

## A Note from Our Pastor

As we move into a new year, I am excited to introduce our new officers. Leading in this unprecedented moment brings all sorts of internal and external pressures. Please pray that we don't just survive, but thrive as a congregation. The following quotation from my professor's new book comes to mind:

When the [church] wants to succumb to the status quo, the leader [must have] fortitude to keep the transformational work going. When the circumstances cause others to become cynical and despairing the tempered leader has the flexibility to adapt and find a way to continue leading. The goal is not just to survive but to **thrive**, to not just bounce back but adapt and persist in the work that will **bring transformation** to the organization and result in a **change in the world**. (Tod Bolsinger, *Tempered Resilience*, IVP: 2020)

I am delighted the Holy Spirit has called these six officers. As you read their bios, I ask that you commit to praying for them regularly by name. May we each remain close to Jesus and directed by his Spirit.

In Christ, Timothy

## Class of 2023 Elders and Deacons

### David Harris, Elder

**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* This verse tells us how much God loves us and how much he was willing to sacrifice that we could have everlasting life. Also, my grandfather "Luther Whitt" gave me a wallet with this verse on the back of the wallet, and it was the first verse that I learned and remembered.

**What most excites you about serving God?** God loves us and provides us with everything that we need, and it is with great joy that I can serve him, even if my service to him is only a small amount. I think we mostly serve God by serving others in a Christian manner.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2021?** That we will love and serve one another and reach out to our community and the world beyond to help spread the gospel and love of Jesus.

### Doris Partlow, Elder

**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** Romans 8:38-39 *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our LORD."* It is comforting to know that nothing can separate us from God. No matter what happens in your life he is always there for us.

**What most excites you about serving God?** It is exciting to find ways to serve God as Jesus wants us to do. He blesses us abundantly and we must always try to find new ways to serve him.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2021?** I pray that our church continues to grow in the new year and that we serve God by helping our community. (continued on page 2)

## 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

**Monday, Jan. 4**

1:00 Prayers & Squares

**Saturday, Jan. 9**

10:00 Loss of a Spouse  
 (GriefShare Workshop)

**Sunday, Jan. 10**

10:10 Congregational  
 Meeting

**Monday, Jan. 18**

1:00—6:00 Blood Drive  
 1:00 Prayers & Squares  
 3:00 Visitation Ministry

**Saturday, Jan. 23**

9:00—Officer's  
 Retreat & College of Elders

**Sunday, Jan. 24**

11:00 Installation of  
 New Officers

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual  
 Formation

Angeline Brock

Editor

Sally Harvey

### [John Spencer, Elder](#)

**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* This verse would be at the top of a long list. It tells us that God loves you and me and gave His son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and if we have a heart-belief in Him we will have eternal life in present, personal possession.

**What most excites you about serving God?** Experiencing an ever deepening personal relationship with The Living God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**What is your prayer for our church in 2021?** To, in these troubling times, increase our commitment to prayer and Bible reading so as to discern The Lord’s path for us individually and collectively. This will result in an increase in Christ-directed service and results in greater Glory to God and greater fruitfulness for our church.

### [Troy Cribb, Deacon](#)

**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** 1 John 4:11 *“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”* The way we, as Christians, are to be recognized is by our love. This verse is so important to me and reminds me that God’s love is made up of so much and our love for each other should also be full, not only of feelings of love but acts of love.

**What most excites you about serving God?** I’m excited to see the growth in the church and to see where The Father leads us but I’m also excited to grow closer to Him in this journey. I also can hardly wait to see the out-reach opportunities that come out of this crazy year that we’ve had!

**What is your prayer for our church in 2021?** My prayer for our church this year is that we find new, creative and fluid ways to reach people living on the margins, the homeless, the mentally ill, the abused and to give assistance where it’s needed. I also pray that we can develop cross cultural friendships in the community.

### [William Tanner, Deacon](#)

**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** Micah 6:8 tells us what is good and what the Lord requires of us, *“to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”* In this verse we see what the Lord values: justice, mercy, and being with His people.

**What most excites you about serving God?** What could be more exciting than doing the will of God while walking with Him? It is the best work to do and the best place to be!

**What is your prayer for our church in 2021?** It is my prayer for our church to live this verse, as individuals and as a community. That we will, humbly and alongside God, live like Jesus Christ in every place that we find ourselves.

### [Clisha Weathers, Deacon](#)

**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.”* (Proverbs 3:5-6). I like these verses because I trust and depend on God with all areas of my life and not be wise in my own eyes, but will trust His will and purpose for my life.

**What most excites you about serving God?** I’m excited about serving because God calls us to serve. It’s one way to demonstrate our love for God. We serve God by serving others. Encouraging others is exciting, and that encourages me.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2021?** My prayer for our church in 2021 is that we will be faithful to go into all the world and share the gospel of Christ. *“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’ ”* (Mark 16:15).

# Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> your Session:

- Called to order with prayer
- Approved the minutes from the October and November Session meetings and the October 18<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting
- Approved the budget for 2021 (available through the church office and on-hand at the January 10<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting)
- Authorized the Restoration Project Team to conclude their work with the completion of the east wing flooring
- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of approving Rev. Scoonover's Terms of Call for 2021
- Closed in prayer for the needs of our church and community

The next Session meeting will be Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> as part of the Officers' Retreat

## Dates to Remember in January

- Sunday, January 10 at 10:10, Congregational Meeting to approve the terms of call for the pastor.
- Saturday, January 23—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 24 during the 11:00 Worship Service, ordination and installation of new officers.



## Blood Drive!

**Monday, January 18  
1:00-6:00pm**

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

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

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

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, January 9 at 10:00am, Loss Of A Spouse. Then every Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 and run through April 6. (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](mailto:charatkins17@yahoo.com).

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



Sheriff S. Duane Lewis

December 29, 2020

Reverend Timothy Scoonover  
First Presbyterian Church  
419 W. Main St.  
Moncks Corner SC 29461

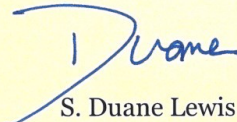
Re: Appreciation

Dear Reverend Scoonover,

On behalf of all the men and women of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the 10 large boxes of food that were given to deserving families in the Cross Community who were in need of a Christmas meal.

Again, thank you for your generosity, kindness and willingness to help those who are less fortunate. If I can ever be of assistance, please call me.

Respectfully,

  
S. Duane Lewis  
Sheriff

**2020 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 152 bags with enough food to last several days for individuals and small families:

- **25 bags went to Berkeley Seniors (Meals of Wheels recipients)**
- **15 bags for Cordesville Baptist**
- **30 bags for a St. Stephen Church**
- **30 bags for Bethlehem Baptist in Alvin**
- **10 bags went to a new outreach in Cross**
- **37 bags went to a grammar school in Goose Creek with 80% of children on government assistance.**
- **and several bags to local individuals.**

Thank you for your support of this program. Sally, our church secretary, did receive a phone call from a gentleman that was so appreciative of receiving the bag. He said his wife had passed away a few months ago and this food bag meant so much to him. 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 that work on this ministry are grateful that we have the opportunity to serve our community.

Gratefully, Hugh Smith

**Youth Group**  
6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

We continue to gather every Wednesday night from  
6:00 – 8:00pm

If you have a middle or high school student in your family or neighborhood  
encourage them to join us.

**Stay Tuned...**

Exciting news about our children's ministry is  
coming soon.

We hope to begin a midweek opportunity for our children (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
to join together for  
Bible study and fun this spring.

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**Coming Soon: We're Going Paperless!**

In an effort to reduce costs and be good stewards of God's resources, we will be going paperless in 2021. This transition will take some time, as we need to confirm email addresses. If you would like to continue receiving snail mail (hard copies of the Creed and Deed, offering statements, etc.,) you will need to contact the church office. Thanks for understanding, and thanks for helping us be good stewards while we stay connected.

Pastor Timothy

**Offering Envelopes**

We will no longer be providing the congregation with individual offering envelopes. With our new accounting system, the old envelopes are no longer needed. If you want to use an envelope, please use the pew envelopes provided by the church, or you can also use a plain white envelope from home. If you have special offerings, note that on the envelope.

Many members are paying online and don't need envelopes. If you have any questions, let me know.

Blessings, Sally, Church Secretary

**PEW ENVELOPE**  
FOR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Visitor       Regular Offering       Special Offering

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

This Stated Price



**Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry**

This ministry needs your talents. You don't have to know how to quilt. If you can sew a straight line on a sewing machine that's what they need. This ministry provides quilts for those that are sick and need our prayers. It's a way to let them know we love you and are praying for you. If you are interested, they meet on the first and third Monday of every month at 1:00pm. For more information, contact Marie Bowles or just show up.

We extend Christian Sympathy to Sheryl Gooch and her family. Sheryl’s beloved husband, Jackie C. “Jack” Gooch, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020.



**It’s a Baby Boy**—Congratulations to Cody and Haven Gooch on the birth of their son, Jackie Reed Gooch. Reed was born on Wednesday, December 23. Welcome to our family little one.

*To All of First Presbyterian Moncks Corner, especially the visitation group and the 11 o’clock prayer group;*

*Every time I go to the mailbox and see a letter with the typed return address: First Presbyterian Church, 419 West Main St, Moncks Corner, SC, my heart races a little bit and my joy level goes up about three levels. It really warms the soul knowing many others love you, pray for you, and keep joyful thoughts about you in their hearts. We love you right back and hope this Christmas season is a remarkably blessed one for you all!*

*Merry Christmas, Ken & Vickie Scoonover  
(Timothy’s Dad)*



**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 Mooror
- 23 Grace Cannon
- 24 Chris Wilson
- 25 Adah Brewer  
Edivania Powell  
Anna Propst
- 27 Len Graham  
Neva Peagler  
Georgia Spencer
- 29 Janet Lucas  
Roy Smith



Please remember to give to our food pantry. The Covid Pandemic has a lot people out of work. We can use any non-perishable food items. They will be gratefully accepted. If you wish to make a monetary donation, we can do the shopping for you. There is a GREAT need in our community and anyone that comes to our doors at this time will receive food.

Thank you, Doris Partlow

**Upper Room Devotionals**



for January and February 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
	<u>December 27</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 13,699.38	\$380,504.04
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,669.61	\$447,819.72

# January 2021 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 <i>communion</i></p> 	<p>4 1:00 Prayers &amp; Squares</p>	<p>5 8:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>6 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>7 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>1 New Years Day <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 10:10 Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 8:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00-7:30 GriefShare</p>	<p>13 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>14 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10:00 GriefShare <b>Loss of a Spouse Workshop</b></p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 1:00 Prayers &amp; Squares <b>1:00 BLOOD DRIVE</b> 3:00 Visitation Ministry</p>	<p>19 8:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00-7:30 GriefShare</p>	<p>20 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>21 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>15 4:00 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 4:00 Browder/Pinson Wedding</p> 
<p>24 <b>Officer Installation</b></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00-7:30 GriefShare</p>	<p>27 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>28 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Officer's Retreat</p>
<p>31</p>					<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>



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

**FPC Blood Drive**  
**Monday, January 18 at the Well**  
**1:00 — 6:00pm**

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