

## Weekly Worship

**Sunday,**

**The Lord's Day**

9:00am Worship Service  
 10:05am Assembly &  
 Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, April 1**

1:00 Prayers and Squares  
 6:00 Not Yet: Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 2**

1:00-6:00 Blood Drive

**Wednesday, April 3**

12:30 Community Lent Svc.  
 5:15 Tech-Wise

**Monday, April 8**

9:00 Circle 1 at the church  
 6:00 Circle 2 home of Cyndy  
 Britt

**Wednesday, April 10**

12:30 Community Lent Svc.  
 5:15 Tech-Wise Family

**Thursday, April 11**

5:30 Christian Ed. Meeting  
 6:00 Mission Meeting

**Sunday, April 14**

Palm Sunday

**Monday, April 15**

1:00 Prayers & Squares  
 3:00 Visitation Ministry  
 6:00 Session Meeting

**Wednesday, April 17**

12:30 Community Lent Svc.  
 5:15 Tech-Wise Family  
 5:30 SPF Sub Committee

**Thursday, April 18**

Maundy Thursday  
 6:00 Soup Supper  
 6:30 Communion Service

**Sunday, April 21**

Easter Sunday

**Wednesday, April 24**

5:15 Tech-Wise Family

**Sunday, April 28**

David & Lyndsay Baruch

## A Note From Our Pastor

### The Announcement

I am thrilled to announce that the Session has voted to move the 9am Worship Service from the Fellowship Hall into the Sanctuary. This service has outgrown its space, and what a wonderful “problem” to have. I wanted to be sure not to “bury the lead,” so that’s the big announcement: the move will take place on Palm Sunday. What follows is an explanation of how we arrived at this decision and details of what to expect in the next month.

### The Background

The 9am worship service began on July 1, 2005. The template was simple and intimate: piano-led hymns and an abbreviated version of the 11am liturgy. This service met in the Fellowship Hall, because, at that time, the choir held rehearsal in the Sanctuary. The intimate space suited the relatively small gathering of 9am worshipers.

In 2013, the service began to welcome new instruments—guitar, violin, bass, and over time, more vocals, and even percussion. The service began to grow. Over a 5-year period, the service has adapted; we’ve changed the seating arrangement, increased the amount of music, and introduced digital displays. This service has changed over time but still maintained its intimate, “Relaxed, yet Reverent” feel. We all owe a special “thank you” to the Worship Ministry Team, under the leadership of Gene Williams, and to the 9am Task Force under the leadership of Don Cribb for navigating these waters of growth—balancing both the needed change and preserving culture.

There is a general rule that if a room is over 80% capacity, it’s viewed as too full. The capacity of our Fellowship Hall is around 130. So anytime we’re over 100 worshipers in the Fellowship Hall, we’ve outgrown the space. We have crossed that mark the majority of Sundays in 2019. Yay!!! Here’s why that number matters. Imagine a visiting family of four walks in at 9:03am—there’s no place for them to sit together. Imagine if the entire congregation wanted to bring a friend next week—there are not enough seats. We never want to be at a place where a new family would not feel welcomed or that you don’t think that you could invite a friend. After all, one of our core values is: Welcoming People into the Family of God!

### The Change

You can see that it’s time for change—to adapt, yet again. God is determined not to leave us the way he found us, thus, change is part of the life of a disciple and the health of a church. As we change, it’s important to remember **what will NOT change:** We’re still First Presbyterian Church. We will preserve our core values as we prepare for those who aren’t here yet. For the 9am Service, we will preserve the intimacy, style, and feel, even as we move into the sanctuary. For the 11am Service, we will preserve the beauty and reverence of the Sanctuary as a worship space.



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Here's what you can expect that **will change**: the Session has approved the needed audio/visual upgrades for the move. This involves the sound system and the addition of "self-camouflaging" digital displays. These displays are specifically designed to be unnoticeable. They have a razor-thin frame and will be mounted flat to the wall above the exit doors. Then, they are set to display an image of the wall on which they are mounted – thus "self-camouflaging." I would say that you will see them in the sanctuary in the next couple of weeks, but if they are doing their job, you won't see them! With these upgrades, we seek to both honor the dignity of the sanctuary and create space that is consistent with the 9am culture.

It is important to note that these upgrades are funded **by one family's generous donation specifically earmarked for this move**. We have not used any of the operating budget, nor have we used any donations earmarked for Sanctuary repairs. We praise God for this generous family, and I'm delighted that their gift helps chart the way forward for welcoming more worshipers. Furthermore, the entire congregation worshipping in the same space will bring benefit and greater momentum to our future capital campaign for the purpose of sanctuary repairs.

### **The Goal**

Our goal is continued growth. I would like everyone to do two things: **Pray** and **Invite!** May God keep us from becoming complacent. What if everyone DID invite a friend? What if Palm Sunday and Easter were packed? God is pursuing people who you know, right now. As you are reading this sentence, God is lovingly pursuing people in your life. Ask God who they are. Pray that God would open doors for conversation and invitation. I know at least four people I will be inviting to worship on Palm Sunday and Easter... what about you?

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

## **Minutes in a Minute**

On Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion led by Elder Jesse Cannon
- Approved minutes from the 2/18/19 Session Meeting
- Approved a membership transfer
- Evaluated our pilot mid-week worship service and agreed to host the next one in May
- Approved the transition timeline for moving the 9am Worship Service from the Fellowship Hall into the Sanctuary beginning Palm Sunday, April 14—this timeline includes the approval for us to use earmarked funds for the purpose of digital displays for the sanctuary.
- Received written reports from CE and SPF
- Received oral reports from Hospitality, Pastoral Care, and the Pastor
- Scheduled the June Session Meeting for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month to accommodate our Triennial Visit from the Committee on Ministry from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
- Closed with prayer for pastoral needs of our community

The next session meeting will be Monday, April 15 at 6pm.

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# Special Services to Remember

## Palm Sunday, April 14 — 9:00 and 11:00 Worship Services

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Shout Hosanna as we celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

## Maundy Thursday, April 18

There will be a simple soup supper at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall and at 6:30 Communion Worship Experience in the Fellowship Hall. After a simple meal together, we will remain in the Fellowship Hall at tables circling The Table which Christ shared with his disciples on the eve of his crucifixion. We will sing, pray, reflect, discuss, and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Childcare will be provided.

## Resurrection of Our Lord

## Sunday, April 21— 9:00 and 11:00 Worship Services

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!  
Join us as we gather joyfully in God's house to celebrate the power and the promise of the resurrection.

## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by placing a lily in our Worship Services this Easter, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate or leave on the secretary's desk. Lilies are \$10.00 each and checks should be made payable to **First Presbyterian Church** and designated **Lilies**. *Deadline is Wednesday, April 17.*



Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



## Building Friendships

You are invited to build friendships within our congregation during the month of May. Sign up by April 7 and you'll get paired with a partner. You will then meet them one-on-one weekly for the month of May. You can have tea together, go play tennis, have lunch or supper, go turkey hunting, take a walk together, help each other with a hobby or a job. The ideas are wide-open. Sign up individually, not as a family, in the atrium until April 7.

Adults only, please.

Let the Holy Spirit lead and build.







## Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

### Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm

This year we're having a humorous play called "The Church Ladies." Hang on — it's going to be a wild ride with these irresistible ladies. Each one has her own quirks yet they're all part of the same zany sisterhood.

Come and see your friends performing on stage and enjoy a night with your sisters-in-Christ.

*Tickets are \$10 for adults, children 5 and under are free, and a nursery is provided.*

### Dates To Remember

- **Not Yet (a contextual Bible Study and Missional Community)**—All are welcome to Music Man BBQ at 6:00pm on Monday, April 1, for a Bible study with Grace Reformed Episcopal Church.
- **Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 2 from 1:00-6:00pm**—Call your neighbors and friends. The need for blood is great and you can help. For more information, call Hugh Smith at 899-6420.
- **Sunday, April 28, David and Lyndsay Baruch will bringing us the message.** Mark your calendars! We look forward to hearing about what God is doing in and through their new church plant in St. Louis.



### Community Lenten Services

12:30 — 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent, March 6 thru April 17  
at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church  
Lunch is served at Noon and 1:00 p.m. in the MC UMC Fellowship Hall.  
Cost is \$3.50.

**For additional information call 843-761-8547**

Dates	Clergy	Liturgist	Music	Meal
April 3	<b>Timothy Scoonover</b>	Lillian Washington	Moncks Corner UMC	<b>First Presbyterian</b>
April 10	Doug Benton	Thomas Habersham	St. Michael's Lutheran	Pinopolis UMC
April 17	Sam Mailleue	Jeremy Howell	Moncks Corner AME	Moncks Corner UMC

Moncks Corner is blessed with many great churches that are true to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our society is fractured by a culture with a tendency to build walls rather than bridges! The inclusive nature of Christian fellowship, based on the love of God, is vitally important. Our gatherings are great times to experience and express the wholesome, creative love of God for all people.

# PYG

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

Middle School and High School Youth  
meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm

In March our middle school boys had the opportunity to go camping.



Sleeping under the pines.



Taking a boat ride.



Holding Angeline's chickens.



We didn't forget about the girls!  
(All) youth girls are invited to an evening of pampering and fun.

Girl's Overnight is  
April 5th-6th  
at Steve and Mary Nettles.

Our high school boys will have their turn  
camping on April 5th—6th.

**BOLO—Be On The Look Out!!**

The flamingos are flying.  
Don't run over them when they flock.



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Dear First Presbyterian Church:

The Moody family cannot thank the congregation enough for all you meant to mama during her life and when it became difficult for her to get to church. Your prayers, cards, visitations and giving of communion while she was disabled was so appreciated. The service was just what we wanted and the dinner afterwards was delicious!

Thank You—In Christ, Nancy Moody Plowden

Dear Church Family,

The Brewers have received your love, prayers, cards, words of encouragement and loving hugs during our journey with Jerry. Thank you for all of your blessings. We have found in sorrow a new joy—Jerry has been raised in Christ.

In the Love of Jesus Christ, Adah Brewer



**APRIL**

- 1 Carole Edwards
- 5 Ben Shuler
- 7 Brant Bayless
- 8 Laura Bates  
Jane Hood  
Jary Hulst  
Corinne Page
- 9 Susan Ford  
Oliver Harrelson  
Claudette Lusk
- 10 Pompey Harvey  
Madeline Williams
- 11 Abby Bell
- 13 Kevin Lusk  
Nancy Svagerko
- 14 Margaret Huggins
- 15 David Baumann  
George Svagerko
- 16 Ellen Berry  
Barbara McRee  
Lynne Shepherd  
Michelle Soderberg
- 17 Tom Williams
- 21 Samantha Belken
- 23 Elizabeth Cannon
- 25 Jesse Cannon  
Kevin Murray
- 26 Melissa Matthews  
Lynnette Oliver  
Devlin Worten
- 28 Pearl Miller
- 29 Katy Bates  
Will Davis  
AriLynn Murray

**Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings**

If you would like to know more about our Circles, please give the ladies below a call. All women of the church are welcome.

**Circle 1**—Monday, April 8 at 9:00 at the church. Contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420.

**Circle 2**—Monday, April 8 at 6:00 at the home of Cyndy Britt, 1693 Old Whitesville Rd., Moncks Corner, (843)899-7714.



**April Ushers**

- 9:00 David and Jane Harris
- 11:00 Kyndra Buitenhuis, Sue Cook  
Ann Williams, Richard Keene

**April Food  
Pantry**

**Spaghetti Sauce & Pudding**

**2019 Financial Report**

	Year to date through 3/26/2019		Annual Budget
Revenue	\$ 88,608	\$	454,801
Expenditures			
Personnel	\$ 62,830	\$	273,321
Operations	\$ 19,226	\$	106,330
Missions	\$ 3,998	\$	30,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 4,349	\$	21,710
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 1,811	\$	10,610
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,524	\$	10,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 94,741	\$	452,271

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual  
Formation  
Angeline Brock






Editor

Sally Harvey

# April 2019

# First Presbyterian Church

Lenten Services are at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church  
Lunch is served at 12 Noon and 1 PM—Service is at 12:30 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship 10:05 Assembly & Sunday School 11:00 Worship	1 1:00 Prayers and Squares Ministry 6:00 Not Yet Bible Study	2 10:00 Staff Meeting <b>Blood Drive</b> 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small	3 11:00 Prayer <b>12:30 Lenten Services</b> 5:15 Tech-Wise 6:00 MS & HS Youth 6:00 Choir	4 6:00 Early Service Worship Team	5 6:00 Early Service Worship Team	6 All Youth Girls Sleep Over High School Boys Camp Out
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21 <b>Easter Resurrection of the Lord</b> 	22	23 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Missional Small Group	24 11:00 Prayer 5:15 Tech-Wise 6:00 MS & HS Youth 6:00 Choir	25 6:00 Early Service Worship Team	26	27
28 David and Lyndsay Baruch /Preaching	29	30 10:00 Staff Meeting				

## **Raising the Next Generation for God Fellowship Sunday, March 31**

This is an opportunity for us to worship as one body (no 9:00 service).

An opportunity for us to see and hear how the Lord is working in and through our children and youth.



### **Come worship with them.**

**Our LOGOS children have been studying about God's Faithful Servants.**

**They will lead us in worship with songs they have learned this semester.**

Hear the joy they have singing to Jesus, "The Light of the World!"

### **Come fellowship with them.**

Our France Mission Team is living out and learning what it means to be faithful servants.

They are providing the meal for our fellowship dinner.

They will cook and serve. (Do not bring a covered dish)

They will share their heart for this trip.

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