

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, February 3

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Sunday, February 9

Sherry Schumann

Guest Preacher

Monday, February 10

10:00 Circle 1 at the church

6:00 Circle 2 home

of Cyndy Britt

Thursday, February 13

6:30 Mission & Evangelism

Ministry

Sunday, February 16

12:15 The Journey

Monday, February 17

1:00 Prayers & Squares

3:00 Visitation Ministry

6:00 Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 iGEN Worship Service

Saturday, February 22

Habitat Workday

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

6:30 Worship Service

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual

Formation

Angeline Brock

Editor

Sally Harvey

A Note From Our Pastor

February, 2020

I'd like to take this space to introduce you to our new officers. As you read over the following bios, please take some time to pray the prayers they offer. *Really, take time to pause and pray the prayers printed here in this Newsletter.* Then I will ask you to continue to pray for their leadership. As we've heard before...a leader's effectiveness in ministry is directly related to their proximity to Jesus. Pray that our leadership stays close to the Good Shepherd.

Class of 2022 Elders and Deacons

David Brown, Elder

What is a favorite Bible verse? John 15:5: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me, you can do nothing."* The Holy Spirit lives within me, and through Jesus Christ (who dwells in me), I can talk to (and be in the presence of) God the Father all the time.

What excites you about serving God? In life, you get back what you give. When we serve the needs of this church and community (both spiritually and physically), we get back far more than we give. It excites me to see God working through us to share His glory in our congregation and beyond.

What is your prayer for our church in 2020? My prayer for our church in 2020, and into eternity is this: "May Jesus Christ be taught and praised through our words and actions, so that every being on earth will have a personal abiding relationship with Christ, right now, and to the end of time."

Gene Williams, Elder

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? *"That I can do all things in Christ which strengthens me."* This gives me the confidence to try harder to be his faithful disciple knowing that the Holy Spirit is there with me.

What most excites you about serving God? We have such a loving and caring church with unlimited talented members. It excites me to realize how helpful and effective that we can be in furthering our Father's kingdom. Our potential is unlimited and the opportunities are limitless. And we are most fortunate to have Timothy as our leader.

What is your prayer for our church in 2020? That we will be a beacon in our community for showing love, compassion, and concern for all our neighbors. I pray that we will give full support to Timothy.

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

Suzie Wilson, Elder

What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Psalm 46:10: *“Be still and know that I am God.”* How do you have a relationship with anyone? You must be still, or clearly present, and listen. When you lay aside all other things God is a gracious teacher.

What most excites you about serving God? Serving our church is exciting and humbling. Serving is exciting because I will work with people I have grown to love and respect and grow to know others better and deepen those relationships, all while serving God; I’m actually giddy. I can’t wait to see where it leads as God is full of surprises. Serving is humbling because to serve is to make yourself vulnerable. To express yourself, taking on responsibility is to open yourself to criticism and the possibility of missing the mark.

What is your prayer for our church in 2020? There are many prayers I have for this church. I pray we do God’s will, and we use the truth he provided us in the Bible with wisdom, that we equip our youth with enough truth, love and light to have an unshakable faith, and we not grow weary bearing each other’s burdens and loving one another.

Sam Brock, Deacon

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? Romans 5:3-5: *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.* Because no matter how rough the situation, we can know that there is hope because God loves us. Deeply plowed people have a lot of experience, strength, and hope to offer...just as deeply plowed earth yields plentiful bounty.

What excites you most about serving God? Growth for myself and those around me.

What is your prayer for our church in 2020? That we may continue to see new faces coming to worship and to experience the love of Christ. That we are able to see the many wonderful talents, giftings, and attributes of those around us so that we might utilize them for the glory of God.

Len Graham, Deacon

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? Proverbs 12:25 NLT: *Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.* Encouraging words of love from my church family every Sunday cheers me up and lets me know that Jesus is going to pull me through.

What excites you most about serving God? I’m excited to serve God to get to know Jesus more and more and to love him with all my heart.

What is your prayer for our church in 2020? My prayer is for our church to let more people know what finding Jesus can do for their lives.

Shelly Rucker, Deacon

What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Matthew 6:31-34: *So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.* This is one of my favorite because God is telling us that by worrying, we are not putting our faith in Him. Rather, we should seek Him, and he will take care of us. I find this to be comforting in a time when we can find so much to worry about. God’s plan for us is so much better than anything we could plan for ourselves.

What most excites you about serving God? I am excited to grow in my faith and develop relationships with others as I serve God.

What is your prayer for our church in 2020? My prayer for our church is that God directs us in ways that are following his plan. I pray that we are filled with the desire to do more for our community, the world around us, and for one another. I also pray that when people enter our church they feel the love of Christ all around them.

Minutes in a Minute

On Saturday, January 25th the Session of First Presbyterian Church met as part of our Annual Officers' Retreat and:

- Opened with prayer and signing of our "Covenant Agreement" for community life and conduct as a Session
- Approved minutes from the December 16 Session meeting and the January 12 Congregational Meeting
- Approved Communion for the first Sunday of every month in 2020 and for Christmas Eve
- Elected Marie Bowles to serve as Clerk of the Session
- Elected Don Bryant to serve as Treasurer
- Elected Rin Page to serve as our commissioner to the February Presbytery Meeting
- Elected Eric Buitenhuis to serve as a standing alternate commissioner Presbytery Meetings for 2020
- Received Ministry Team Assignments
- Closed with prayer for pastoral needs of our community

The next session meeting will be Monday, February 18 at 6pm.

FPC is delighted to welcome guest speaker - Sherry Schumann Join us at 9am and 11am for worship, Sunday, February 9

Sherry and her husband live in a small, rural town outside of Charleston, South Carolina. They treasure spending time with their three grown sons, three daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren. Sherry serves as the Prayer Director for Christian Grandparenting Network, where she has the joy of encouraging grandparents around the world to pray daily for their children and grandchildren. She serves on staff at the South Carolina GrandCamp. Sherry recently released *Prayers that Stir the Hearts of Grandparents*. In addition, she wrote a novel entitled *The Christmas Bracelet*. A journey from grief to redemption, it makes readers laugh and cry, sometimes simultaneously. Sherry invites you to visit her website as www.sherryschumann.com.



Ash Wednesday Service February 26th at 6:30pm A time of reflection, repentance, and renewal



One of our Core Values is "Raising the Next Generation for God." One way our elders are seeking to embody that core value is through our periodic mid-week worship services.

These are worship opportunities for the **ENTIRE congregation** which we have scheduled at peak times that our youth and children are on our church campus. **The goal is to have intergenerational worship – a fuller expression of the body of Christ.** Childcare will be provided for children 5 years old and younger.



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 with a workshop on Saturday, February 1 at 10:00am, Loss Of A Spouse. Then every Tuesday, February 4 and run through April 28. (You do not have to attend the workshop to attend the weekly meetings.) For more information, contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249 or charatkins17@yahoo.com.

If you know someone that is grieving, please tell them about GriefShare.

Moment for Missions

For 30 years, Habitat for Humanity of Berkeley County has built strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Since our founding in 1990 in response to the damage of Hurricane Hugo, Berkeley Habitat has built 40 homes, performed over 20 critical repairs and has enriched the lives of thousands of families through our neighborhood revitalization initiatives.



Building homes, changing lives; none of what we've accomplished would have been possible without the support we have received from our generous donors, devoted volunteers, and partner homeowners. We are so thankful for every donation, every ReStore purchase, and every hour of volunteer time invested.

Pray During February for Berkeley Habitat:

February 2: Pray for the staff and leadership of Habitat. From the director to the volunteer coordinator and everyone in-between – pray for teamwork, unity, and common vision as they seek to serve.

February 9: Pray for volunteers. Pray for those who are the hands and feet, those who have skill and give of their time and talents.

February 16: Pray for Thrivent and partnering churches, businesses, and individuals who give financially. Give thanks to the Lord for those who see the need in Berkeley County and the good Habitat is doing. Give thanks that they see and they partner to help meet that need.

February 23: Pray for the Evans family. Pray for the work they will contribute to their new home. Pray the gift they receive in this home would be an extension of Christ's love and compassion.

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Habitat for Humanity of Berkeley County and Thrivent have partnered together!
Now they are asking local churches to help make a difference for the Evans Family.**

We can help in three ways:

We can Pray!

We can Give! - February 16th and February 23rd – Special Henry Bonner Offering

We can Volunteer! February 22nd – Work Day



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IIGEN

(INTERGENERATIONAL)

WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 19, 2020 | 6:30PM



Remember Your Neighbor

Purpose of This Diverse Worship Night

- Encourage the Marginalized
- Remember the Challenges
 - Celebrate God's Work
 - Call us to unity

*Dear First Presbyterian Church:
Thank you all for your recent Christmas food box donations which were given out to some of our most needy homebound senior clients. Your donations really made a huge impact and were greatly appreciated.*

Sincerely, Tonya Adams, Executive Director, Berkeley Seniors, Inc.

It's that time again. A donation box for the Teens and Up Closet will be placed soon outside the church office for collections.

On a cold, windy, rainy day soon, when you and family are stuck inside, please consider going through your closets. Donate used items in good condition in teenager and adult sizes.

Don't forget that Hands for Christ is also in need of children's sizes.

Thank you for your generosity in past years. If you have any questions, please contact Neva Peagler, Teens and Up Committee.

Clothing Donation



February

- 1 Ansley Riddle
- 2 Sarah Schumann
Martee Fansher
- 5 Carter Propst
Waites Wilson
- 7 Ashley Scoonover
- 8 Charlene Atkins
Deanna Riddle
Jackie Keene
- 9 Sarah Brown
Zach Simmons
- 10 Ginny Umphlett
- 11 Mike Holcombe
- 13 Cory Knight
- 15 Machelle Scott
T. Williams
- 16 Bill Britt
Jay Jackson
Clisha Weathers
- 17 Anna Brown
Robbie Robinson
- 18 Sister Beaty
- 23 Susan Cook
- 24 Jack Fleming
Anna Murchison
- 27 Bill Brinson
Colin Murchison
- 29 Angeline Brock

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, February 10 at 9:00 at the church.
Contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420.

Circle 2—Monday, February 10 at 6:00 at the home of
Cyndy Britt, 1693 Old Whitesville Rd., MC, 843-899-7714.



2019 Financial Report



| | Year to date through | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | 12/31/2019 | Annual Budget |
| Revenue | \$ 409,827 | \$ 454,801 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Personnel | \$ 258,093 | \$ 273,321 |
| Operations | \$ 107,703 | \$ 106,330 |
| Missions | \$ 27,775 | \$ 30,300 |
| Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care | \$ 21,295 | \$ 21,710 |
| Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship | \$ 10,243 | \$ 10,610 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 9,289 | \$ 10,000 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 429,399 | \$ 452,271 |

February Ushers

- 9:00—Sam Brock and David Harris
- 11:00—Eric & Kyndra Buitenhuis
Ken Fansher & Addie Rucker

February Food Pantry Canned Rice and Oatmeal

February 2020 First Presbyterian Church

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| Every Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship | | | | | | <i>1</i> 10:00-12:00 Loss of a Spouse Workshop |
| <i>2</i> communion  | <i>3</i> 1:00 Prayers & Squares | <i>4</i> 9:30 Home School Coop 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare | <i>5</i> 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 MS & HS 6:15 Choir | <i>6</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> |
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| <i>16</i> Henry Bonner Offering 12:15 Journey | <i>17</i> 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting | <i>18</i> 9:30 Home School Coop 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare | <i>19</i> 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:30 LOGOS | <i>20</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study | <i>21</i> | <i>22</i> Habitat Workday |
| <i>23</i> Pastor Timothy Henry Bonner Offering | <i>24</i> 6:00 Session Meeting | <i>25</i> 9:30 Home School Coop 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Small Group 6:00 Griefshare | <i>26</i> Ash Wednesday 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 MS&HS 6:30 Ash Wed. Service | <i>27</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study | <i>28</i> | <i>29</i> Presbytery Meeting |
| Sally Vacation | | | | | | |
| Pastor Timothy—Guest Speaker at a Mens Retreat in Texas | | | | | | |



Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church

145 West End Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Dear First Presbyterian Friends:

The Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church Family cordially invite you to worship with us in our Rededication Service to be held **Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your expression of love, encouragement and support during our journey of challenge. Come fellowship with us as we worship and praise our Most High God.

Yours in Christ.

Rev. George McCray and The Nazareth Church Family

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