

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan. 2

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Wednesday, Jan. 4

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Sunday, Jan. 8

10:45 Congregational Meeting

Monday, Jan. 9

10:00 Circle 1 at the church
 6:00 Circle 2 Home of Carol Guerry

Tuesday, Jan. 10

1:00 Staff Meeting
 1:00 Blood Drive
 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Jan. 11

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Monday, Jan. 16

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

Tuesday, Jan. 17

1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 18

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Tuesday, Jan. 24

1:00 Staff Meeting
 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Jan. 25

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Sunday, Jan. 29

10:00 Worship Service
 Ordination of Officers

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual Formation

Angeline Brock

Editor Sally Harvey

A Note from Our Pastor

As we move into a new year, I am excited to introduce our new officers. I am delighted the Holy Spirit has called these new officers. As you read their bios, I ask that you commit to praying for them regularly by name. I am reminded of Psalm 20:7...

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
 But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.*

Pray that each of our leaders will remain close to Jesus, be directed by his Spirit, and trust in the name of the Lord our God.

In Christ, Timothy

Meet Your Class of 2025 Elders and Deacons

Sarah Holleman Brown, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? One of my favorite scriptures, and the one I have tried to base my life upon, is Matthew 23: 31-46. Jesus teaches us that God separates the sheep from the goats, and he says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, INHERIT THE KINGDOM prepared for you from the foundation of the world....For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I WAS SICK, AND YOU CARED FOR ME. I was in prison, and you visited me....I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me."

This was the scripture of the devotional reading on the first day that I opened my medical practice in St. Stephen, back in 2006. This scripture, stenciled around the front window in my office, is still there today, even though I have retired. The mission of my practice was to serve Jesus/God by serving others.

What most excites you about serving God? The thing that excites me most about serving God is the assurance that I am blessed by my Father and will inherit His kingdom. In Matthew 23:11, Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be a servant.... Those who humble themselves will be exalted." I am not great, but I do love serving others. I am excited to be able to serve this congregation. I am excited to know that I will spend eternity with Jesus. And I am excited to share this good news with others.

What is your prayer for our church in 2023? My prayer for our church in 2023 is for God to bless this church with the important things, like justice, mercy, and faith. With these tools, may we grow stronger together as we tithed of our time, talents, and money so that we may reach UP to God in worship, IN to each other through involvement, and OUT to the world through mission outreach programs.

Jesse Cannon, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? The promises in John 10:27-29 reminds us of the objective truth that no matter what difficulties we face, God's people will not be snatched from His hand, and that we are very precious to Him.

What most excites you about serving God? Walking faithfully with the Lord is an adventure, and I'm excited to see what He has in store for us next. I hope to serve Christ's church well in this role. (continued on page 2)

What is your prayer for our church in 2023? That we would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and glorify Him (2 Peter 3:18).

Mike Stasiak, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Matthew 25: 34-46 “ 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. 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, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 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. 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. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no

drink, 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. 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? 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.’ 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 2023? My prayer is that this church and all churches of Christ have congregations return to the fullest.

Ken Coffey, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

What most excites you about serving God? I am excited to serve God because through him I will be helping my friends, church members and community grow in their faith in God.

What is your prayer for our church in 2023? My prayer for the church this year is that we grow in our faith in God. That we understand his limitless powers in all aspects of our lives.

Mary Majestic, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Two of my favorites are Romans 8:31 “If God is for us, who can be against us.” and Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you.” Both show me that the Lord is always with me.

What most excites you about serving God? Knowing that God has a special path for me to follow and excitement in following on his journey with Him and all at First Presbyterian Church. My adventure is only beginning.

What is your prayer for our church in 2023? That the church and all its members go forth and spread Jesus’s teachings through prayer, missions and good work to all that we meet.

Jarrid Wood, Deacon

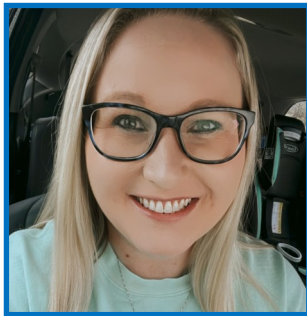


What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Revelation 7:4 “And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel”. It is my favorite verse because I had a dream once; in which I was standing on a small mountain with an elderly (godly) man with a staff and saw 12 tribes with 12 thousand people in each tribe. This called to me and thus began a deeper relation with the Lord and it showed me that I can help others and be a leader no matter my age or experience.

What most excites you about serving God? He is using me to bring others to him and is allowing me to use my talents to serve my family, church and community.

What is your prayer for our church in 2023? My prayer is that we are open to change and allow the Lord to work through our church family to better ourselves and the community. I also pray that we are able to forgive those who have trespassed against us and the global church finds strengths in our sufferings.

Jennifer Worten, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Joshua 1:9 is one of my favorite bible verses. It says, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” This is a great reminder to me that no matter what, God is with me. I don’t need to worry about the future because God has a plan.

What most excites you about serving God? I’m excited about this opportunity to use my gifts that God has given me to serve this congregation. I’m looking forward to being a blessing to all of those around me.

What is your prayer for our church in 2023? My prayer is that our church continues to grow. I want to continue raising the next generation of disciples as we also grow in our walk with Jesus Christ.

Ordination and Installation of New Officers Sunday, January 29 10 a.m. Worship Service

Minutes in a Minute

On Sunday, December 18 your session:

- Called to order with prayer
- Approved the budget for 2023 (available at through the church)
- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 8 for the purpose of approving Rev. Scoonover’s Terms of Call for 2023
- Closed in prayer for the needs of our church and community

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



Food for the Needy - Christmas 2022

Once again, our congregation was generous with donations that enabled us to fill and distribute 173 bags of food for needy families in our area. In addition to our established locations in Alvin and St. Stephen, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department, through their outlying locations, reached into the Cross and Huger areas. Costs and availability of items limited the total bags we could fill. Attached is a letter from Bethlehem Baptist Church expressing their appreciation. Thank you again for your generosity.

In Christ, Jerry Stuckey and Hugh Smith



Berkeley County Sheriff's Office deputies delivered to the Cross and Huger areas.



Bethlehem Baptist Church
2449 Santee River Road
St Stephen, SC 29479

December 31, 2022

Pastor Timothy Scoonover
First Presbyterian Church
419 West Main Street
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Dear Pastor Scoonover,

On behalf of the Bethlehem Baptist Church Family, we thank you for the food donations that we received. The food you donated will make a positive difference for our members as it will help eliminate food insecurity for families in crisis in the community. We are so grateful for your support and we are thankful that we are able to continue our mission to assist our church family and community. Again, we thank you and God bless!

Sincerely,

The Bethlehem Baptist Church Family



Ladies' Christmas Party

Our party in December was so much fun. As you can see from the pictures, we laughed and enjoyed the good fellowship. The food was fabulous.

We had forty women and six children—which was the largest group ever.

We will be meeting in May for the Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet—we hope to see you there!



Healing Farms Jingle Mingle



The Healing Farms Jingle Mingle was a time for the congregation to mingle with some of the Healing Farms students and have some fun.

We decorated Christmas cookies, made a human Christmas tree and a human snowman with Pastor Timothy.



Then the snowman melted.

We extend Christian Sympathy to the following:

- The family of Faye Landis. Faye passed away on Friday, November 18
- The family of William and Neva Peagler, William’s mother, Norma Collins, passed away on Sunday, November 27
- The family of Deidre and Ed Stehmeyer. Deidre’s father, Ellis Dee Quattlebaum, passed away on Sunday, January 1
- The family of Richard and Diane Kizer, Richard’s father, Gene Roger Kizer, passed away on Tuesday, January 3

*Dear church family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt and all of the heartfelt prayers with each knot tied. John is half way through his treatments so please keep him in your prayers.*

*With humbling gratitude,
John and Teresa Holeman*

*Dear Members of First Presbyterian,
Thank you for the beautiful Peace Lily you sent for Mom’s funeral. Every time I look at it I will be reminded of how much she loved the church and how kind everyone was to her. We appreciate such a thoughtful gesture of love.*

Rita Hallman and Jack Landis

*Dear Helping Hands, Cyndy and Ladies,
Thank you all so much for thinking of us during this very difficult time. The meal was very delicious and we enjoyed it so much. All of you mean so much to us and you have made the sad time a little bit better. Pray God will bless each of you.*

Love, Ronnie and Elaine Hewitt

*Dear Church Family,
We are so appreciative of all of the support that everyone gave us after the death of William’s mother. So many cards sent to console us, so many phone calls, texts, and a wonderful meal from the Helping Hands Ministry.*

*Thank you all, Neva and William,
Diane, David & children*




Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Kelly
- 1 Michael Matthews
- 4 Claire Wilson
- 5 Presley Hoffer
- 5 Shirley Rivera-Hicks
- 6 William Devereux
- 7 Rachel Gallager
- 7 Scott Shepherd
- 9 Anita Shuler
- 10 Jennifer Coffey
- 10 Nicholas Ferez
- 10 Baxter Orvin
- 11 Burt Causey
- 12 Tim Dunlap
- 15 Shelly Rucker
- 15 Jane Williams
- 17 Brantley Brewer
- 18 Trinity Baughn
- 19 Laurie Lusk
- 20 Chris Hawley
- 21 Doug Bowles
- 23 Grace Cannon
- 24 Chris Wilson
- 25 Adah Brewer
- 25 Anna Propst
- 26 Joy Matthews
- 27 Len Graham
- 27 Neva Peagler
- 27 Georgia Spencer

Commitment Report	Budget for 2023	\$495,184.00
	<u>January 8</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 8,224.00	\$ 16,812.65
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 9,522.76	\$ 19,045.52
	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
Actual End of Year Giving	\$44,863.37	Total Giving 2022 \$467,093.84

January 2023 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <u>Every Sunday</u> 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>2 1:00 Prayers & Squares</p>	<p>3 Office Closed Observance of New Year's Day</p>	<p>4 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <i>communion</i> 10:45 Congregational Meeting <i>Confirmation/ The Journey</i></p>	<p>9 10:00 Circle 1 at the church 6:00 Circle 2 Home of Carol Guerry</p>	<p>10 8:30 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 BLOOD DRIVE</p>	<p>11 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>17 8:30 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>18 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:30 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 <i>Fuller Formation Officer's Retreat</i></p>
<p>29 <i>Ordination of Officers</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 8:30 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting</p>				



**GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly.
It's a warm, caring environment
that you will find as an "oasis" on your
long journey through grief.**

**It's 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, February 4 at 10 a.m. "Loss of a Spouse".**

**Then every Tuesday, February 7 at 6 p.m. and run through May 2.
(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.**

First Presbyterian Church

419 West Main Street
Moncks Corner, SC 29461
Phone (843) 761-8469 Fax (843) 899-1395
E-Mail: FirstPresbyt@homesc.com

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