

Weekly Worship

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 4
 12:15 Hospitality Training
 Ministry

Monday, August 5
 1:00 Prayers & Squares

Tuesday, August 6
 4:00-7:00 Hands of Christ

Wednesday, August 7
 4:00-6:00 Hands of Christ

Tuesday, August 13
 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 14
 2:00 FPC Finance Meeting
 5:30 SPF Ministry

Monday, August 19
 1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry
 6:00 Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 21
 6:00 3rd Wednesday
 Intergenerational Worship

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A Note From Our Pastor

August 2019

“The Living Word Project”

What a deep and powerful weekend we had for Vacation Bible School! Our children and youth explored God’s Big Story, while our adults were challenged by Dr. Sharon Ketcham to reframe what it means to be the church – moving beyond a mere “service provider” and becoming a dynamic community of faith-forming, reciprocal relationships.

By now you may have heard that there was a reading group, who previewed Sharon’s book before we invited her. The group was a cross-section of elders, youth leadership, parents, and staff. Early on, we knew we wanted to invited Sharon to speak. As we read together, we realized her ideas were prompting us to action. They made us ask – What’s next? How can these ideas come to life at FPC? How could we live into being a Reciprocal Church?

Here’s where the Spirit has led us... we will be launching a new, church-wide project called "The Living Word Project."

“The Living Word Project” will be a journey to digitally record, preserve, and share the stories of First Presbyterian Church. Our youth will be interviewing older generations in our congregation to help us remember what God has done and is doing among us over the past 75 years. The idea is similar to NPR’s “Story Corps,” if you’re familiar.



In Sharon’s book, she describes several practices: Remembering, Contribution, and Mutuality. We believe all three of these practices take root in the project. As we remember our stories, we tether ourselves to God’s story; as youth interview and create, they contribute to the community; we all honor our mutuality, as old and young swap stories. In this way, the Word is lived out in our community. Thus, the name: The Living Word Project.

We’re still exploring how this project will take shape, so be on the lookout for details. We will be forming a team, the youth will draft questions, the team will line up interviews, and then there’s the production side. In the end, our hope is not just to archive stories, but to share the videos in worship as a way for all of us to celebrate the Story of God among us.

If you would like to participate, don’t be bashful! Please contact Timothy or Angeline. We all have a story to tell, we all have gifts to share. Let us know if you’re interested!

In Christ,
 Pastor Timothy

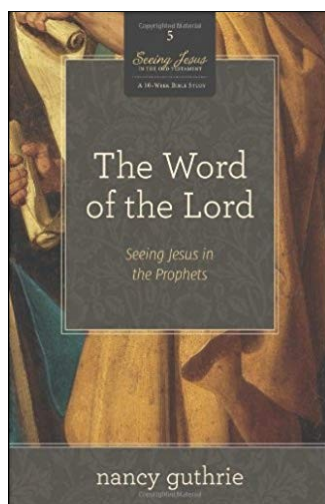
Minutes in a Minute

No July Session meeting. The next Session meeting will be Monday, August 19 at 6pm.



Annual S.T.E.P.S. Event Saturday, August 24th

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery is in its second decade of S.T.E.P.S. This year's event will take place on August 24th at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. This year's theme is "So That the World May Know"... If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life; if you want to learn how to be the church in the 21st century, then there is a workshop for you at this year's event. Workshops and descriptions are in the printed registration brochures on the table in the hallway or online at <http://capresbytery.org/steps-2019/>.



Women's Bible Study

All are welcome to the women's' Bible study, "*The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets*," by Nancy Guthrie. Gain a fresh perspective on the message of the Old Testament prophets, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and much more when you join Nancy on this incredible journey to see Jesus in the Old Testament! This is 10-week study. It doesn't matter if you haven't attended the other studies, they are independent of each other. **We will meet Thursdays at 10:00am starting September 5th**, in the children's wing, across from the Nursery. If enough are interested there will be an evening meeting also.

For more information, please contact Kay Colley 843-209-7345, kay.colley@yahoo.com or Elizabeth Cannon 843-602-5703, elizabeth.smith.cannon@gmail.com.



Blood Drive!

**Tuesday, August 13
1:00-6:00pm**

**The blood you donate
gives someone
another chance at life.**

**Give the gift of life.
Donate Blood**

3rd Wednesday Intergenerational Worship Service

**Join us on Wednesday,
August 21 at 6:30pm.**

**Our entire church—
youth, children,
and adults—
worship with one voice.**

Moment for Missions

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42

LOGOS

Each month in this column, the Mission and Evangelism Ministry Team highlights an opportunity for prayer as our congregation seeks to be more “mission-minded” both locally and globally. LOGOS is part of our children’s ministry. We seek to live out our core values of Welcoming people into the family of God, Teaching the Word of God, and Raising the next generation for God through this ministry. Please be in prayer as the Fall Semester approaches.

WEEK 1

Pray for our Bible study teachers. Pray for the time they spend preparing lessons. Pray for their openness to be taught along the way – may the Spirit lead them, guide them, and teach them. Pray for the relationships they will build with each student.

WEEK 2

Pray for those who will lead the time of games and recreation. For the laughter and bonds that can be built during this time. Pray for those who will lead worship. Pray for the songs that will be sung – the lyrics and may the leaders demonstrate a posture of awe and gratitude to the Lord through their actions as well as their singing.

WEEK 3

Pray for our Dinner Dean and our table parents. Pray for the conversations that can happen around a table. Pray for the games, for circle time where we can see the excitement of each child as they share the scripture they have memorized.

WEEK 4

Pray for the students. Pray for their hearts to be open to hear about and from our Lord. May He write His words on their hearts, and may a desire to know Him grow within them.

Reminder:

NEW FELLOWSHIP TIME

Starting Sunday, August 18 we will have an intentional time of fellowship and hospitality in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9am service lasting until Sunday School at 10:10am.

Core Value:



Welcoming People into the Family of God



²*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'* Matthew 25:21

The above verse comes from the parable of the talents, where our Lord tells a story of a man who goes on a journey and entrusts his affairs to his servants. Upon his return he looks to examine the work of his servants to see how they fared. The first two had taken what was given to them and invested it and traded it to gain more for their master and were rightly commended for their work. The third however, hid his portion and was unable to show any return for what was entrusted to him. The servant was condemned by his master for his fear of the task which led to his incompetence with his master's investment in him. This passage deals with stewardship of what has been given to us by our Lord and reminds us that we will be held accountable for what the Lord places before us.

In 2017 our church's mission team prayed together to seek out more opportunities to serve the Kingdom of God. In response the Lord opened a door for us to gather a team of our youth to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the youth in France. For the past two summers the Lord has been faithful in reaping fruit from our obedience to the work of His hands. The journey has been expensive and the endeavor in some sense seems small in comparison to the cost. At first there was a lot of criticism for the endeavor in terms of expense, availability of who can directly participate, and the after result of the mission. However, for the past two summers despite these rightful questions you have been faithful to obey our Lord in continuing the journey and He has responded with greater fruit from each trip. This summer the Lord ushered into His Kingdom and in relationship to Himself several French youth who come from a context of absolute atheism. The Lord used our team to reveal His goodness and path of redemption to them through relationships and direct evangelism He afforded our young team. This fruit came from not just the obedience of nine youth, but from the whole of our congregation, because these youth and the mission is an extension of us which the Lord granted. Let us praise the Lord for His faithfulness and seek what more He would like for us together!



In the love of Jesus Christ, Joe Yu





We extend Christian sympathy to the Carol Jordan family. Carol passed away on Friday, July 19, 2019.

We extend Christian sympathy to our pastor, Timothy Scoonover, and his family. Timothy's stepfather, Robert "Bob" Bruce Berry, passed away on Monday, July 8, 2019



*Dear Congregation,
Thank you for your compassion toward our family in the loss of my stepdad. We're grateful for the meal, the showering of kind cards, all the hugs, and numerous "check-ins." It's a real gift to be on this "side" of your pastoral care, and I clearly see why we have such a reputation for being a loving church family. Thank you for ministering to us.*

In Christ, Timothy, Ashley, Cooper, and Micah Scoonover

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.



August Ushers

9:00 Jane Williams
Imogene Russell
11:00 Cody and Haven Gooch,
Jerry Stuckey, and
Clisha Weathers



A special thank you to the ladies that come and get the newsletter ready for mailing. They are an awesome team that I can count on each month.
Thank you to Marie Hyman, Diann Hyman, Faye Landis, Pearl Miller, and Doris Partlow.

August Food Pantry

**Pork & Beans
Canned Pasta**

- August**
- 2 Sharon Landis
 - 3 Edward Belken
Marie Hyman
Elizabeth Murray
 - 4 Frederick Thornton
 - 7 Laura Miller
 - 9 Eugene Oliver, Jr.
Maddison Wadford
 - 10 Cindy Orvin
 - 11 Linda Coker
Imogene Russell
 - 12 Libby Cannon
 - 13 Hugh Smith
Jarrid Wood
Barry Jurs
 - 14 Loretta Graham
 - 15 Jennifer Worten
Mike Lucas
 - 16 Karen Bates
Carol Guerry
Sumner Metts
Betty Orvin
Jackson Weathers
 - 17 Shelby Harrelson
 - 18 Eli Matthews
 - 19 Faye Landis
 - 20 Kay Colley
Walker Riddle
 - 21 Cooper Propst
Benjamin Ollic
 - 22 Bobby Espy
Richie Mills
Eve Watson
 - 23 Laura Bash
 - 24 Ben Miller
Mike Baxley
 - 25 Ann Hodges
 - 27 Trace Cusick
 - 28 Nancy Payne
 - 29 Michael Baxley
Sam Brock
Lauren Jackson

2019 Financial Report

	Year to date through	
	<u>7/31/2019</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Revenue	\$ 243,535	\$ 454,801
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 148,851	\$ 273,321
Operations	\$ 68,854	\$ 106,330
Missions	\$ 17,554	\$ 30,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 11,670	\$ 21,710
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 4,866	\$ 10,610
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,923	\$ 10,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 257,718</u>	<u>\$ 452,271</u>

August 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>6 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>7 11:00 Prayer</p>	<p>1 6:00 Early Service Worship Team</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <i>communion</i> 12:15 Hospitality Training Meeting</p>	<p>5 1:00 Prayers & Squares</p>	<p>6 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Youth Curriculum Meeting BLOOD DRIVE 1:00—6:00</p>	<p>7 11:00 Prayer Hands of Christ 4:00—7:00 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>8 6:00 Early Service Worship Team</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18</p>	<p>19 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation 6:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>20 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Missional SmI Grp 6:30 Berkeley Bees</p>	<p>21 11:00 Prayer 6:00 MS & HS 6:15 Choir 6:30 Mid-week Intergenerational Worship Service</p>	<p>22 6:00 Early Service Worship Team</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28 11:00 Prayer 6:00 MS & HS 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>29 6:00 Early Service Worship Team</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



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.

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