favorite go to Bible verses is Luke 6:31: *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”* It is such a simple statement and like so many others within this book that would benefit society and the whole world if we could abide by it.

What excites you most about serving God?

It excites me to say “serving God” and Charles Matthews in the same sentence. I look forward to growing a closer relationship with God, and I hope my service can be effective for His glory.

What is your prayer for our church in 2019?

Heavenly Father, I pray that we as a church may open our hearts and minds with renewed vigor and spirit in this new year in order to accomplish the goals we declare as our mission statement. I pray that by forming these disciples our church, us, and our fellow man may grow closer to you. Father thank you for all. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen

Don Saturday, Deacon Stewardship, Personnel, & Finance Ministry

What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?

My favorite verse is one of the first I remember being taught in Sunday School when I was very young, John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one*

and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

What most excites you about serving God?

I believe God’s plan for me is to bring comfort to those who have lost a loved one. To encourage them to find the strength to carry on.

What is your prayer for our church in 2019?

My prayer is for continued spiritual growth and blessings on our church and community.

Class of 2021 Elders

Don Cribb, Elder Worship Ministry

What is a favorite Bible verse?

2 Corinthians 5:17 *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone, and the new is here!”* It’s my favorite because God has made even a wretch like me into a new creation through Christ.

What excites you about serving God?

I’m excited to step up my game in service to God and to grown in faith. I hope my energy is shown as I participate in worship leadership through music, committee participation, or engaging in fellowship with others. I’m full of joy and look forward to seeing what amazing things God can do through his community of disciples.

What is your prayer for our church in 2019?

My prayer for 2019 is that we utilize our gifts from God and look for opportunities to make more disciples of Christ. I pray that we continue to foster a welcoming environment and creatively search for ways to connect people of all ages, backgrounds, and races to the mission of God.

Eugene Oliver, Elder Stewardship, Personnel & Finance Ministry

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

II Corinthians 5:17 *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.”*

What most excites you about serving God?

Seeing others transformed into the will of God.

What is your prayer for our church in 2019?

Seeing our youth continue to develop. Reach out into the community to witness to others.

Cindy Orvin, Elder
Hospitality Ministry

What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?
 Proverbs 3:3-6 *“Let love and loyalty always show like a necklace, and write them in your mind. God’s people will like you and hold you in high esteem. With all your heart you must trust in the Lord and not your own judgement. Always let him lead you and he will clear the road for you to follow.”* I love this verse as it is so easy to understand. It is also a very appropriate verse for our ordination. He knows what is best for us — just follow Him!

What most excites you about serving God?
 I am hoping and praying that I can only do the amazing work that the others before me have done.

What is your prayer for our church in 2019?
 So excited for 2019. Working together as a group of people that are filled with wonderful ideas has me looking forward to the many accomplishments we will

**Sunday,
 January 13 at 11am
 Worship Service
 Ordination
 and Installation
 of New Officers
 Congregational Meeting
 at 10:40am
 Fellowship Sunday
 (No 9:00 Service)**

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, December 17th the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion led by Angeline Brock
- Approved the minutes from October 15 and November 19
- Received report from the Pastor on Doctor of Ministry work: Church Assessment Executive Summary will be offered at the January Officers’ Retreat
- Received written reports from Worship, SPF, and Mission and Evangelism Ministry Teams
- Approved communion for the first Sunday of each month in 2019, as well as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve
- Approved the wedding of Cody Gooch and Haven Baty
- Approved the 2019 Budget
- Discussed a mid-week worship service targeted toward youth and families who do not attend Sunday morning worship
- Received an update on the Stewardship Campaign and the projected Capital Campaign
- Closed with pastoral prayer for the needs of church and community

Our next Session meeting will be at 9am on Saturday, January 12

**Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God,
 IN to one another, and OUT to the world!**

Moment For Missions

2018 has been a year of mission for our congregation in many different ways. We have experienced the sad yet joyful sending out of the Baruchs to St. Louis with the hopeful expectation of seeing the Kingdom spread through a new church plant. We have been given a new partnership with the ministry in France at Champfleuri, offering our youth an opportunity to catch the fire of missions within their hearts. Our partnership with Todd in Mexico has strengthened with continued efforts to send teams to help the beleaguered south of our border. Also new areas of works for justice have been opened through a growing partnership with Doors to Freedom to aid in the rescue and restoration of modern day slaves.



This month we are highlighting some local, national, and global partnerships we made in 2018 and we are praying for each of these partners and our opportunity to continue to work with them in 2019.

With these new avenues of service given to us I feel confident to say that our Lord has seen us fit to continue to fan the fire of the Gospel. Indeed our work will not go without hardships or opposition, for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but with the principalities and forces of this world. For some of us might still be lingering in moments of pain and darkness, but do not let your stripes for His glory be weights that hold you down in the mires of despair. Rather open your eyes to see that your pain is an opportunity to glorify God through your endurance. Continue to strive with genuine faith, not hoping for the power of God to merely rescue you from the temporary struggle but to deliver the world into His eternal rest. We must be watchful to not enter into an arena of doubt when we face obstacles in life nor fall into complacency with small aspects of success. Rather now is the time for us to feast on the courage and strength that our Lord provides us through His manifested presence. Our God has been active within us to stir up not just a desire for service, but to experience His real goodness.

Therefore, as we enter this new year looking at the ripe fields which the Lord has prepared for us. Let us with eager expectation meditate on the promise of the Lord as He stated in John 14:12. Let us dress our faith with continued action hoping to see the greater glory of our Lord magnified 10,000 times through our humble service and absolute sacrifice. For by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can hope to see our new sister “Three Taverns Church” in St. Louis grow in purity and power bringing forth the Gospel hoping to free the many souls in the midwest. We can aid in the work of our youth through prayer and support to reach the darkened lives of France, and witness within them God resurrecting a faith that will grow steadily into the next generation blooming to a beautiful narrative of redemption. We can see our sister in Mexico reach their poor with a steady hand of compassion and love that has the seal of Christ’s breath upon it so that they may drink from spiritual cisterns that will give springs of living water. We can even witness the rescue and restoration of thousands entrapped in the horrid evil of human trafficking.

I believe our journey will not merely stop with these current opportunities, but that our Lord will be faithful to grant us a bounty of even more into this new year!

In the Love of Christ, Joe Yu



PYG News

Our youth leaders met Sunday, January 6th and we read reports that “Large Numbers of Flamingos are Making Their Way South”. And the report made note that Moncks Corner, SC was the place they would be landing for their stay in late winter!!! This is both exciting and terrifying!! Just think 50, 100, 500,.... Flamingos on your well-manicured yard!! The leaders and I have decided we will start training our youth on how to secure the lawns of our congregation. We will also train them on how to remove and relocate these beautiful (yet messy) birds!! More information to come as the migration of the Flamingos draws near.....

On behalf of Thornwell and the families served with the Building Families Program, I want to thank the congregation and staff of First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner for your financial support, prayers, guidance and love over the past 3 years. We have been blessed to be a part of the outreach and ministry you provide to your community. We have had the pleasure of serving alongside you for 3 years and that service has touched many people in your community with In-Home Family Therapy and Parenting Workshops. As a direct result of your generous gifts, Christ’s love was shared with parents as they felt support and guidance and children experienced changes in their family. Your congregation helped bring Hope and Healing to your community and for that we are thankful.



Thornwell
Building Tomorrow's Families Today

Over the past 2 years, we have experienced a decline in referrals from the Moncks Corner area and an increase in referrals from Summerville and North Charleston. After much prayer and meetings (in Presbyterian fashion) we have decided to move the Building Families office to the future site of the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery office at the former Park Circle Church. This location works for a couple of reasons. We are moving toward a community and a multiple congregation connection concept so that the Building Families Program can be seen as not just the project of a single congregation. This broader “host site concept” will help with a greater service area, increase the pool of financial support, and increase the number of community connections and referral sources. The North Charleston location also places us within the geographic area of our increased referrals.

We look forward to continuing to serve families in the Lowcountry and will keep you informed of our work and opportunities to serve alongside us as we Build Tomorrows Families Today.

In Christ, Sonya O’Neal
VP Programs & Clinical Services

We extend Christian sympathy to the following:

- Geoff Atkins and his family. Geoff's mother, Sara Mason Atkins, passed away on Friday, January 4;
- Shirley Hicks and her family, Shirley's beloved husband, John, passed away on Saturday, December 22;
- Anna Murchison and her family, Anna's father, Franz Witte, passed away on Thursday, November 29.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many expressions of love and kindness shown to us during this difficult time. The love, prayers, and kind words of support were so special to us. The meal (prepared and served by the sweet ladies and gentlemen in the church) after the funeral was delicious. The cards, phone calls, visits and hugs were such blessings also. We are so grateful! We thank God for you all.

Love, the family of C. G. Wilson

First Presbyterian Church Family,

I wanted to thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt you gave me and for each of the prayers that it represents. What a special and meaningful gift! I am blessed to have such thoughtful, caring Christians in my life to life me up in prayer and encourage me during difficult times. Thank you all so much!

Love, Saralyn Crowell

Dear Church,

I wanted to remember you at Christmas time. I've always enjoyed your visits. I miss those of you I've known for a good many years. I hope you all have a wonderful time with your families at Christmas. I will be seeing my family then, too. Make it a joyous season. I love your visits and wish I could see you more often. All of you have a wonderful Christmas.

Love, Carol and Jay Jordan

Dear Prayer Quilt Group,

The Prayer Quilt is just beautiful "Thank You." And the prayer knots—well God heard every prayer, because I am home and feeling so much better. God is so good to all of us and this last setback has shown me that God's love is all around us. The quilt will always be so special to me and when I need comfort—I will wrap myself in it and remember the wonderful loving group who prayed for me. Thank you again.

In Christian Love, Kathy Scott



- 4 Claire Wilson
- 5 Jerry Brewer
- 6 William Morris
- 7 Scott Shepherd
- 9 Anita Shuler
- 10 Jennifer Coffey
Nicholas Ferez
Baxter Orvin
- 13 Rod Murchison
- 15 Shelly Rucker
Jane Williams
- 17 Brantley Brewer
- 18 Trinity Thompson
- 19 Laurie Lusk
- 20 Carol Jordan
- 21 Doug Bowles
- 22 Rene Mooror
- 24 Chris Wilson
- 25 Adah Brewer
Edivania Powell
Anna Propst
- 27 Len Graham
Neva Peagler
Georgia Spencer
- 29 Janet Lucas

2018 Financial Report

	Year to date through	
	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Revenue	\$403,820	\$ 436,612
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 264,862.	\$ 263,304
Operations	\$ 100,379	\$ 106,350
Missions	\$ 32,425	\$ 32,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 21,260	\$ 21,710
<u>Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship</u>	\$ 10,735	\$ 10,260
Total Expenditures	\$ 429,746	\$ 433,924





January Ushers

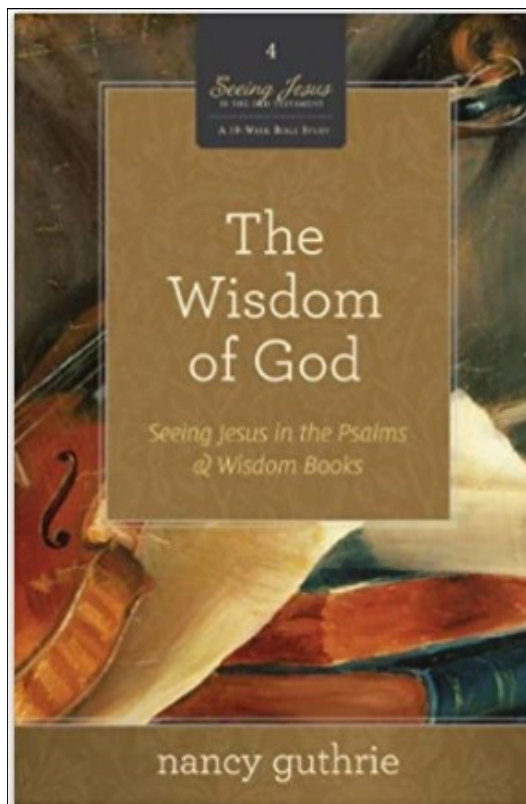
- 9:00 Kim & Lydia Murchison
11:00 Mike Stasiak, Doug Bowles
Ken Fansher & Addie Rucker

January Food Pantry

Oatmeal and Soup

January 2019 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Assembly & Sunday School 11:00 Worship		1 New Years Day  6:00 Missional Small Grp	2 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Prayer 6:00 Choir	3 6:00 Early Service Worship Team	4 6:00 Early Service Worship Team	5 6:00 Early Service Worship Team
6 Communion  5:00 Missional Small Grp	7 1:00 Prayers & Squares	8 10:00 Staff Meeting BLOOD DRIVE 1:00—6:00 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Grp	9 11:00 Prayer 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 MS & HS Youth 6:00 Choir	10 10:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Early Service Worship Team 6:30 Mission Ministry	11 10:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Early Service Worship Team 6:30 Mission Ministry	12 Officer's Retreat 9:00—1:00
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5:00 Missional Small Grp						



Women's Bible Study begins on Thursday, January 10 at 10:00am.

We will be studying **The Wisdom of God** by Nancy Guthrie. Wouldn't you love to be wise and know the God who is Wisdom himself? This 10-week study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon mines the Wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but also for the wise person these books point to through their drama, poetry, proverb, and song—Jesus. All are welcome, bring a friend. If you missed the first class, that is OK. We will meet in the children's wing, across from the nursery. If interested, contact Kay Colley, 843-209-7345, kay.colley@yahoo.com.

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