

Creed and Deed

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January 2022

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, Jan. 9 10:45 Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 11 11:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Jan. 12 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Pastor's Book Study 6:00 Youth

Saturday, Jan. 15 9:00 Berkeley County Prayer Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 17 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 18 11:30 Staff Meeting 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive 6:00 Mission Ministry

Wednesday, Jan. 19 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Pastor's Book Study 6:00 Youth

Wednesday, Jan. 22 Officers' Retreat 9:00-11:00 Deacons and College of Elders 9:00-1:00 Active Elders

Sunday, Jan. 23 11:00 Installation of New Officers

Tuesday, Jan. 25 11:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Jan. 26 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Pastor's Book Study 6:00 Youth

A Note from Our Pastor

As we move into a new year, I am excited to introduce our new officers. Leading in 2022—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:

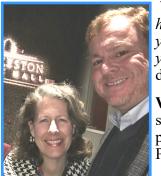
When the [church] wants to succumb to the status quo, the leader [must have] fortitude to keep the transformational work going. When the circumstances cause others to become cynical and despairing, the tempered leader has the flexibility to adapt and find a way to continue to lead. The goal is not just 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 seven 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

Meet Your Class of 2024 Elders and Deacons

Don Brown, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" It is so simple and can be applied to almost any situation, decision or scenario.

What most excites you about serving God? I am most excited about serving the members of our congregation and community. It is the people and relationships formed and nurtured over the years that make First Presbyterian such a special place to be.

What is your prayer for our church in 2022? My prayers for this church are that we fully recover from the limitations created by the pandemic and continue to grow closer together and closer to Christ.

Jane Campbell, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." I was raised in a Christian home, but lost my parents and grandparents too early. I like to think about the cloud of witnesses as all Christians that have gone before us—cheering us on as we navigate this race called life. I also like the description of the race "that is set before us." It is not necessarily the race we would like to run, but the race we are given.

What most excites you about serving God? I love that God has all different gifts that He want us to use to serve Him. It is exciting to see all

the different talents that God is using in our church.

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What is your prayer for our church in 2022? My prayer is that we can return to what we looked like before COVID outside of the Sunday services—the Sunday School classes, fellowship dinners, LOGOS, VBS, and an active and well-attended youth program.

Rin Page, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? My long time favorite verse is Isaiah 54:5 "For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called." This verse always reminds me of the relationship that the Lord desires to have with me.

What most excites you about serving God? I am always looking forward to getting to know God intimately. It is the expectation of "the great adventure" that excites me about serving God.

What is your prayer for our church in 2022? My prayer for our church in 2022 is that we will become passionate disciples, apprentices, of Jesus Christ.

Ed Stehmeyer, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." I keep this message with me in a business card holder and read it often to make sure that I keep my daily activities and challenges in perspective.

What most excites you about serving God? I am excited to continue our family's journey in learning about God's love while also serving the church as an elder. I think it's very important to be involved in the church's business to make sure that the mission and core values can be realized.

What is your prayer for our church in 2022? I pray that each member of the congregation stays happy, healthy, and safe in 2022, and that we are all able to continue to gather together in worship.

Charlene Atkins, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? IITimothy 1:7 "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." I like this one because if we live in fear, we are not trusting in the Lord. If we give all or burdens and concerns to Him we need not fear.

What most excites you about serving God? I am excited to serve God, because it blesses me to know I can be His hands and feet doing what I can to bless others.

What is your prayer for our church in 2022? My prayer for the church is that we will all come together and worship so as to become a closer knit community of believers who can comfort, bless, and protect each other as we grow in His Word.

Larry Propst, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Ephesians 4:2-4 "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call."

What most excites you about serving God? Love, compassion, empathy, service to others, and knowing GOD approves

What is your prayer for our church in 2022? Worshiping together in person.

Mike Stasiak, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Matthew 25: 34-46 "³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. ⁴¹ Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me

no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me. ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you? ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Jesus explains how we should treat one another, and as we do these things for someone we do to Jesus.

What most excites you about serving God? I go forth as the Lord directs, and I recognize that.

What is your prayer for our church in 2022? My prayer is that this church and all churches of Christ have congregations return to the fullest.

Dates to Remember in January

- Sunday, January 9 at 10:45 Congregational Meeting to approve the terms of call for the pastor
- <u>Saturday, January 22</u> Officers' 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 23 during the 11:00 Worship Service, ordination and installation of new officers

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, December 19, 2021 your Session:

- Called to order with prayer
- Examined and approved Larry Propst for the office of deacon
- Approved the budget for 2022 (available at through the church office and on-hand at the January 9
- Congregational Meeting)
- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 9 for the purpose of approving Rev. Scoonover's Terms of Call for 2022

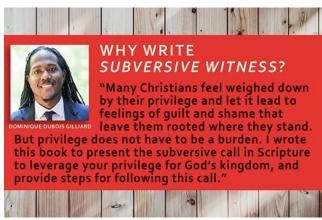
The next session meeting will be Saturday, January 22 as part of the Officers' Retreat.

Advent and New Year Pastor's Book Study Subversive Witness Wednesday, January 12-6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Buy your copy today, and begin reading. Books are available in the church atrium for \$20. Our first discussion will be on Wednesday, January 12 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Review from Latasha Morrison: "In a time where the church feels just as fractured as our nation, we need Christians who are equipped and compelled to repair the breach. In this book, Dominique Gilliard calls us back to biblical discipleship and shows the scriptural roots of some of the most divisive issues that impair our witness—privilege, systemic oppression, and racial justice. *Subversive Witness* is a gift to the church, offering us a new, faithful way forward amid the brokenness and polarity that abounds."



Food for the Needy - Christmas 2021

Presbyterians are generous and caring people. Your contributions for this purpose allowed us to fill and distribute 128 bags with enough supplies for several days. A small ham, canned vegetables, canned peaches, spaghet-



ti and sauce, and oranges were some of the items in each bag. In addition to the food, Marie Bowles made scarves that were included in each bag. Joyce Mitchell provided a number of throws, most of which went to elderly recipients.

This mission reached needy families in Alvin, St. Stephen and through the Berkeley County Sheriffs office into Cross. Berkeley Seniors distributed bags to the most needy through The Meals on Wheels program.

We sincerely appreciate the donations to the outreach of our church.

In Christ, Jerry Stuckey and Hugh Smith



The blood you donate gives someone another chance at life.

Give the gift of life.

Donate Blood

Tuesday, January 18 1:00-6:00pm



Berkeley County Prayer Breakfast Saturday, January 15 at 9:00am

You're Invited!

Moncks Corner Baptist Church Family Life Center, 500 Main Street Moncks Corner





Youth Christmas Party

The Youth were challenged to:

- 1. Wrap a Christmas gift
- 2. Dress someone like Santa
- 3. Correctly read and sing the hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
- 4. Create and serve a "sweet treat" for their youth leaders















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







It's a baby girl-Congratulations to David and Rebecca Riley on the birth of their daughter, Ella Mae Riley. Ella Mae was born on Saturday, December 18th. Big sister LaNelle is doing fine along with mom and dad. Welcome to our family little one.

Dear Visitation Group,

It is with our deepest love that we send our hope for this Christmas season and all next year to be wonderful for each of you. It is always an uplift to get your cards throughout the year. We hope to get to Moncks Corner soon so we can tell each of you just how much your continued support means to us.

May you have a blessed Christmas, All our love, Ken & Vickie Scoonover (Timothy's Dad)

To our church family,

Thank you so much for all of the delicious meals, the beautiful flower arrangement and the poinsettias. The WhoVille Christmas Tree is a big hit with our grandchildren. The meals brought by the Helping Hands and others supported us through many days. I know everyone cannot visit, but, thank you for praying for me. The Lord's care and your prayers have sustained me through a very painful injury. Love you all so much! Love, Neva Peagler

Dear Pastor Timothy and First Presbyterian Church, Thank you so very much for your generous contribution to Hope Repair and for your continued support. Without this support, we could not build ramps, repair roofs, or replace broken windows. Fortunately, we have now been able to repair over 1,000 homes in Berkeley County.

Serving with you, Hope Repairs

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the prayers and well wishes over the past few months.

Much appreciated, Caitlyn Fowler

To the thoughtful people at the First Presbyterian Church, Thank you very much for your prayers during my recent episode of shingles and also my injury. I have mostly recovered and your prayers were very encouraging.

Pray you have a prosperous and blessed New Year, Jack Williams

Commitment Report	Budget for 2021	\$443,620.00	
Budget Offering Weekly Budget Requirements	December 26 \$ 15,922.67 \$ 8,669.61	<u>Year to Date</u> \$411,499.09 \$443,620.00	



January

- 4 Claire Wilson
- 5 Shirley Hicks
- 6 William Morris Tedd Pounds
- 7 Scott Shepherd
- 9 Anita Shuler
- 10 Jennifer Coffey Nicholas Ferez Baxter Orvin
- 11 Burt Causey
- 12 Tim Dunlap
- 13 Rod Murchison
- 15 Shelly Rucker Jane Williams
- 17 Brantley Brewer
- 18 Trinity Baughn
- 19 Laurie Lusk
- 21 Doug Bowles
- 22 Rene Moorer
- 23 Grace Cannon
- 24 Chris Wilson
- 25 Adah Brewer Edivania Powell Anna Propst
- 27 Len GrahamNeva PeaglerGeorgia Spencer
- 29 Janet Lucas Roy Smith

Offering Statements will be e-mailed to you the week of January 10. If you need a hard copy, let me know and I will mail one to you.

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First Presbyterian Church January 2022

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NOS	Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service	7	9 communion 10:45 Congregational	16	23 Ordination & Installation of Officers	30



Together We Can Make a Difference

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

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