

## Weekly Worship

Every Sunday in August

9:00 Worship Service  
9:00 Facebook Video Available  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, Oct. 3

1:00 Prayers & Squares

### Tuesday, Oct. 4

1:00 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Blood Drive  
6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, Oct. 5

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
3:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Pastor's Study

### Friday, Oct. 7

Habitat Golf Tournament

### Monday, Oct. 10

10:00 Ladies Circle  
6:00 Ladies Circle

### Tuesday, Oct. 11

1:00 Staff Meeting  
5:30 Soup Kitchen  
6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, Oct. 12

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
3:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Pastor's Study

### Monday, Oct. 17

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

### Tuesday, Oct. 18

1:00 Staff Meeting  
6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, Oct. 19

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
3:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Pastor's Study

### Tuesday, Oct. 25

1:00 Staff Meeting  
5:30 Soup Kitchen  
6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, Oct. 26

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
3:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Pastor's Study

## A Note from Our Pastor

### Stewardship 2023

I lit a candle in my office this morning. I didn't pay much attention to the scent, but as the day went on, everyone who walked by seemed to conclude, "I smell Christmas." Then, it dawned on me. I looked over, and sure enough, I lit the Fresh Balsam Christmas candle. Oops. No, I'm not one who wants to skip over pumpkins and pilgrims and start listening to Christmas Carols in October. In my calendar, each season has its proper place. And I'm not here to judge the appropriate time to put up Christmas decorations (clears throat, *after Thanksgiving*). I simply want to note that something in each of us that *longs* for Christmas. We yearn for Emmanuel—God with us. We all desperately want a with-God life. So, when God does show up to be WITH us (i.e. Christmas), we rejoice! Life with God is the free gift offered to us when we place our trust in Jesus. Theologians call this union with Christ. We are in Christ, and Christ is in us. This is foundational in our Christian faith, and this will be our focus in the upcoming stewardship season – Union with Christ.

For stewardship season, we are continuing in the Gospel of Luke, and we'll get a deep-dive in what it means to be in union with Christ. Here's a sample of what we'll hear...

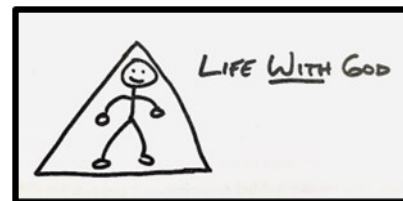
*Jesus sent them... where he himself was about to go.* Luke 10:1

*Jesus said, "The one who hears you, hears me."* Luke 10:16

*Jesus said, "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven."* Luke 10:20

Each of these verses reveals deep solidarity and association with Christ. We go where Christ goes. We say what Christ says. We rejoice that, when we trust in him, he seals us for eternity. We have union with Christ. Skye Jethani, in his book *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God*, describes it this way:

"The LIFE WITH God posture is predicated on the view that relationship is at the core of the cosmos: God the Father *with* God the Son *with* God the Holy Spirit. And so we should not be surprised to discover that when God desired to restore humanity's broken relationship with him, he sent his Son to dwell *with* us. His plan to restore his creation was not to send a list of rules and rituals to follow (LIFE UNDER GOD), nor was it the implementation of useful principles (LIFE OVER GOD). He did not send a genie to grant us our desires (LIFE FROM GOD), nor did he give us a task to accomplish (LIFE FOR GOD). Instead God himself came to be *with* us—to walk with us once again as he had done in Eden in the beginning. Jesus entered into our dark existence to share our broken world and to illuminate a different way forward... a life WITH God. (Jethani, 101)



Our union with Christ shapes the way we pray, serve, go, and give. Life with God changes everything. So, for Stewardship 2023, we will spend three weeks in October exploring our Union with Christ and how it opens us to greater generosity.

Begin now reflecting on the security and belonging you have in Christ. Notice how this frees you to live a more generous life. Pray over your time, your budget, and your skills, asking God to show you how each offers an opportunity to partner with Him in Kingdom work.

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

## Wednesday Night Pastor's Study

### 4 Americas, 1 Gospel: Seeking Unity in an Age of Division



As our world seems to fracture, what if we could be part of the solution? The aim of this study is unity, understanding and loving our neighbor, and deeper personal discipleship in the gospel. This 6-week study (Sept. 28-Nov. 2) will use a video series and group discussion format to explore how God's story relates to America's story, and how we, as a church, are called to seek first the kingdom of God. We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. and started Sept. 28. Contact Timothy to reserve your spot. Childcare available upon RSVP. You can still sign-up even if you missed the first class.

## Minutes in a Minute

On Sunday, September 18 the Session of First Presbyterian Church conducted a Special Meeting:

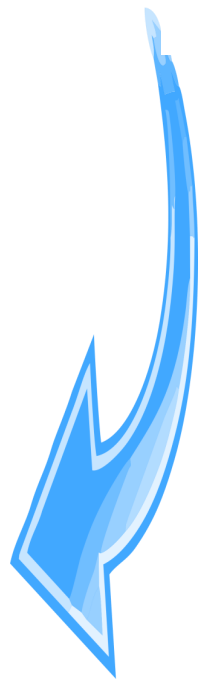
- We opened with prayer led by Pastor Timothy
- We welcomed the following into Membership
  - Jim and Patsy Hastings – Letter of Transfer from John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, N.C.
  - Richard and Diane Kizer – Letter of Transfer from Moncks Corner United Methodist Church
  - Kathy Stehmeyer – Letter of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Isle of Palms, S.C.
  - Chris Hawley – Letter of Transfer from First Baptist on Fifth in Winston-Salem, N.C.
  - Ellie Stuckey – Letter of Transfer from Hampton United Methodist Church in Hampton, S.C.
  - Nancy Williams – Letter of Transfer from Park Circle Presbyterian Church in North Charleston, S.C.
  - Colleen Anderson was present and shared her faith as well, though she was formally welcomed into membership on January 22, 2022 by letter of transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale in Brandon, Fla.
- We adjourned with prayer.

## Minutes in a Minute

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

- Opened with devotion and prayer led by Elder Doris Partlow
- Approved the Minutes from the August Session meeting
- Approved combined worship at 10am for the November 6, December 25, and January 1
- Authorized the Officer Nominating Committee to call a congregational meeting when their slate is ready
- Approved several new policies for the procedure manual
- Acknowledged record of the church Insurance Declaration Page
- Received Ministry Team Reports
- Received report the pastor on the recent presbytery meeting
- Adjourned the meeting with prayer

Our next Session meeting will be at 6pm on Monday, October 17



### **Stewardship Pledge Card**

**Attached is a pledge card for 2023 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, November 6, 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, November 6**

**Pledge cards are attached and are also available at the church. Please complete one for yourself or your family and return them to the church for Dedication Sunday, Nov. 6.**

**At that time, we will consecrate our commitments to God.**



## All Saints Day Service on Sunday, Nov. 6

As part of our morning worship the church will hold an All Saints Day Service. On November 6.

An All Saints Day Service is a time when we remember and honor loved ones who have gone before us and have joined the Church triumphant through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The service will honor church members and/or those in their immediate family who've passed away between Jan 1, 2020 and Oct. 31, 2022.

The names of the loved ones will be read during a special moment in the service. After the reading of each name, the church bell will chime.

To include the name of the church member or their immediate family member in the All Saints Day Service, please complete the form in the church atrium. Forms can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office no later than 4 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2022.

You can also call Sally at the church office and she will fill one out for you.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

### Ladies Circles Monday, Oct. 10

It's time to get back together again. We have a devotion, refreshments, and fellowship.

All women of the church are invited and welcome. Our circles meet once a month on the 2nd Monday.

**Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m.** at the church. Any questions, give Mickey Smith a call at 843-899-6420.

**Circle 2 will meet at 6 p.m.** at the home of Janet Lucas, 708 Levee Dr., Moncks Corner. Give Janet a call for directions or more information at 843-729-3128.



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.

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.

**We meet every Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. and run through December 6.**

For more information:  
contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249  
or charatkins17@yahoo.com

If you know someone that is grieving and could use the support this group can offer, please tell them about GriefShare.

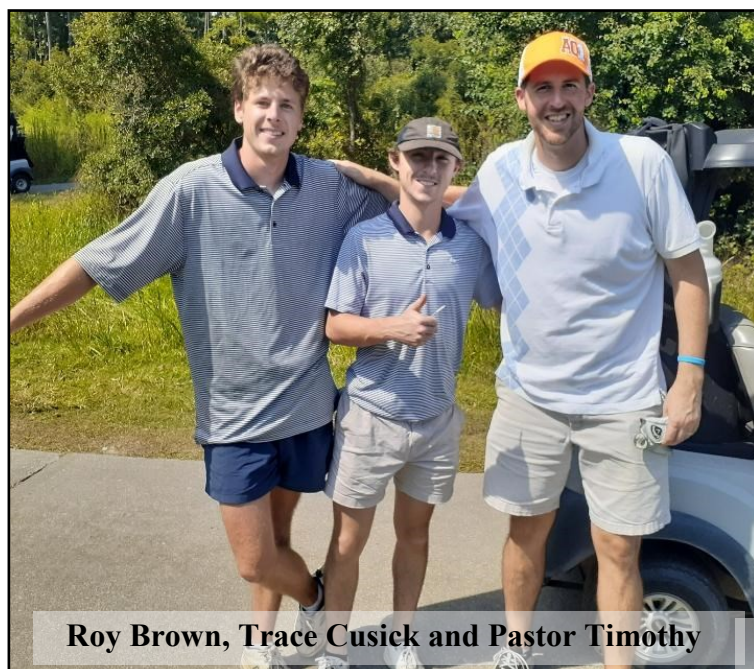
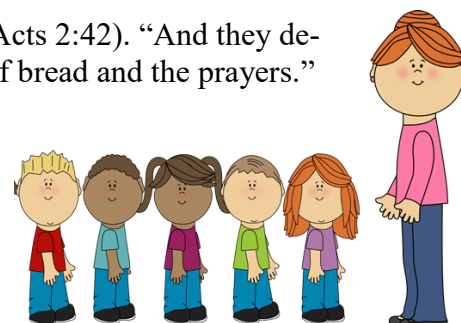




**LOGOS is Back**—We are following the model of the early church (Acts 2:42). “And they devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” We will have snacks, time for fun and games, Bible study, prayer and worship.

**Time: 3-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday through December 14.**

We are excited to start a new semester and look forward to studying God’s Word and growing together! I hope your little ones will join us! Contact Angeline at the church for more information.



Roy Brown, Trace Cusick and Pastor Timothy



Roy Brown

Participants at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Golf Tournament at Wescott.





**It's a Baby Girl**— Congratulations to Lydia Murchison on the birth of her daughter Alison Malinda. Baby Alison was born on September 27.

*Dear Prayers and Squares Ladies,  
The quilt you made is so beautiful and I feel so blessed to have received such a treasure! It stayed on the foot of my bed in the hospital and received many compliments. The "Holy Spirit Quilt", as Pastor Timothy called it, covered my feet and gave me opportunities to talk about our Lord and the ministry you ladies are involved in. Thank you again.*

*Love You All, Mary Ames Brown*

*Dear Church Friends,  
Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, and texts. It means a lot to know you have someone to care enough to contact you when you have health problems. The encouragement gives you that extra push to get you over the down times.*

*Thanks, Ken Coffey*

*Dear Ladies of the Pearl Leland Sunday School Class,  
My mother, Faye, and I really enjoyed our lunch at Oscar's with you. Mama was so glad to see her friends. That was so thoughtful of you to include us in your get together. The quilt presented to her is beautiful and so meaningful. Thank you for all your prayers.*

*Love, Rita Hallman (and Faye)*



### October

2 Jean Hodges  
2 Philip Mims  
3 Delilah Faas  
4 Sandy Fairman  
4 Kayla Soderberg  
5 Nancy Holcombe  
7 LaNelle Riley  
7 Emma Shuler  
7 Ethan Shuler  
7 Emma Williams  
8 Deneene Guerri  
8 Connor Thornton  
13 Timothy Scoonover  
15 Becky Devereux  
15 Diane Kizer  
15 Kim Mims  
16 Diane Baughn  
17 Kim Brewer  
19 Steve Roberts  
20 Peggy Bennett  
22 Grace Baxley  
22 Sarah Cribb  
23 Grant Lusk  
23 Pamela Williams  
Hulst  
24 Laurie Carter  
24 Eva Mouw  
26 Marie Dunlap  
26 Jimmy Hastings  
26 Richard Keene  
26 Mark Tucker

## Grass Cutting Season

**Our church yard is mowed by volunteers.**

**There's a signup poster in the atrium.**


**The church has a riding lawnmower.**

**Contact Sam Brock at 843-729-7050 for more information.**

Commitment Report	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
	<u>Sept. 11 &amp; 18</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 14,289.00	\$ 297,506.09
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 17,814.00	\$ 338,466.00

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

# October 2022 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service						
<b>2 communion</b> 	<b>3</b> 1:00 Prayers & Squares	<b>4</b> 8:30—3:30 (Well) Home School Co-op 1:00 Staff Meeting <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> 6:00 GriefShare	<b>5</b> 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth 6:30 Pastor's Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Habitat Golf Tournament</b> 4:00 Berkeley HS Cross Country	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting	<b>18</b> 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 GriefShare	<b>19</b> 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth 6:30 Pastor's Study	<b>20</b> <b>Sally Vacation</b>	<b>21</b>  4:00 Spiro/Campbell Wedding 4:00 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (Well)	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Home School 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare <b>Healing Farms Banquet</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth 6:30 Pastor's Study	<b>27</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,  
and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High....  
-Psalm 92:1*



# **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

## **Save a Life, Give Blood**

**FPC Blood Drive—Tuesday, October 4  
1:00-6:00 in the Gymnasium**

**Contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149 for more information,**

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