

Weekly Worship

Sunday,
The Lord's Day
 9:00am Worship Service
 10:00am Fellowship
 10:15am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan. 6
 1:00 Prayers & Squares

Sunday, Jan 12
 10:40 Congregational Mtg.
 12:15 The Journey

Monday, Jan. 13
 10:00 Circle 1 at the church
 5:30 Circle 2 home
 of Janet Lucas

Wednesday, Jan. 15
 6:30 Intergenerational
 Worship Service

Thursday, Jan. 16
 6:30 Mission Ministry

Monday, Jan. 20
 1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry

Tuesday, Jan. 21
 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive
 6:00 SPF Ministry

Saturday, Jan. 25
 Officers' Retreat and
 College of Elders
 9:00-11:00 Deacons and
 College of Elders
 9:00-1:00 Active Elders

Sunday, Jan. 26
 Ordination and Installation
 Of Officers

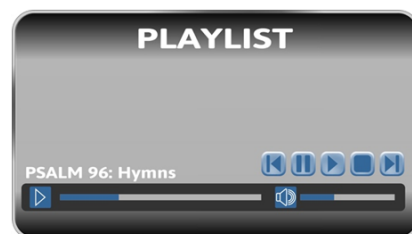
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New Year, New Sermon Series: *January, 2020* **The Psalms - A Playlist**

In our family, every road trip needs a good playlist. The trek always seems to go better when we've got the right tunes to accompany us on the journey. In the past, this required binders full of various CD's. Even further back, it was mixed cassette tapes. And I won't ask for a show-of-hands for those who remember a time before mixed tapes. Now, Spotify and XM radio make the playlist creation so much easier. So, when our car crosses into Tennessee, we simply cue "Rocky Top" or when we're headed to the beach, we jam out with the Beach Boys. This past summer, when we were winding through the mountains to attend my stepdad's funeral, we played worship songs and sang along as the sun set on the Smokies. The comfort of familiar melodies, the richness of the deep, time-tested lyrics made for a memorable, powerful time with God together.



This brings up our journey with Christ. As we seek to follow Jesus, it's good to have a playlist. So, what are the songs and prayers that accompany Christians? I'm glad you asked. **We actually have an ancient playlist.** It's older than mixed tapes, even older than 8-tracks! The Psalms. The people of God have a time-tested hymn book of 150 songs right there in Scripture.

So, every Sunday between now and the beginning of Lent, we will be looking at the Psalms. At its core, this series is a call to prayer. We often describe the Bible as "God's word *to us*;" well, the Psalms serve as "our words *to God*." Through the Psalms we are invited to pray a variety of prayers. God has blessed us with a psalter that touches on every emotion. If our prayers are sincere, they are not always cheerful and upbeat. At times they're raw, fear-filled, or desperate. This Christian playlist covers the range of life's emotion. Over the next two months, we will look at a different category of Psalm each week from this ancient hymn book. Here's our playlist accordingly:

- Hymn (Psalm 96)
- Wisdom Psalm (Psalm 1)
- Community Lament (Psalm 94)
- Song of Trust (Psalm 23) – *Ordination and Installation of Officers*
- Individual Lament (Psalm 77)
- Royal Psalm (Psalm 72)
- Storying Telling Psalm (Psalm 105)
- Penitential Psalm (Psalm 51) – *Ash Wednesday*

Feel free to read ahead each week to prepare for each Sunday. I look forward to exploring these tunes together. My hope is that we will become more familiar with the Psalms, and therefore, more comfortable adding them to our playlists as we journey with Jesus. See you Sunday.
 In Christ, Timothy

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, December 16th your session:

- Called to order with prayer
- Approved the minutes from the November session meeting
- Approved the budget for 2020 (available at through the church office and on-hand at the January 12th Congregational Meeting)
- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 12th for the purpose of approving Rev. Scoonover's Terms of Call for 2020
- Closed in prayer for the needs of our church and community

The next session meeting will be Saturday, January 25th as part of the Officers' Retreat.

Dates to Remember in January

- **Sunday, January 12 at 10:40, Congregational Meeting to approve the terms of call for the pastor.**
- **Saturday, January 25—Officer's Retreat and College of Elders at The Well.**
9:00-11:00 Deacons and College of Elders
9:00-1:00 Active Elders
- **Sunday, January 26 during the 11:00 Worship Service, ordination and installation of new officers.**

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Blood Drive!

**Tuesday, January 21
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,
January 15 at 6:30pm.**

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

Moment for Missions

Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.' Matt. 25:40 CEB

The Mission and Evangelism Team has selected to highlight the Blood Drive. In 2019 a total of 217 pints of blood were donated through the blood drives hosted here. This is a powerful way our church reaches out to our community.

According to Hugh Smith the blood drives were started when two members of our church needed blood transfusions as they battled cancer. *Jack Fleming* was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia in 2004, and *Larry Gause* was also diagnosed with a blood related cancer close to that time. Pastor Sam Cooper, after being approached by family members, asked Hugh if he would take care of getting a blood drive going. Hugh has served for 15 years now and the drive last October was his last to oversee. Doris Partlow has been active with this effort for many years and is now chairman of the committee.

According to the Red Cross, one donation of blood can save up to three lives. Sometimes an individual may need many transfusions in a short time period depending on the situation. Much of the blood that is donated is used for cancer patients since it can help fight the cancer and counter negative side effects of treatment. Then there are those who have lost blood due to injury or illness.

There are so many opportunities to pray when we consider these events. We can offer:

- Prayer and thanksgiving for those who are willing to donate their blood in order to help others who are in need of good health and blessing.
- Prayer for there to be new donors who perhaps never considered giving this gift before.
- Prayer for healing for future recipients of this life-giving blood.
- Prayer for the families of recipients and that they would receive spiritual blessing.
- Prayer for those who give their time and talents to oversee and facilitate the events.
- Prayer for those who volunteer their time during the blood drives.

2019 Christmas Food Bags

We had a successful effort in supplying bags of food for needy families and elderly folks in Berkeley County. Your donations allowed us to fill 126 bags with enough food to last several days for individuals and small families:

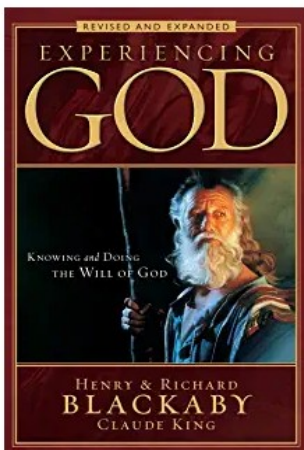
- 25 bags went to Berkeley Seniors (Meals of Wheels recipients)
- 25 bags for Cordesville Baptist
- 30 bags for the Free Clinic in St. Stephen
- 25 bags for Grace Episcopal
- 18 bags for Bethel Baptist in Alvin
- and several bags to local individuals.

In addition to the food, JoAnn Bryant donated enough bags of toiletries for all 126. Joyce Mitchell gave a number of throws for the senior bags and the Prayers and Squares group, particularly Janet Lucas and Marie Bowles, gave almost enough scarves for each bag.

We are trying to extend our outreach into the northern part of Berkeley County that seems to be the greatest need in our local area.

Thank you for your support of this program. Although we receive few direct expressions of thanks, those that distribute the bags tell us that many recipients are teary eyed when they get our gifts. All of us who work on this ministry are grateful that we have the opportunity to serve our community.

Gratefully, Hugh Smith



Women's Bible Study

A Women's Bible Study will start Thursday, January 16 at 10:00 in the children's wing across from the nursery. We will be doing *Experiencing God* by Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King. This is a 13-week study based on the *Experiencing God* book, which has sold millions of copies worldwide. To get the most out of the study, you will want the *Experiencing God* book and workbook. Both are available on Amazon and ebay. Questions or need help getting the books—please contact Kay Colley at 843-209-7345, kay.colley@yahoo.com.

Cormac O'Duffy's 'Una Sancta' Concert with the Rob Taylor Festival Choir and Orchestra February 2nd at 4pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, King Street, Charleston

Tickets for the Charleston Concert and US Premiere of Cormac O'Duffy's song cycle 'Gefangisgedichte' (Prison poems of Fr Max Josef Metzger) at 4pm on Sunday, February 2nd are available on line at <http://www.tmgcharleston.com>. They are also available at the door at the concert venue from 3pm, an hour before the concert. It is planned to have a pre-concert talk about the songs and their meaning as well as the life of Fr Metzger who was martyred for his work for Peace and Christian Unity at approximately 3:30pm.

All from Moncks Corner churches are most cordially invited to join us at St. Matthew's. Cormac O'Duffy is the Director of Music at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church and conducted the world premiere of his work in Germany on November 3 in 2019.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it! Cormac



GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. It is a warm, caring environment that you will find as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief with help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

A new session will start on Tuesday, February 4 and run through April 28. For more information, contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249 or charatkins17@yahoo.com.

If you know someone that is grieving
and could use the support this group can offer, please tell them about GriefShare.

2019 Was A Great Year!

We wrapped up with a Christmas Party and we went to see the Christmas lights.



**We are looking forward
to what 2020 will bring**



**Hot chocolate and
Christmas lights**

- January 8—TEAMEffort Mission/Whitewater Rafting Trip Deposit due**
- January 15—3rd Wednesday Worship Service**
- February—Habitat Work Day (Date/Details to come)**
- February 26—Ash Wednesday Worship Service**
- March 8—Winter Jam (Columbia, SC)**
- Spring Camping Trip Date and Details to come :)**

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*Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy that have come to me from this congregation in the death of my beloved sister, Mildred Elliott. She was a lifelong Presbyterian and Elder. She was also the Librarian for the town of Clover, S.C.*


God Bless You All, Ellen Berry

*Dear Visitation Group,
It is with a heavy heart I write to you today. Bob is nearer to the end of his earthly tumultuous and fierce fight with cancer. Our family has found comfort in your faithful correspondence. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, thoughts and cards. The Prayer Quilt has meant so much to him that I have decided to place it on him in his final resting place. I know he will be covered with love, prayers, and warmth.*

*With Christian Love, Inez and Susan
(Not long after receiving this note, Bob Petracca passed away)*

*Dear Church Family,
Just want to express my sincerest thanks for the many prayers, support, and blessings for Jack and our family. I have a true appreciation for God, my church family and the many others who have prayed and brought meals and provided support.*

Much Love, Jack and Sheryl Gooch



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, January 13 at 9:00 at the church. Contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420.

Circle 2—Monday, January 13 at **5:30** at the home of Janet Lucas, 708 Levee Drive, Moncks Corner, 843-729-3128.



- Birthdays**

 - 4 Claire Wilson
 - 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
 - 21 Doug Bowles
 - 22 Rene Moorer
 - 24 Chris Wilson
 - 25 Adah Brewer
 - Edivania Powell
 - Anna Propst
 - 27 Len Graham
 - Neva Peagler
 - Georgia Spencer
 - 29 Janet Lucas

2019 Financial Report	Year to date through	
	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Revenue	\$ 401,187	\$ 454,801
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 258,002	\$ 273,321
Operations	\$ 106,777	\$ 106,330
Missions	\$ 22,775	\$ 30,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 20,755	\$ 21,710
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 10,069	\$ 10,610
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$ 9,289</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 427,668</u>	<u>\$ 452,271</u>



January Food Pantry
Canned Tuna and Jelly

January Ushers

9:00—Buddy and Pompey Harvey
11:00—Doug & Marie Bowles,
Mike Stasiak, Jerry Stuckey

January 2020

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>		<p>1 New Years Day <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>5 <i>communion</i> </p>	<p>6 1:00 Prayers & Squares</p>	<p>7 9:30 Home School Coop 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 MS & HS 6:15 Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>Angeline Brock Vacation</p>						



Did you know...
a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

FPC Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 21 at the Well
1:00 — 6:00pm

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