

# Creed and Deed

# A publication of First Presbyterian Church

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### 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

Worship Service 11:00 in the Sanctuary

### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, Nov. 1 2:00 New Officer Training

Monday, Nov. 2 1:00 Prayers & Squares

Tuesday, Nov. 3 6:00 GriefShare

Sunday, Nov. 8 2:00 New Officer Training

Sunday, Nov. 15 Shoebox Dedication

Monday, Nov. 16 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 5:00 Session Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 18 6:00—8:00 Movie on the Lawn The Biggest Little Farm

**Saturday, Nov. 21** 10:00 Community Prayer

Sunday, Nov. 22 Guest Preacher Valentine Williams

Pastor
Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual Formation Angeline Brock

> Editor Sally Harvey

## A Note From Out Pastor

Take a moment to read the following passage from Paul's letter to the church in Rome:

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. (Romans 12:3-6)

This is a theme you're probably familiar with – the Body of Christ. I can remember when I was in Sunday School as a child, tracing the outline of my friend laying on big piece of newsprint rolled out on the floor. Then, the teacher invited us to color in the body making note of which part of the "body" we identified with. My talkative friend blurts out, "I'm the mouth!" We all laughed in confirmation. Another classmate, "I'm the arms and legs because I'm good at sports." One friend, shyly questions, "I don't know what I am?" and we encourage her, "You're the ears; you're such a good listener." I'm sure you can imagine the exchange, you might have even had a similar exchange over this passage. Why does this stick with us? Why did it stick with me all these years? Because there's something deep and eternal that God has woven into his good creation. God has stamped the beauty of unity in diversity into life. We are many—gifted in different ways. Yet, we are one—united in purpose. Diverse functions. One body.

### So... JOIN US FOR A MOVIE ON THE LAWN!

We're going to watch *The Biggest Little Farm* on the church lawn on Wednesday, November 18. This 90-minute documentary explores the unity in diversity of a traditional farm. By telling the journey from parched land to thriving farm, this film looks at Apricot Lane Farm as an illustration of "biodiversity"—when each part functions the whole farm thrives. We'll follow-up with an intergenerational conversa-



tion about how God has designed the church much the same way... everything must be contributing for our greatest health.

So, bring lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks. We'll provide a fire or two for warmth... and maybe s'mores.

We'll start at 6:00pm. It will be fun for the whole family.

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

# Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, October 19, the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with silence and devotion from Matthew 4 Jesus' use of disruption for our formation
- Approved minutes from September 16 and 21 Session meetings
- Passed a resolution of gratitude for Don Bryant's faithful service as Church Treasurer; Gene Williams offered a prayer of thanks
- Elected Eugene Oliver as the new Treasurer for the remainder of 2020
- After discussion of our experiment with traditional worship beginning at 11:30am on Sundays, unanimously approved to return to 11am for the traditional service; 9am will stay outdoors
- Agreed to table the "Pain Point and Church Charism Survey" discussion to a later time
- Received report from the Restoration Project: all initial campaign work complete, remaining resources may be used to update flooring in the west wing
- Authorized Rick Ollic to sign on the church's behalf to clear out town drainage ditch
- Received update from Rev. Scoonover's Sabbatical Planning Team; There will be no need to increase Rev. Scoonover's annual Continuing Education budget for the sabbatical; However, Elder Gene Williams is working with the presbytery to determine the cost related to interim coverage in his absence
- Received reports from the Stewardship, Personnel, and Finance Team (pledge dedication Sunday was October 25), Hospitality Team (Elder Gene Williams provided an updated Visitors List), Butterfly Ministry (reaching out to young adults), and Pastoral Care
- Received update and information on Elders Don Cribb and Rin Page's completion of a
  Missional Communities Webinar; We discussed the western church's struggle in the areas of
  deep discipleship and mission engagement
- Adjourned the meeting with prayer by Elder Rick Ollic Our next Session meeting will be at 5pm on Monday, November 16.



The Berkeley Ministerial Alliance and Moncks Corner Police Department are partnering for a Community Prayer.

Come join us for prayer!

When: 10am Saturday, November 21

Where: The Farmer's Market Pavilion

Offering – Please continue your generous response to God's grace by giving financially. You can <u>mail</u> in your tithe or offering to the church office or place in the offering plate. You can also come by the church and give it to Sally. This is a great time to explore our <u>online giving</u> <u>options</u>. Go to First Presbyterian's website by visiting the Giving page at

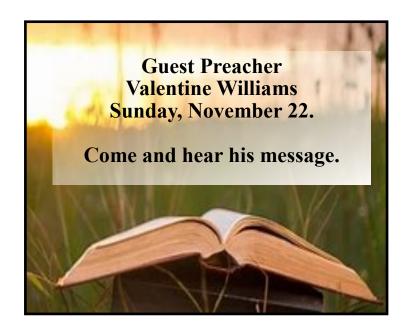
firstpcmonckscorner.org/giving/ or you can log in directly to Breeze at firstpresbymc.breezechms.com. Create an account or sign in.



Last year, due to the kindness and generosity of this congregation, we were able to furnish over 130 bags of food. Each bag contained enough food for several days. We are hoping to exceed last year's total. This year the need is greater due to the Covid pandemic. If, after your

church pledge, you can donate for this, we and the recipients would appreciate it. Please contact Jerry Stuckey or me with your gift.

Gratefully, Hugh Smith



Our Mission:

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



# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication is Sunday, November 15

Our church has been collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child for many years. We have many ways to express our feeling for missions, now, but we still include these Christmas gifts as one way to reach children and whole families who have never heard the gospel. This is a very meaningful way for our children to learn how to express God's love for all the world.

Katie Garrett, missionary in Senegal, has provided some advice about shoeboxes from what she has experienced.

Great Gifts: jump ropes, band-aids, hair elastics or head bands for girls, marbles, harmonica, a simple watch for older kids, a solar calculator for older kids, sunglasses for older kids, socks; youngest girls, a baby doll with light brown skin and no hair, toy car, truck or airplane for young boys. (The ones with bigger wheels that are made for toddlers and are larger than Matchbox size are good. Matchbox wheels are so small, they don't work well in dirt.)

Best Gifts: soccer balls or any ball, small flashlight with batteries, soap AND a plastic soap dish that has a cover, toothbrush in a tooth brush holder, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, and sharpeners for all aged children, good quality pens for ages 10-14 in black, red, green, and blue (the pens from America last much longer).

# $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{This year--} \underline{\textbf{NO}} \ \textbf{CANDY AND } \underline{\textbf{NO}} \\ \hline \textbf{TOOTHPASTE} \end{array}$

Have your boxes here by Sunday, Nov. 15 Leaflets and more materials will be here soon. For more information, Samaritan's Purse is on Facebook.

# **Happenings in November**

**2021 Pledge Cards** — Dedication Sunday for 2021 pledges was Sunday, November 23. If you missed the dedication, we still need your pledges. You can mail them to the church, drop in the offering plate on Sunday or leave on Sally's desk.

Pledge cards are available at the church. If you have any questions, give Sally a call at 843-761-8469.

Food Pantry—Thank you, congregation, for being so generous and faithful with supporting the food closet. During the Covid Pandemic we still have been giving out food boxes as needed. Now that school is in session again, the food is going out a bit

faster. Any non-perishable food items that you bring in will be gratefully accepted. If you wish to make a monetary donation, we can do the shopping for you. There truly is a great need in our community and anything you can contribute will be appreciated.

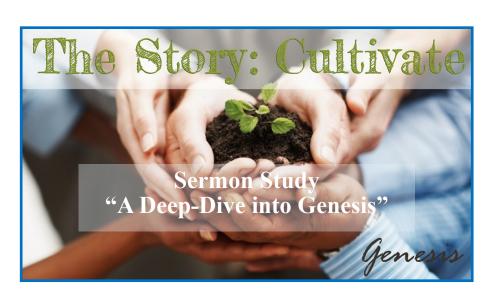
In the Love of Christ, Doris Partlow

Teens and Up Closet—The Teens and Up Closet Committee would like to thank you for all of the nice clothes y'all brought to the church this past year. We went through all the clothing and saved some items for teenage sizes. The bulk of the rest of the clothing was donated to "Changed Lives Ministry Thrift Shop" here in Moncks Corner. Some was given to the Kidney Foundation. We are not receiving any clothing at this time, but we are in need of three sturdy clothes racks. If you have one to donate, please bring it and you can place it in the Carrie Knight Prayers and Squares room. As always, we are in prayer for this request.

Sincerely, The Committee

Women's Bible Study—It's time to start our bible studies again. We're having a Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00am starting on November 5. All women of the church are invited. We will be studying the book of James using John MacArthur's Study Guide. For more information or how to get your book, call Kay Colley at 843-209-7345. Come join us for some fellowship, discussion, and learning.

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 fiddlindave@gmail.com.





# Middle School and High School Youth

# The youth are at it again......

When it was time for the last details before returning to In-person Worship, Hugh Smith invited the youth to help. They bolted down the pews.

When the Elders approved our Fellowship Hall to be the space to continue our partnership and ministry with the Berkeley High Football Team, the youth stepped up. They put up tables and set out chairs each Wednesday so they and their teammates can hear a devotion Friday morning while eating breakfast.

We've also had fun. We visited the West Farm Corn Maze, and we continue to gather each week for fun, fellowship, and learning what it looks like to follow Christ.



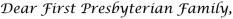
Our Mission: Making disciples of the next generation who reach UP to God, IN to one another, and OUT to the world!

We extend Christian Sympathy to the following families:

The family of Machelle Spence-Scott. Machelle passed away on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Ben Miller and his family. Ben's father, Rev. Dr. John Miller, Sr, passed away on Monday, October 5.

JoAnn Bryant and family. JoAnn's beloved husband, Don H. Bryant passed away on Tuesday, October 6.



Thank you so much for all the ways in which you have shown love to our family, especially since Don's death. Everyone has been so loving and supporting in so many ways: the beautiful service, the dinner committee, visits, calls and cards. You have made sad situation into a joyful celebration and we thank you for this and for your continued concern.

With love from JoAnn, Donna, Will, Bryant and Mary

### Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt! Also, for all of the prayers, calls, texts, and food. We are so thankful to have you all during this difficult time.

Love, Jane Ussery and Family

### Dear First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of my family, and specifically my Dad, I want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart. I continue to learn first-hand the depth of prayer in this congregation. The whole Scoonover family is grateful. Thank you to the Prayers and Squares team for surprising us with the beautiful quilt. He and my step-mom are so touched and encouraged. There are times in life when you can feel yourself lifted by the prayers of your church family. We feel it. We love you.

In Christ, Timothy



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David Baruch Clair Britt
- 3 Sheryl Gooch Margie Roberts
- 5 Owen Ravan
- 7 Ann Williams Robbie Fleming
- 9 Jason Rucker
- 10 Cody Gooch
- 11 Ireland Cusick
- 12 Russell B. Brown
- 13 Roy Brown
- 16 Ed Stehmeyer
- 17 Steve Nettles
- 20 Marie Bowles Craig Watson Mims Bette Wood
- 24 William Peagler Larry Propst
- 25 Joyce Mitchell
- 27 Mary Witt Cannon
- 29 Roger Holcombe
- 30 Blaine Fairman David Berry

# **Upper Room Devotionals**

for November and December are available for you under the church carport in a plastic box for easy pickup. They are also in the church on the table outside the church office.

### **Bulletins in a Box**

Sunday Bulletins for the 9:00 Worship Service are placed in a plastic box under the carport for your convenience each Friday.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2020	\$450,820.00	
	Oct. 25, 2020	Year to Date	
Budget Offering	\$ 2,173.32	\$297,073.34	
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,669.61	\$369,793.23	

# November 2020 First Preshpterian Church

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In the sanctuary



Church-Wide Movie on the Lawn Wednesday, November 18 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks.

Reflecting on the beauty of God's good design in <u>Creation</u> and in <u>His Church</u>.

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