

Weekly Worship

Sunday,
The Lord's Day
 9:00am Worship Service
 10:05am Assembly &
 Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 1
 1:00 Prayers & Squares

Thursday, July 4
 Office Closed

Monday, July 15
 1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry

Tuesday, July 16
 6:00 Christian Education &
 Mission Ministry

Friday, July 26
 5:30—8:00 VBS

Saturday, July 27
 9:00—Late Afternoon
 VBS & Picnic

Sunday, July 28
 9:45—Noon VBS

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A Note From Our Pastor

July 2019

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. – Hebrews 12:1-2a

As many of you know, I was in southern California last week on study leave. We weren't able to get out much – lots to learn! – but one place I would have liked to visit is *The Los Angeles Cathedral*. It is known around the world for its art and architecture. The reason I want to visit is the tapestries which line the walls of their sanctuary. I've included some pictures. They depicted the "great cloud of witnesses" moving forward to the Lord's Table. On the tapestries are ancient monks and immigrant children, grandfathers, and infant children. It's a literal tapestry of the cloud of witnesses: young and old, ancient and modern. The Body of Christ shuffling forward to receive Christ's body given for them. I'm told it's a sight to behold.



These images get me thinking about how expansive, but also how **real** and **local** this cloud of witnesses really is. It's Sunday school teachers, grandparents, LOGOS children, youth seeking to follow Jesus. Yet we all shape each other. We are following Christ together, helping each other to keep our eyes fixed on him. You are where you are in your journey with Christ, because of this cloud of witnesses.



Digging a little deeper into this imagery... for me, June 28 marks 10 years of ordained ministry. That's a decade! Sometimes, it feels like a lifetime; other times it feels like it has flown by. But what I'm very aware of is the people—the cloud of witnesses. It's not just a decade of baptisms; it's Jaden, Devlin, Maya, and Ann Katharine. It's not just a decade of weddings; it's Sarah and Andrew, Ann and Christopher, and Angeline and Sam. It's not just a decade of funerals; it's Carl, Carrie, John, and Julia. Real local people. A tapestry. A cloud of witnesses.

This is one reason why our Vacation Bible School is so important this year. We'll be diving into *Reciprocal Church*, a new book about being a church in which faith flourishes. It's in this cloud that faith is formed. The author of this book, Dr. Sharon Ketcham, was my youth director in Knoxville. She is now a mentor to me. Ashley and I are following Jesus because of her. In short, she's in our cloud. She keeps our eyes fixed on Jesus. (continued on page 2)

Here are some questions to ponder (really, take time to prayerfully reflect as you hold this newsletter in your hand): Who is in your cloud of witnesses? Who has helped you to fix your eyes on Jesus? Stop. Name them. Thank God for them. Now, turn the image around—for whom are you part of the “cloud”? Who are you helping to fix their eyes on Jesus? Stop. Pray that God would put before you others that you could point to Christ. When we do, we live into the value of ***Raising the Next Generation for God.***

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, June 24th your session:

- Approved the minutes from May 20 and June 2
- Approved the transfer of Anna Claire Freedman’s membership to Advent UMC of Simpsonville, SC
- Hosted the triennial visit from the Commission on Ministry from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: a joyful and celebratory visit, facilitated by Rev. Daniel Smoak of Westminster Presbyterian Church and Elder Skip Norris of James Island Presbyterian Church, leading us in discussion of where we see the Holy Spirit at work at FPC and what important decisions need to be made
- Approved the “Sanctuary Restoration Project” to continue their preparation with a fundraising launch date of December 1, 2019
- After lengthy discussion over 3 months, including a “town hall” meeting during Sunday School, approved replacing Sunday School Assembly with intentional time of “Welcome and Hospitality” as of August 18, 2019, so that Sunday School can begin at 10:15am – this transition is rooted in our core values of: Welcoming People into the Family of God and Teaching the World of God
- Received an update from Rev. Scoonover about his progress in year 2 of his Doctor of Ministry Studies
- Adjourned with prayer for the needs of our church family and community

The Session will not meet in July. The next stated meeting will be on Monday, August 19 at 6pm.

Proclaiming the Hope of the Gospel in

**FRANCE**

Please continue to pray for our Youth Mission Team and their evangelism trip to France. June 30th through July 20th our youth team will have the opportunity to share the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ with French students who don’t yet know

Him, and that they will be an encouragement to those who do. Continue to pray for unity through Christ that our team will grow together in Him. Pray that the Holy Spirit would allow for greater understanding for His Mission and fill our team with His love for those we meet.

Moment for Missions



“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:26b-28

Each month in this column, the Mission Ministry Team highlights an opportunity for prayer as our church seeks to be “mission-minded” on a local, regional, and global level. This month, we ask for prayer for the Hands of Christ project, both here at First Presbyterian of Moncks Corner and throughout our area. Hands of Christ is now in the supply drive and planning phase, speeding toward our distribution dates on August 6th and 7th. Please keep our customers, volunteers, and leadership team in your prayers this month, as well as our partners from Grace Reformed Episcopal Church. In particular, please pray that the Lord would enable us to serve our customers well and to His glory, that our volunteers would be humble conduits of His grace, and that our customers would be receptive to His good news. Finally, pray that the Lord would help us all to acknowledge that He is our greatest need, whether we’re serving or being served by this ministry.

Hands of Christ Distribution is August 6 and August 7

Serve not because it’s a great program;
rather, serve because our purpose is God’s purpose.
Our hands are an extension of His heart.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Friday, July 26 -- Sunday, July 28



We’re BIG time excited about Vacation Bible School this Summer.

We are welcoming author and speaker, Dr. Sharon Ketcham, to share with us her groundbreaking insights from her new book, *Reciprocal Church*. Here are the details...

Children and Youth will be looking at “The Big God Story.” We’re excited to dig into The Big Plan (Genesis 2-3), the Big Family (Genesis 12, 15), the Big Promise (Matthew 26-28), and the Big Good News (Acts 2).

Adults will take a deep dive into Dr. Ketcham’s *Reciprocal Church* as we seek to become a church where faith flourishes in all ages.

Friday 5:30-8pm—Meal (provided), singing, all ages break out for lesson

Saturday 9am-Late afternoon—We begin with morning lessons at the church for all ages. At lunch time, we will drive out to Somerset for a hamburger and hotdog cook-out lunch, and have the afternoon to play, swim, and fellowship.

*Bring a side for our cook-out lunch.

*Parents are responsible for transportation to Somerset.

Sunday 9:45am-Noon—Extended Sunday school time starting at 9:45am to conclude our curriculum for all ages. One worship service 11am – Dr. Ketcham will preach and the children and youth will share some of what they have been learning. No 9am service.

MOCOREE

retreat center



PYG

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

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

We had a great time! There was a lot of fun, laughter, rain, and excitement! BUT I pray what our youth will remember in years to come is the BUTS in scripture we looked at. We studied the Parable of the Prodigal Son and we had 3 passages that we focused on with very important BUTS. Look them up for yourself and be encouraged! Romans 6:23. Romans 5:8. Luke 15:20.



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

Dear Church Family—I was drawn to FPC some 20 years ago by the Spirit of our Lord and I have been so pleased to be part of this congregation ever since. I want to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls of encouragement and for the visits. I also thank those who brought meals during my recovery. Yes, I am truly blessed to have this church family; you are all so special to me. The prayers (and the beautiful prayer quilt) certainly brought me through all of this. Never forget the power of prayers.

Love, Mike Stasiak

To everyone at FPC: Thank you so much for keeping me and my family in your hearts during the loss of my mother. Your prayers were very much felt! Mom lived almost 96 years, a life filled with joy, love and a family of three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grands. I know she would very much appreciate your care and concern for me and mine! It's an honor and a joy to be included in the FPC family!

Sincerely, Lisa Kelly

Dear Visitation Ministry Ladies, Thank you so much for your card, your prayers, and your kindness and thoughtfulness. This journey has been an experience and a blessing. So many friends, people I do not really know, some I have met—others just heard about my need for prayer! Thank you so much, I am doing better (slow but sure), but by football season the doctor says I will be able to cheer!! May our Lord bless you as He has me and Glenn.

Your friends in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Deanne & Glenn Hughes



- 2 D.J. Harrison
- Nathaniel Murray
- Jerry Stuckey
- 5 Talley Propst
- 6 Haleigh Markham
- 10 Mary Davis
- 12 Owen Murchison
- 13 Kim Matthews
- Rodger Riddle
- 14 Russell M. Brown
- 15 Sawyer Metts
- 19 JoAnn Bryant
- Jay Jordan
- 20 Jennifer Wadford
- Hall Harris
- Cooper Sconover
- 21 Samuel Baruch
- Haven Baty
- James Brewer
- Gina Faas
- Loreli Faas
- Kim Murchison
- 22 Lyndsay Baruch
- 25 Anna Claire Freeman
- Danielle Quick
- Rebecca Quick
- 26 Emma Livingston
- Lydia Murchison
- 27 Tony Dunlap
- 28 Mickey Smith
- 30 Andrew Mims
- 31 Keith Coker
- Donna Davis
- Sofia Ferez

Grass Cutting Season

Please sign up to cut grass at the church. There's a sign up poster in the hallway.

Contact the church office for more information.



2019 Financial Report

	Year to date through 6/26/2019	Annual Budget
Revenue	\$ 208,023	\$ 454,801
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 124,754	\$ 273,321
Operations	\$ 60,125	\$ 106,330
Missions	\$ 11,856	\$ 30,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 8,522	\$ 21,710
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 3,689	\$ 10,610
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,090	\$ 10,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 214,036	\$ 452,271

July Ushers

- 9:00 Ruth Lusk and Don Saturday
- 11:00 Mike Stasiak, Pearl Miller,
Bob & Doris Partlow

July Food Pantry

Grits and Rice

July 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Assembly & Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>1 1:00 Prayers & Squares Ministry</p>	<p>2 10:00 Staff Meeting Youth France Mission Trip Angeline Brock Vacation 6:00 Griefshare</p>	<p>3 11:00 Prayer 6:00 Middle/High Youth 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>7 <i>communion</i> </p>	<p>8 9 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>9 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Grp</p>	<p>10 11:00 Prayer 6:00 Middle/High Youth 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>11 Pastor Timothy Vacation</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
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<p>21</p>	<p>22 6:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>23 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Grp</p>	<p>24 11:00 Prayer 6:00 Middle/High Youth 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>25 6:00 Early Service Worship Team</p>	<p>26 VBS 5:30-8:00</p>	<p>27 VBS 9:00—Until PICNIC</p>
<p>28 VBS 9:45-Noon</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31 11:00 Prayer 6:00 Middle/High Youth 6:15 Choir</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

VBS Picnic at Somerset

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***Bring a side for our cook-out lunch.**

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Wear your flip flops and bring a beach chair for relaxing.



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