

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, Sept. 5

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Tuesday, Sept. 6

1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 7

11:00 Prayer Ministry

6:00 Youth

Saturday, Sept. 10

10:00 GriefShare

Loss of a Spouse

Monday, Sept. 12

6:00 Ladies Circle

Tuesday, Sept. 13

1:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 Soup Kitchen

6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, Sept. 14

11:00 Prayer Ministry

3:00 LOGOS

6:00 Youth

Sunday, Sept. 18

New Member Sunday

Monday, Sept. 19

1:00 Prayers & Squares

3:00 Visitation Ministry

6:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 20

1:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 Soup Kitchen

6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, Sept. 21

11:00 Prayer Ministry

3:00 LOGOS

6:00 Youth

Tuesday, Sept. 27

1:00 Staff Meeting

6:00 GriefShare

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Editor

Sally Harvey



When we join God's mission it will amaze you how He knits His people together!

Wednesday Prayer Gathering – Moncks Corner and Beyond

Every Wednesday we gather at 11 a.m. and we intercede on behalf of those we love. I have had the opportunity to travel to Mexico and partner in the cistern ministry so there are people in Mexico very dear to my heart. On many occasions I find myself bringing the names and needs of our Mexican brothers and sisters to the group. One name I have lifted several times over the past two years is a young man name Ezekiel. He is the grandson of the foreman (Victor) and one of the partners in this cistern ministry. In 2020 Ezekiel began to have heart trouble that prevented him from working. As I sought updates the news continued to look grim; good doctors are hard to come by and money to afford those doctors is even harder. So, we continued to pray.

Mexico Cistern Ministry - More Than Water

Prayer unites believers in a way that is truly a mystery. When we stepped onto the first worksite this past July, there was Ezekiel strong and healthy. Healed! I was in awe! (And of course, I cried happy tears). I couldn't wait to share with the prayer team because I knew they would rejoice like their very own brother or son had been restored! They'd never met him, but through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit believers are family.



During my first trip to Mexico, I thought I was going to give families access to clean water, and we do, but we also receive when we go! We receive a global family. Our faith is strengthened, and our amazement of God grows as we see how He knits us together across borders.

Hands of Christ – Speaking The Same Language

The morning of Thursday, August 4 we received a knock at the church door. A man and his son had traveled from North Charleston with a flyer about Hands of Christ. The time was not included on their flyer. They were 5 hours early. The little boy did not speak English. The man spoke very little. And I speak very, very little Spanish, so we relied on the one language we both knew – the Language of Jesus – patience, grace, and a big smile. We tried to communicate with the few words we knew, and with patience and grace God winked at us when I learned they were from Guatemala. I was then able to share with the man that I had just returned from a trip very close to the Mexican/Guatemalan border. God was knitting us together with this tiny detail we had in common. We were able to get the little boy school supplies and two outfits. As they turned to leave, the father asked if our worship services were ever in Spanish because they wanted to return. As I had to tell him no, I thought, “maybe this is something for our prayer team to pray over.”

In the love of Jesus Christ, Angeline

Join us every Wednesday at 11 a.m. for prayer.

Join the team heading to Mexico in 2023, Sunday, May 28 – Friday, June 2.

Hello Family at First Presbyterian Church,

I hope all of you at Moncks Corner are doing well and that you are recovering strong from the long Covid phase of life. I realize it has been quite some time since I gave y'all an update on what is happening with the ministry the Lord has tasked me with, and there have been some surprising transitions. Life now is quite an adjustment being married for only a year and having a full family, but absolutely wonderful. Thank you for your blessings and warm welcome you gave us last year when we visited and shared the word of the Lord with you.



I wanted to share with all of you a new direction the Lord has placed me and my family concerning ministry. With much prayer and time discerning what the Lord is directing, we have been led by the Lord to become a military chaplain. I am now officially an active duty Army chaplain and will be stationed in Hawaii in September. This was quite a surprise and something we were not expecting, however the Lord saw it good to have us minister to the Army and to our soldiers who are actively serving our nation. With this transition, I will now be a missionary in the Army and would appreciate continued prayers for the new ministry with which the Lord has tasked us. Already I see many new challenges in regards to serving the Army community. I will be in a pluralistic environment with certain restrictions placed upon me on how to minister due to the dual hat I have to wear as a minister and an Army officer at the same time.

Please pray for a smooth transition from civilian life to the military. The transition will be hard on my family and myself as we will have to be quite flexible. Also, prayer for the Lord's favor with the unit that I will be ministering to as well as power to help bring the Gospel to them. I can continue to give updates on what the Lord is doing through our ministry as a chaplain and would still love to come and visit with the body at Moncks Corner as we are able to do so.

Blessings to you all, Joe Yu

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, August 15 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer led by Elder Ed Stehmeyer
- Heard a presentation from Drew Smith at Fuller Formation Groups
- Approved our church's partnership with Fuller Formation Groups for the next 2 years as a way of deepening our discipleship at FPC
- Approved minutes from June and July session meetings and the June congregational meeting
- Elected David Brown and Gene Williams (Gene to chair) to serve as the elders on the nominating committee
- Voted to increase the price of columbarium niches effective October 1, 2022, and another increase for October 1, 2023
- Reviewed and discussed the Office of the General Assembly's "GA 225: A Summary of General Assembly Actions"
- Received Ministry Team reports
- Closed with prayer

The next Session meeting will be Monday, September 19 at 6 p.m.



Dear Presbytery of the Midwest and all our supporters,

It is with a heavy heart that Lyndsay and I must make this announcement. Our steering committee met back in March 2022 to determine the vitality of Three Taverns Community Church Plant. During several waves of different Covid-19 variants we have had to continue to navigate how one can plant a church during the pandemic. While I do believe we overcame several hurdles and made much progress in that time, the pandemic continued to grant us great challenges as finances, networking, and organization of our plant continued to become a challenge. Many people that we know through V3 (a coaching church planting network), had to close their doors. We hung on longer than most in these networks which was encouraging.

With the recent wave this past winter, the challenge became greater and the timeframe for us to plant a church continued to drag on. We kept saying to our selves, “Let’s give it a few more months and see what happens.” But it was increasingly difficult to regain momentum.

A plant can take 3-6 years pre-pandemic, now you are looking at 8-15 years if not longer. We, as a committee, felt it was wise that our supporters begin to direct their giving to other more sustainable ministries as good stewards of our finances. We began to inform churches at the beginning of this year that it is looking more and more likely that the plant will have to close its doors.

The steering committee had decided that while the seeds planted in Dutchtown have grown much fruit, the garden has become too hard to maintain. We will officially be closing our doors this month.

We have seen the Lord’s hand at work in our ministry here, and Lyndsay and I will stay put in the neighborhood for the time being and continue to minister to the people with whom we have relationships. But we will not be formally pursuing any type of official plant at this time.

We will use this season to continue to evaluate where the Lord may be directing us next and focus on our personal growth.

We have seen so much fruit in the work here and none of that would have been possible if it weren’t for you all! We are so thankful and have been truly blessed by your support. Continue to pray for us during this time, that we can evaluate where the Lord is directing us and evaluate how to continue to care for those around us.

We love you all and look forward to continuing our relationships and staying in touch!

Blessings in Christ, David, Lyndsay, Evelyn, and Sammy

4 *The Lord Never Ceases to Amaze Me!*

In July, Emma, Jenna, Emilee and I were given the opportunity to return to Champfleuri to be apart of Camp TED again. I have to say it felt so surreal, and at one point wasn't too sure if it would happen. We encountered a few obstacles, but after long hours at the airport, our group separating, running through airports because of delays and lost suitcases, we finally arrived. It was a glorious reunion! After two years of a hybrid Camp TED-2020 and 2021-2022 brought back the familiarity of what Camp Ted was in previous years (with a few minor changes due to Covid). Camp TED '22 had 75 campers, along with counselors, summer staff members, and volunteers. Camp was comprised of ten long days of worship, study, fun filled activities, beautiful and sometimes hard conversations, many prayers, and a slew of emotions! I noticed how strong and bold the youth were, and how ready they were to share the impact Christ has had on their lives. Hearts were softening to the good news of the Gospel; the Word was alive and active, penetrating hearts and minds. Questions were being asked and stories were being shared, all while new stories were emerging right before me. I am thankful to be a witness. We want to share the love of Christ and were shone His love in so many ways, encouraged by the Saints and the work that God is doing and what God continues to do in Champfleuri.



Thank you for your prayers and support during our time at Camp TED! May we continue to lift up the church globally because in Christ we are one!

Johnna Livingston and the Camp TED team!

Emilee Haddock shares her experience at Camp TED.



Our experience going to France this year for Camp TED was different and harder than before. We encountered many bumps in the road and disappointments. Nonetheless, we arrived in one piece ready to serve. As years before, we were ecstatic to see the campers. When they flooded in on the first day of camp it was like all of our troubles before were worth it to me. French people have a stuck up and rude stereotype from most of the world. As an American I never really

knew about them as people of their culture. The French people are not snooty at all. They are firm in their beliefs and they have a bravery about them to conquer. I saw this bravery in our activities and by talking with them about their lives. The Christian French kids and adults are some of the boldest Christians I have ever seen. They stand like a soldier for God even in the most mundane tasks of life. This year at camp, I experienced so much joy getting to know these kids and praying for them. God showed me His beautiful creation not just through how beautiful the French Alps are, but buy showing me His beloved children. I saw many hearts become soft this year even if it was just a start. This was my last year being a camper at TED and being able to relate to the campers as a peer. I was so honored to be able to experience God's abundant love for these French kids even if they refuse or have no interest in knowing Him. This trip as well as the past ones will forever be some of my dearest memories.

As I continue to pray for these French teens, I ask the same of you all as the church. God says in Isaiah that we are called to go out and make Oaks of Righteousness. I remembered this passage while in France believing that God will do exactly what He says He will do.

What an honor to be loved by the God of the universe! All of my joy from this trip is Glory to God for His goodness and love!



Faye Landis (left) and Rita Hallman (right)

The Pearl Leland Sunday School Class had their monthly luncheon on Thursday, August 25. Rita Hallman brought her mother, Faye Landis to the luncheon. Pastor Timothy attended and presented Faye her Prayer Quilt.



LOGOS

Starting Wednesday, September 14
Children (ages K-5th grade) will gather together!

We look to follow 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: 3:00-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday, September 14-December 14.

Drop Off/Pick Up: On the front lawn in front of the church (weather permitting). When raining, K-3rd grade drop off/pick up under awning at right side of main building, 4th-5th grade drop off/pick up at back of building.

Children will be split up into smaller groups by age. Children will stay in those small groups the entire time with the same adults. We will have a picnic-style snack at the beginning of our time together.

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.



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.

A new session will start with a workshop on Saturday, September 10 at 10 a.m., Loss of a Spouse. Then every Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. and run through December 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

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

6 We extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Dorothy (Buddy) Barber Bonds. Dorothy passed away on Wednesday, August 10.



It's a Baby Boy—Congratulations to Jacob and Logan Carter on the birth of their son, Jack Henry. Baby Jack was born on Monday, August 22.



It's a Baby Girl— Congratulations to Will and Martha (Miller) Reid on the birth of their daughter Evelyn Louise. Baby Evelyn was born on August 8.



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the delicious meal and thoughts and prayers for Barry. His condition is starting to improve. Thank you again for everything.*

Barry and Jan Tipton

*Dear Presbyterian Ladies and Church Family,
Losing my daddy was my first experience with "planning a funeral." Each of you were amazing. Our family felt so much love in all the food that was prepared. Every napkin folded, every tablecloth pressed and every table set. Thank each of you for loving my Mama and us. Thank you all for your gift of service.*

I love you! Claudia Murchison Keller

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the cards and encouragement during this difficult time in my life. Your prayers have sustained me. My beautiful prayer quilt is such a comfort knowing all the prayers that were said. You have been such a blessing to me and my family.*

Love, Buddy and Pompey Harvey, Ashley and Donna

- September**
- 1 Kenzie Knight
 - 2 Wanda Wood
 - 3 Preston Bell
 - 4 Elaine Hewitt
 - 4 Doris Partlow
 - 4 Ben Tipton
 - 4 Eleanor Wilson
 - 5 Evelyn Baruch
 - 5 Don Brown
 - 5 Jeremiah McHoney
 - 5 Joshua McHoney
 - 5 Gene Williams
 - 7 Jacob Carter
 - 8 Lilly Brock
 - 11 Clair Orvin
 - 11 Ellie Stuckey
 - 12 Cullen Worten
 - 13 John Keller
 - 13 Austin Murchison
 - 14 Lisa Britt
 - 15 Caroline Propst
 - 15 Abby Stehmeyer
 - 16 Merritt Batkins
 - 16 Hayden Carner
 - 16 Ken Coffey
 - 18 Morgan Hood
 - 18 Taylor Hood
 - 19 Pam Coffey
 - 19 Ruth Lusk
 - 19 Taylor Matthews
 - 20 Evan Hulst
 - 20 Jane Hulst
 - 20 Dave Soderberg
 - 20 Johnny Wood
 - 22 Becca Devereux
 - 22 Cathy Ollic
 - 23 Vale Baker
 - 24 Nancy Potts
 - 25 Craig Mims
 - 26 Gray Livingston
 - 27 Reed Keller
 - 27 Peggy Williams
 - 28 Rick Ollic

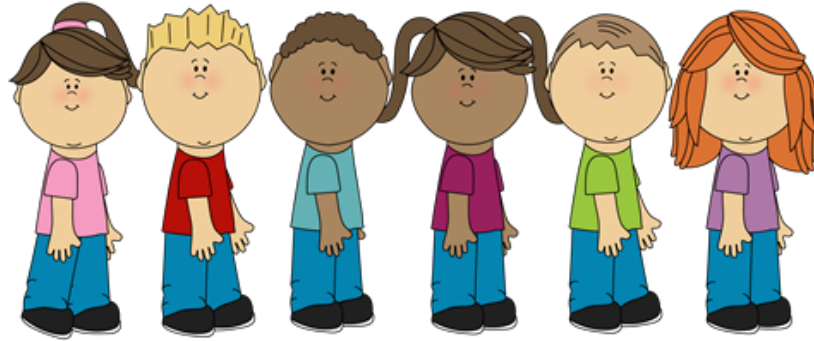


Commitment Report	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
	<u>August 28</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 5,271.13	\$ 274,331.84
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,907.00	\$ 311,745.00

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

September 2022 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service	 5 Labor Day 1:00 Prayers & Squares	 6 8:30—3:30 (Well) Home School Co-op 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare	 7 11:00 Prayer Ministry 6:00 Youth	1 4:00 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (Well)	2 4:00 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (Well)	3 4:00 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (Well)
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18 New Member Sunday	19 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting	20 8:30—3:30 (Well) Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare	21 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	22 11:00 Prayer Ministry	23 4:00 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (Well)	24 4:00 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (Well)
25	26 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Golf Tournament	27 8:30—3:30 (Well) Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 GriefShare	28 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	29 11:00 Prayer Ministry	30 4:00 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (Well)	



**School is back in session,
fall is around the corner, and it's time for
LOGOS/Kids Church to resume!**

Starting Wednesday, September 14
(see page 8 for details)

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