

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service Outside
on the Church Lawn and
Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video
Available

11:00 Worship Service
in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 7

1:00 Prayers and Squares

Tuesday, June 8

1:00—6:00 Blood Drive

5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, June 9

11:00 Prayer Ministry
3:00 Children Bible Study
6:00 Youth
6:00 Choir

Wednesday, June 16

11:00 Prayer Ministry
6:00 Youth
6:00 Choir

Thursday, June 17

5:30 SPF Ministry

Monday, June 21

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

Tuesday, June 22

5:30 Soup Kitchen Ministry

Wednesday, June 23

11:00 Prayer Ministry
6:00 Youth
6:00 Choir

Wednesday, June 30

11:00 Prayer Ministry
6:00 Youth
6:00 Choir

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual Formation

Angeline Brock

Editor Sally Harvey

A Note from Our Pastor

As I prepare for my sabbatical this summer, God keeps placing Colossians 1 on my heart. Take a moment to read it. Notice the way Paul describes Christ's preeminence:

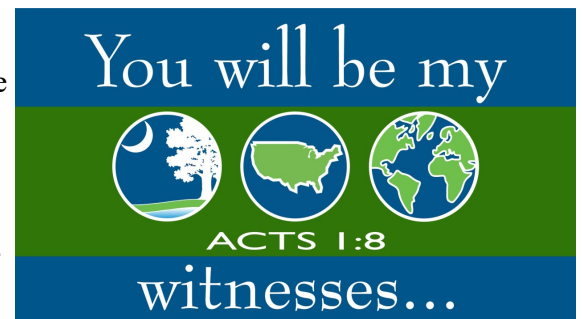
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

(Colossians 1:15-20; ESV)

In Jesus all things hold together. All. Things. Personally, I say that I believe this. But I'm a little embarrassed to admit that I'm still learning to believe this with my heart and my actions. Does all things mean... Sunday worship planning? Sermon preparation? Ministry team meetings? Sunday school? Church life? Pastoral care? Say it with me, "Yes, Pastor!" Jesus is head of the church. Not the pastor, not the elders, not the deacons, but Christ. HE is the one holding FPC together, not me.

You know this truth, and I know this truth in my head, but I'd like to use this article to ask you to pray for me this summer. Pray that God would use this time of stepping away to disentangle my identity in Christ from my work with his church. Pray that I would know that I'm a child of God, not an employee for God. And pray for the spiritual practices that I will embody this summer as I'm reminded of this truth: prayer, solitude, scripture reading, journaling, time with family, and travel.

Enough about me. Let's get to the amazing things that will be taking place this summer at FPC. As we wrap up the "Spirit-Led Church" series, we will shift to focus on how we receive power from the Spirit to be Christ's witnesses: locally, nationally, and globally (Acts 1:8). Right before Jesus' ascension, he tells the disciples that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses in an ever-widening scope. The team (Gene Williams, Laurie Carter, Don Cribb, and Angeline Brock) has done a great job lining up speakers from now until September 1 who represent this call, and will encourage us in our call to be witnesses.



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Each speaker brings a unique message of how we bear witness to Christ wherever we are sent: Moncks Corner, Missouri, Mexico, or Myanmar. With this preaching schedule and the pastoral coverage (through the Pastoral Care Team and Commissioned Lay Pastor Bo Hamilton), I'm delighted that Christ's ministry through FPC is going to thrive throughout the summer. All glory to God! After we say our goodbyes on Sunday, I'll look forward to see you again for worship and Fellowship Dinner on my first Sunday back on September 5th.

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, May 17 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with devotion and prayer led by Don Cribb
- Approved minutes from the April Session meeting
- Approved the rescheduling of the wedding (renewal of vows) for Cody Heartman and Maddie Buitenhuis
- Approved moving to phase 4 of our "Return to Worship Plan" (continue livestreaming, mask optional, no restrictions on social distancing, pass plates, Bibles and hymnals return, continue with enhanced cleaning, but communion kept the same until further notice)
- Approved the Worship Ministry Teams recommendation to increase our wedding rental fee for non-church members (price breakdown in procedure manual)
- Received report from Director of Spiritual Formation Angeline Brock: six-course continuing education "Ministry Essentials Certificate" through Fuller Theological Seminary, Youth Summer Camp July 26-30, and Wednesday "Kids' Church" update
- Received Ministry Team, Pastor, and Sabbatical Team Reports
- Voted to cancel the July Session meeting
- Closed the meeting with prayer

The next Session meeting will be Monday, June 21 at 6pm.



Did you know...

a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

**FPC Blood Drive,
 Tuesday, June 8
 at the Well
 1:00 — 6:00pm**

**For more information,
 call Doris Partlow
 at 843-753-2664**

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Lowcountry Couple Makes Lifelong Commitment to Blood Donation and Volunteerism

For Bob and Doris Partlow, blood donation is a lifelong commitment that has impacted their lives beyond measure. From giving blood to save another's life to receiving a blood transfusion in a life-or-death situation, the American Red Cross is woven into the story of their lives.

Doris's donation story began in her twenties when her mother needed a blood transfusion. Despite never donating blood before, Doris and her father began donating blood immediately, making a tradition of it along the way. "My Dad and I would always go together. We would race to see who could donate faster; he always won," recalled Doris.

While her mother's illness initially spurred Doris to become a blood donor, her husband's blood recipient story urged them both to continue serving the Red Cross. The Parlows remain dedicated blood drive volunteers despite no longer being able to donate themselves.

"About ten years, or so ago, Bob developed a bleeding ulcer and almost bled out. He ended up getting seven units of blood in the hospital. Blood donors saved his life, and that's why we keep working at the blood drives even though neither one of us can donate anymore", said Doris. This harrowing event reminds them of the importance of blood drives and the donors that save lives like Bob's.

When the Partlows moved to Moncks Corner, South Carolina, in 2005, the First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner invited them to join their blood drive committee. The Partlows were overjoyed to help. Later, Doris was asked if she would step into a leadership role on the committee if the founder of the blood drive were ever to retire.

A few years ago, the founder of one of the largest blood drive accounts in South Carolina did indeed retire, passing the reins to Doris. As the committee leader, she works tirelessly, bringing in approximately 250 pints of blood donations each year. An astounding number that helps provide some of the 36,000 units of red blood cells that are needed in the U.S. each day.

Doris's dedication to continuing the First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner's blood drive is inspiring. Her passion for supporting blood donation was evident in her voice as she spoke on the lifesaving power of blood and why her work with the committee is so vital. "Some people just never think about donating. We still do, because of that [Bob's ulcer], we know how important it is," said Doris.

Bob and Doris Partlow's story of blood donation, volunteerism, and the lifesaving power of blood in their lives, is a powerful testament to the necessity of blood donation and the volunteers that make it possible. Though only thirty-eight percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, someone needs blood or blood platelets every two seconds; someone like Bob, someone like Doris's mother.

Consider joining the Partlows in becoming a blood donor today. Become one of the 6.8 million people who enable the American Red Cross to provide forty percent of the U.S. blood supply. To find a blood drive in your area, visit redcrossblood.org, and remember to read all COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions carefully.

Thank you to our current and future donors for helping the Red Cross continue to serve our communities during this time of need. We are grateful for your continued support and generosity. A special thanks to the Partlow's for sharing their story with us and for their ongoing service to the Red Cross of South Carolina.



Bob and Doris Partlow stand in front of a frame displaying the many awards and recognitions their church, First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner, has received over the years. The Partlows lead several blood drives throughout the year at their church collecting 250+ units of blood annually.

First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen

Our soup kitchen is distributing meals to the Shannonwood subdivision behind Big Lots. Meals are prepared and distributed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Volunteers are still needed to deliver and serve the food at the site. If you would like to serve on a rotation of volunteers, please contact Hugh Smith at 843-899-6420.

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Join Me in Congratulating Our 2021 Graduates!



Roy Brown



Addie Rucker



Mark Russell

**As a congregation that seeks to raise the next generation for God,
may we continue to encourage and pray for these young people
as they begin a new chapter.**



**We will be welcoming our
rising 6th graders on
Wednesday, June 30th
to Youth Group.**

In the love of Jesus Christ, Angeline Brock

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We extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Labriska Dawn Ward. Labriska passed away on Wednesday, May 5.

*Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Our hope for each of you is that God's living water flows in
and through your heart today. As always, thanks for the
card and the connection to the Visitation Group! Great to
be believers from different states.*

Love Ken and Vickie Scoonover



June

- 2 Mary Nettles
- 3 Jack Landis
Mike Stasiak
Jan Tipton
Melissa Williams
- 5 Ronnie Hewitt
- 6 Kaitlyn Belken
- 7 Jessica Bates
- 8 Sally Harvey
- 9 Chipper Matthews
- 10 David Brown
Gunnar Ussery
- 12 Hannah Harrelson
- 13 Jason Faas
Jane Landis
- 14 Jenna Livingston
- 15 Harriet Coleman
- 18 Ronald Bennett
- 20 Don Cribb
Barry Tipton
Justin Woods
- 21 Arnetta Ackerman
- 23 Chloe Rucker
- 26 Brenda Ruby
Malinda Murchison
- 27 Angelia Cribb
- 28 Kristina Baxley
- 29 John O. Williams
- 30 Ryan Cribb
Kristi Gallant



BETHELWOODS
CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Bethelwoods Day Camp Coming to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Time is fast approaching: **June 21-25**

The place to be: Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
(4701 Park Pl W, North Charleston)

Load up your church bus or get a caravan of vans! Register your elementary age children for this fun filled week of learning and play HERE! (COVID protocols will be followed.)

Bethelwoods is still looking for a few camp counselors.

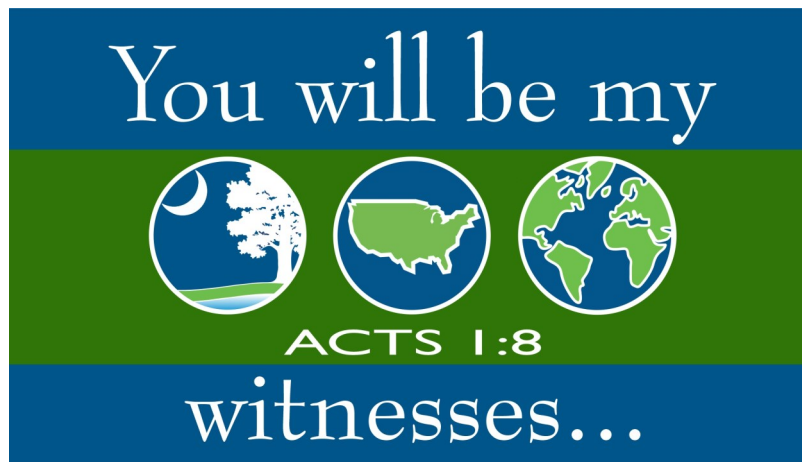
If you now a college aged young adult who would make a great camp counselor, please encourage them to contact Bethelwoods right away. Staff training will begin June 6-<https://www.bethelwoods.org/>

Commitment Report	Budget for 2021	\$443,620.00
	<u>May 30</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 32,819.61	\$176,747.64
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,531.00	\$187,482.00

June 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service on the Lawn 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Svc. Worship Service in sanctuary		1 11:30 Staff Meeting <div>Angeline Vacation</div>	2 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Childrens Bible Study 6:00 Youth 6:00 Choir 7:00 New Member Class	3	4	5 9:00 Prayer Walk
6 communion 	7 Pastor Sabbatical Begins	8 11:30 Staff Meeting 1:00—6:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Soup Kitchen	9 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Childrens Bible Study 6:00 Youth 6:00 Choir	10	11 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	12  5:00 Hicks/Brewer Wedding
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