

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday,
The Lord's Day
9:00

Worship Service Outside
on the Church Lawn and
Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video
Available

Starting Sunday, Oct. 11,
we will also have a
Worship Service at 11:30
in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Monday, Oct 5

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Tuesday, Oct. 6

6:00 GriefShare

Sunday, Oct. 11

11:30 Worship in
the sanctuary

Tuesday, Oct. 13

1:00-6:00 Blood Dive
6:00 GriefShare

Monday, Oct. 19

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

Tuesday, Oct. 20

6:00 GriefShare

Sunday, Oct. 25

Stewardship Dedication

Tuesday, Oct. 27

6:00 GriefShare

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A word from the Stewardship, Personnel, and Finance Ministry Team

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)*

Brothers and Sisters,

Let's take a moment to rejoice about our church's Restoration Project. You'll recall about this time last year, we presented a plan to replace the Sanctuary windows, Sanctuary carpet, and the flooring in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. The budget to perform this work totaled about \$100,000, and we began to raise those funds.

To date, we have completed all of these projects as well as adding the following:

- Repaired water damage to ceiling in sanctuary and completely repainted the entire sanctuary
- Removed faded endcaps from pews and had them professionally refinished
- Repainted the Narthex and Foyer
- Repainted the Fellowship Hall
- Replaced flooring in the hallway through the children's Sunday school wing

Even after adding the above, the total amount we have spent is \$87,338. While we haven't yet received all of the funds that were pledged to the project, we have roughly \$4,402 remaining in the restoration fund after all expenses incurred to date. This money can be used toward projects like replacing the flooring in the rooms along the children's hallway and/or placing the same flooring in the opposing carpeted hallway once the remaining pledges are in.

We can't talk about the Restoration Project without mentioning God's timing. Certainly God didn't plan the pandemic just for our church, but what great timing! Think about it! We had just raised all the funds we needed to restore our church – then the pandemic forced us to shut everything down, and then hold services outside. While we all wish we could be worshipping inside, this was the ideal opportunity to do all the work we had just gathered the funding for, and because we didn't have to work around the services and daily life in the church, we were able to accomplish what we planned and more with the funds that were gathered. If anyone has ever lived through a major home renovation, you can appreciate how much it impacts you when you are living in your home. Paul said we should give thanks in everything, and we are thankful that if we had to shut our church down for a pandemic, it couldn't have come at a better time. God has a plan for everything! Thanks to all who have given to and worked on the Restoration Project.

Now it is time to turn our attention to 2021, and our Stewardship plans for next year. COVID-19 was certainly not something any of us planned for this year. We were facing a lot of financial uncertainty earlier this year, not knowing how this pandemic would affect our congregation's ability to fulfill their pledges, and not knowing what our services would look like or how the changes would impact other offerings that go to help us cover our budgeted expenses. But we trusted God. Intentionally. Our income is covering our expenses this year, and we are hopeful that trend will continue through the remainder of 2020.

We don't know what 2021 will bring us, but we do know that we will continue to have the

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operating expenses that it takes to run a church. Our budget for 2020 is \$450,000. Here is a breakdown of where your money went in 2020:

Salaries (Pastor& Staff)	60%
Operating Expenses (Utilities, Mortgage, Supplies, Maintenance)	25%
Missions	7%
Education, Nurture, and Pastoral Care	5%
Worship, Evangelism, and Fellowship	2%
Presbytery	2%

Our church’s expenses are similar to what each of you face when running a household, and the pandemic has not changed many of those expenses. The majority of our expenses are for salaries, and for running our “household”, and not much can be done to reduce those costs. It is important that we continue and even increase our pledges. Our goal is to expand our ability to serve others within our church, but primarily outside of our church in the missions area. Our missions budget has been cut from 38,000 in 2017 to \$26,000 in 2020. **Our challenge to you is to increase pledges enough to give 10% of our income to missions every year.**

As we begin the 2021 Stewardship season, please thoughtfully consider what you and your family can pledge to give to support the church next year. Your generous contributions have allowed us to restore our church, and we can’t wait to be able to worship inside again. Please continue your generous support as you fill out the attached pledge card for 2021. If you prefer, just call or email the church office to designate your pledge for 2021.

Once you’ve made your pledge, please consider setting up your giving on-line. We don’t believe in coincidences, so when God challenged us to set up on-line giving late last year, He was preparing us for the new normal that we live in today, where so much of what we do is virtual. If you haven’t yet, the SPF encourages you to check out how easy it is to give your pledges and offerings on line! You can even designate them to go to a particular fund if you wish. Go to the Church’s website and look for Giving, or download the Breeze App and set up your account for First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner. You can also call Lisa Kelly at the church, and she will show you how easy and safe it is to donate on-line.

Thank you all for your generous support this year, and God bless you all as we move into 2021.

In the love of Jesus Christ the Stewardship, Personnel, and Finance Ministry Team

Save the Date
Traditional Worship Service
Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11:30am

We will resume in-person, indoor, traditional worship in the newly restored sanctuary.

We are asking that you wear a mask and social distance.

The 9am service will continue as it has: on the lawn and will be recorded.

Please note the time for the traditional service is at **11:30am.**

This allows both the time to pack up the 9am equipment and time for deeper formation during Sunday school.



First Presbyterian Church 2021 Annual Pledge Card

In gratitude for God's blessings to me, and of my place within the Church of Jesus Christ, I make the following pledge in financial support of the life and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

\$ _____ annually, for the 2021 General Budget.

\$ _____ other _____

Name: _____

By pledging to return to God what He has given to us to support the work of His church, we are demonstrating our faith and trust in God.

Stewardship Pledge Card

Attached is a pledge card for 2021 and an envelope to insert your pledge. Please fill out the card, make sure you include your name and your pledge. Place your card in the offering plate or mail to the church. You can also call Sally at 843-761-8469 and she will fill out a pledge card for you. Cards need to be at the church by Sunday, October 25 for dedication. You can also leave them on Sally's desk. Cards will be available at the church. If you have any questions, give Sally a call at 843-761-8469.

Dedication Sunday, October 25

Pledge cards are attached and also available at the church. Please complete one for yourself or your family and return them to the church for Dedication Sunday, Oct. 25.

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

Minutes in a Minute

On Wednesday, September 16 the Session of First Presbyterian Church conducted a Special Meeting:

- We opened with prayer led by Pastor Timothy.
- We approved and authorized a sub-committee to put together a plan for hosting the Berkeley High School football breakfast in accordance with the church's COVID-19 Return to Worship Plan and BCSD district policy. The committee was given authority to draft and execute a plan on behalf of the session. This committee consists of Don Cribb, Rick Ollic, Angeline Brock, Chris Wilson, and a representative from BHS or BCSD.
- We adjourned with prayer.

On Monday, September 21, the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with silence and prayer.
- Reported on the results from the "Pain Point and Church Charism Survey" individually conducted by each elder with 3-5 non-church members in the community. This listening exercise is intended to help us grow our capacity to listen to the needs of our community and discern how our church might respond.
- Received feedback from Sunday School Classes about steps toward our "Return to In-Person Worship" plan.
- Voted to move to Phase 3 (see opposite page) of our "Return to In-Person Worship Plan" and updated the room capacity of the plan (11 for the BASIC room, Library, and Pearl Leland room)
- Set a date of Sunday, October 11 to resume Sunday worship in the sanctuary at 11:30am. This time will allow for transition from the 9am service (which will remain outside) and accommodate the time needed for deeper spiritual formation taking place during Sunday School.
- Received reports from the Stewardship, Personnel, and Finance Team (pledge dedication Sunday will be October 25), Restoration Project Team (see details in front page article), Hospitality Team (Elder Gene Williams provided an updated Visitor's List), and Pastoral Care.
- Received the report from the Pastor (including vacation request) and began the conversation concerning his Summer 2021 Sabbatical. Elder Gene Williams agreed to serve on the Sabbatical Planning Team (which will include approval of the Pastor's Spiritual Renewal plans and the coverage for the congregation in his absence).
- Adjourned the meeting with prayer by Elder Rin Page.

Our next Session meeting will be at 6pm on Monday, October 19.

Help Gray Fight for Recovery

A GoFundMe page has been set up for Gray Livingston. If you would like to help, go to **GoFundMe Gray Livingston**. Gray was in a horrific car accident and has first, second and third degree burns over 36% of his body. He is undergoing surgeries to remove dead tissue, graft on new skin, and repair his severely damaged left foot. Through this, Gray has kept an amazing positive attitude. His parents, Jo and Jimmy, have praised God for sparing him, putting him in capable hands, and according to them, they will continue to give God all the glory; no matter what. Please continue to pray for Gray and his family.



Old Car Ministry

Are you thinking of trading in your old car? Please consider letting David Brown know, because he likes to buy them, fix them up, shine them up, and give them (or sell at or below cost) to someone as a blessing. So, when the dealer has made you an offer, please give David the opportunity to buy it from you instead. David can be reached at (843) 834-8642 or fiddindave@gmail.com

	Phase 1	Phase 2 (Begins June 1)	Phase 3 (Begins Oct. 11)	Phase 4 (TBD)
Worship Service	Live-streamed on Facebook	Live-streamed on Facebook <u>9am worship services on the lawn (with precautions) starting July 5</u>	Special services on the lawn (with precautions) at 9:00am Live-streamed on Facebook Sanctuary (with precautions) Masks Required at 11:30 Service	Normal Live-streamed on Facebook
Social Distancing	6 ft apart - common areas, meeting areas, offices; No congregating	6 ft apart - common areas, meeting areas, offices	6 ft apart - common areas, meeting areas, offices, sanctuary	Normal
In-person Meetings	Only when necessary; strict room capacity limits	Use social distancing and room capacity limits	Use social distancing and room capacity limits	Normal
Facial Coverings	Strongly encouraged except when alone in office or room. Optional but recommended when outside around others.	Strongly encouraged except when alone in office or room. Optional but recommended when outside around others.	Strongly encouraged except when alone in office or room. Optional but recommended when outside around others.	Optional
Cleaning Procedures	Extra cleaning of common areas. Staff should sanitize office equipment after each use.	Extra cleaning of common areas. Staff should sanitize office equipment after each use.	Extra cleaning of common areas including sanctuary. Staff should sanitize office equipment after each use.	Normal
Meeting Rooms/ Areas	Church facilities are closed except for church business.	Wash hands before use; sanitize area and equipment after use. Small rooms not available for meetings or congregating. Rooms available for necessary meetings (limited capacity): Sanctuary (30) Fellowship hall (20) Library (4) Gym (20) Well Foyer (6) Well Gameroom (6) Well Meeting Room (6) Cook Shed (6)	Wash hands before use; sanitize area and equipment after use. Small rooms not available for meetings or congregating. Rooms available for necessary meetings (limited capacity): Sanctuary (90) Fellowship hall (75) Library (11) Gym (75) Well Foyer (8) Well Gameroom (8) Well Meeting Room (8) Cook Shed (10) Basic Room (11) Pearl Leland Room (11) Kids 3rd - 5th Grade Room (6)	Normal
Childcare	No childcare.	No childcare.	No childcare.	Normal
Sacraments	Zoom communion.	<u>Communion on the Lawn (Bring your own elements)</u>	Special Services on Lawn Communion in Sanctuary (w/ precautions)	Normal

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family, thank you for the memorial gift you sent to Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church in West Columbia, SC in memory of Fran's father, William "Billy" Phipps. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and the prayers lifted up for us during this sad time.

Love, Rick, Fran, Mark, Stephanie, and Julia Johnson



It's a Baby Girl—Congratulations to Cooper and Anna Propst on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Propst. Caroline was born on Tuesday, September 15. Welcome to our family little one.



It's a Baby Boy—Congratulations to Thomas "T" and Christy Williams on the birth of their son, Camden Thomas Williams. Camden was born on Monday, September 7. Welcome to our family little one.



Thank you to Pearl Miller, Bob Partlow and Doris Partlow for being so dependable each month and assembling the newsletter. This month was especially appreciated with the addition of the pledge cards and envelopes. They are the behind the scene workers that make it happen.

Upper Room Devotionals are available for you under the church carport in a plastic box for easy pickup.

Bulletins in a Box Sunday Bulletins are placed in a plastic box under the carport for your convenience each Friday.

- October**
- 2 Philip Mims
Jean Hodges
 - 3 Delilah Faas
 - 4 Sandy Fairman
Kayla Soderberg
 - 5 Nancy Holcombe
 - 7 LaNelle Riley
Emma Shuler
Ethan Shuler
Emma Williams
 - 8 Deneene Guerry
 - 8 Connor Thornton
 - 13 Timothy Scoonover
 - 15 Becky Devereux
Kim Mims
 - 16 Diane Baughn
 - 17 Kim Brewer
 - 18 Beezie Fleming
 - 20 Peggy Bennett
 - 22 Sarah Cribb
 - 23 Pamela Williams
Grant Lusk
 - 24 Laurie Carter
William Murray
 - 26 Richard Keene
Mark Tucker

Commitment Report	Budget for 2020	\$450,820.00
	<u>Sept. 27, 2020</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 5,249.40	\$275,591.30
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,669.61	\$338,114.80

Offering – Please continue your generous response to God's grace by giving financially even though we are not meeting in person. You can **mail** in your tithe or offering to the church office or call Sally at the church and arrange for a time to give it to her. This is a great time to explore our **online giving options**. Go to First Presbyterian's website by visiting the Giving page at firstpcmonckscorner.org/giving/ or you can log in directly to Breeze at firstpresbymc.breezechms.com. Create an account or sign in.

October 2020 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 9:00 Worship Service Outside on the Church Lawn and Live Stream</p>	<p>5 1:00 Prayers & Squares</p>	<p>6 8:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>7 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>1 3</p>	<p>2 7:30—8:30 BHS Football Bkfst</p>	
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<p>25 DEDICATION SUNDAY 9:00 Worship Service on the Church Lawn and Live Stream 11:30 Worship Service in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>26 6:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>27 8:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>22 29</p>	<p>23 7:30—8:30 BHS Football Bkfst</p>	<p>24 31</p>

The Story: Cultivate

Sermon Study
“A Deep-Dive into Genesis”

Genesis

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