

Weekly Worship
Every Sunday

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 4

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 Home School
11:00 CRS & Prayer Ministry
1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

12:30 Community Lenten Svc
3:00 LOGOS
6:00 Youth

Saturday, March 9

8:00-12:00 Church Workday

Monday, March 11

10:00 Circle 1
6:00 Circle 2
6:00 GriefShare

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 Home School
11:00 CRS & Prayer Ministry
1:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, March 13

12:30 Community Lenten Svc
3:00 LOGOS
6:00 Youth

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 Home School
11:00 CRS & Prayer Ministry
1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

12:30 Community Lenten Svc
3:00 LOGOS
6:00 Youth

Thursday, March 21

11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Monday, March 25

6:00 GriefShare

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 Home School
11:00 CRS & Prayer Ministry
1:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Soup Kitchen

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A Note From Our Pastor

A friend of mine and fellow board member of the Fellowship Community, Dan Baumgartner, recently published this article in the Fellowship's monthly newsletter. I wanted to share it here because Dan captures, so well, the aim and purpose of First Presbyterian Church – becoming like Jesus. He writes...



“Things are a wreck, violence is everywhere, morality is at an all-time low and the Church of Jesus is more problem than solution.” One way or another, I hear some version of this every week. Most of the time, I have to just nod and agree. Are things worse than at other times in history? I'm not sure about that, but at the very least the sheer **velocity** of negative things has increased. American churches are closing doors or becoming social service agencies only, pastors are leaving their vocations and young people are increasingly finding community elsewhere and faith nowhere. Division, vitriol and a blatant lack of care for other human beings are rampant. All this was running through my mind this week, causing my head to spin and my hope to dim. Then I remembered an experience from 2005.

I had a sabbatical and our family was in London for a few weeks. One Sunday morning, we spontaneously made our way up to Langham Place, to All Souls Church to worship. Much to my delighted surprise, when it came time for the sermon, two young men helped a visibly frail 84-year-old man up into the high pulpit, where he gave a very reasoned and coherent sermon on Ephesians. It was John Stott, the rector at All Souls for many decades and a legendary leader among evangelical Christians. Maybe you know him as the author of books like *Basic Christianity* or *The Preacher's Portrait* or *The Cross of Christ*, or any number of Bible commentaries. Or for his work with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, or Langham Partnership or Billy Graham. We were able to meet him and chat with him briefly after the service. It was a real highlight.

Five years later, in 2010, when Stott was 89 years old, he put out one last book called *“The Radical Disciple.”* In it, he talked about the major question he wrestled with as a young Christian, and revisited many times over the course of his life—**What is God's purpose for his people?** He wrote, *“I want to share with you where my mind has come to rest (on this) as I approach the end of my pilgrimage on earth.”* When John Stott writes that, I lean forward. *“It is this: “God wants his people to become like Christ. Christlikeness is the will of God for the people of God.”*

My spinning head slows, the complexities of post-modern America fade and I feel *terra firma* once more. Deep sigh. I don't have to solve either culture or Church. Stott didn't offer a formula, a curriculum, a how-to book on saving the Church or highlight the five easy steps to a happy life. He just put out the foundational insight of his whole long, rich, faithful life in seven words—*God wants us to become like Christ.*

Why is that such a peace-inducing thought? It's not original or electrifying. Just centering. The core of my being leaps up and says *“Yes, I want that!”* I want to want that. If God's people were to become more like Christ...well, what was he like? What would happen? We'd see hundreds of millions of people across the globe living faith-fully, loving

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Wednesday, March 27
12:30 Community Lenten Svc
3:00 LOGOS
6:00 Youth

Thursday, March 28
6:00 Soup Supper
6:30 Worship Service

Friday, March 28
9:00-1:00 Retreat of Silence
(Office Closed)

Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday

Pastor
Timothy Scoonover

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sacrificially, reaching out, distributing resources selflessly, listening to others, acting kindly and compassionately, giving respect, offering forgiveness. There would be hundreds of millions of little Christs (see Martin Luther and C.S. Lewis) walking for and towards the kingdom. You and me included.

Is it possible to get so bogged down with issues, problems, trends and predictions that we lose track of both our core conviction, and our imagination? *God wants us to become like Christ.* In his book *You Are What You Love*, James K.A. Smith reminds us of the wisdom of *The Little Prince* (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry): “If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.”

I like that. Who wants to recruit people for drudgery? Who wants to try and sign people up to win back the culture or fix the Church or prop up evangelicalism? But inviting others to become like Christ, to teach them to long for the endless immensity of a loving God...I’ll get on that boat.

Peace of Christ, Dan Baumgartner
Senior pastor at The Cove in Santa Rosa, CA
Secretary of The Fellowship Community Board

Community Lenten Services
12:30 p.m. each Wednesday
during Lent, February 14 through March 27
at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church



Lunch is served at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. in the Moncks Corner United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Donations are accepted to defray the cost of the meal.

	Clergy	Liturgist	Meal
March 6	Mary Ellen Doran (Trinity Pinopolis)	Timothy Scoonover (First Presby.)	Trinity Pinopolis
March 13	Timothy Scoonover (First Presby.)	Darien Jones (Moncks Corner AME)	First Presbyterian
March 20	Shamond Riddy (Wesley UMC)	Mary Ellen Doran (Trinity Pinopolis)	Wesley UMC
March 27	Darien Jones (Moncks Corner AME)	Shamond Riddy (Wesley UMC)	Moncks Corner AME

Moncks Corner is blessed with many great churches that are true to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our society is fractured by a culture with a tendency to build walls rather than bridges. These gatherings are a great time to worship and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ.

Easter Lilies



If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by placing a lily in our Worship Services this Easter, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate or leave on the secretary’s desk. Lilies are \$15.00 each and checks should be made payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designated *Lilies*. **Deadline is Monday, March 25.**

Memory of: _____

Honor of: _____

From: _____

No. of Lilies _____ **Amt. Paid:** _____

Holy Week at FPC

Palm Sunday, March 24

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Shout Hosanna as we celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

There will be a simple soup supper at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a 6:30 p.m. Communion Worship Experience in the Fellowship Hall.

Retreat of Silence, Good Friday, March 29

We will have a "Retreat of Silence" at Mepkin Abbey from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. A time to carve out time during Holy Week to meditate on scripture and spend time in silence and solitude walking the grounds listening for God's voice.

We will conclude with a time of discussion during lunch at 12 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Contact Angeline Brock if you plan to attend.

Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday, March 31

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!
Join us as we gather joyfully in God's house to celebrate the power and the promise of the resurrection.

Communal Reading of Scripture (CRS)

Every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Looking for a Lenten Practice? Join us every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for Communal Reading of Scripture.



The practice is simple—we *listen to scripture together*. Each week we will listen to a few chapters of **Luke's Gospel**. We will also have some time for reflection and prayer. Depending on the turnout, we will be in the library or the sanctuary at the church.

If you like the idea and want to participant, but you can't join us in person, contact Pastor Timothy. He can give you a link, and you can journey through with us but at a time that works for you.

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



2024 Habitat Sweat Break College Challenge

We will be partnering with the Habitat Collegiate Challenge program again this year. The program provides year-round alternative school break volunteer opportunities to college students across the United States. These college students have chosen to travel to Moncks Corner to spend their spring break serving in **our** community. We will be hosting students in “The Well” for their week.

If you would like to bake cookies, provide lunch, snacks or show welcome and hospitality in any way, please text or call Rin Page at 843-830-3612. There’s a poster in the atrium with more information and a place for you to sign-up.

March 3-8, Dominican University, New York
March 10-15, Denison University, Ohio
March 17-22, Towson University, Maryland

An opportunity to share God’s love from our family to another.

Church-Wide Work Day For Outside Clean-up

Saturday, March 9—8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



**This is a time to come together and work on our church.
Everybody is invited to help, especially young people.**

Main Objectives: Cut the grass for the first time of the year, weed eat, spray round-up, broadcast fire ant prevention, prune/shape shrubs, rake leaves out of children’s playground area and put down new mulch.

Inside Project: Two desks that need to be assembled.

Things That Will Already Be On Site and Belong to the Church: church riding mower, church blower, church weed eater, church gas hedge pruners, church wheelbarrow, church spreader, church backpack sprayer, fire ant prevention.

Things To Bring: Gas pruners, hand pruners, loppers, 6-foot ladder, side walk edger, tine rake, shovel, mower, weed eater and string, blower, gloves, dust mask, safety glasses, wheelbarrows, leaf bags, tarp, and all the young people you can find.

Don Brown will be cooking lunch for us.

Encouragement and support is definitely welcome.

Any questions or for more information, contact Ken Coffey at 843-607-0568.

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, February 19 the Session of First Presbyterian Church met and

- Opened with prayer and devotion led by Jerry McSwain, answering the question “What has Jesus, our rabbi, been teaching you lately?”
- Approved minutes from the January 15 Session Meeting
- Welcomed Lisa Vidia and Billie Coleman into membership by reaffirmation of faith
- Approved the baptism of John Owens Williams, son of John O. and Melissa Williams on April 14
- Approved combined 10 a.m. worship for April 21 (Fellowship Sunday and Pastor Bo’s Commissioning Service) and May 26 – August 11 (Summer worship schedule)
- Approved building new office space for Angeline in the children’s wing
- Approved a modification to the 2024 budget due to payroll calculation error
- Received reports from the pastors: Pastor Bo continues his pastoral care work and has introduced software to manage and report this work; Pastor Timothy shared goals for 2024
- Reviewed Ministry Team Assignments and received reports from each team
- Closed with prayer for pastoral needs of our community

The next session meeting will be Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m.

Happenings and Things to Know

- **Cistern Ministry Mission Trip to Mexico, July 29 thru August 4**—Ways you can partner with us: pray for the ministry, give financially, or go. If you are interested in going, contact Angeline Brock.
- **Mother Daughter Banquet May 8**—Mothers, daughters and friends, mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 8. More information in the April newsletter.
- **Grass Cutting Season**—There’s a poster in the atrium to sign up for grass cutting. Sign up early and get your spots saved.
- **Giving Online**—You can give online, it’s easy. Visit our website and pick the giving tab. You can also use this QR code to go to our website.





Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon

All ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon is in the fellowship hall on **Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m.** This is a good time of fellowship and an opportunity to make new friends. Bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. For more information, contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149.



Ladies Circles Meet on Monday, March 11

All women of the church are invited and welcome. This is a time of fellowship, Bible study and making new friends. Circles meet once a month on the 2nd Monday.

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m. at the church. For more information, contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420.

Circle 2 will meet at 6 p.m. at the home of Pam Coffey, 1107 Butter Rd., Bonneau. Give Pam a call at 843-870-4126 for more information & directions.

March Birthdays

- 1 Will Patrick
- 4 Jeff Weathers
- 5 David Harris
- 6 Haley Ann Harrelson
- 7 Rebecca Riley
- 7 Josh Simmons
- 7 Nich Simmons
- 11 Addie Rucker
- 13 Jay Duke
- 13 Michael McHoney
- 13 Dorothy Miller
- 15 Bobby Mitchell
- 15 Jill Thornton
- 16 Miller Still
- 17 Lonnie Carter
- 19 Will Rucker
- 20 Bob Partlow
- 21 Shawn Shuler
- 21 Sam Stehmeyer
- 23 Jimmy Livingston
- 24 Saralyn Crowell
- 27 John Spencer
- 28 Penelope Still
- 30 Greg Tedder



Food Pantry Ministry

Please bring **soup and canned pasta** for the month of March.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2023	\$495,184.00
	<u>February 25</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 6,070.50	\$ 87,232.84
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 11,081.37	\$ 88,650.96
Henry Bonner Offering: \$2,459.06		

March 2024

First Presbyterian Church

Lenten Services are at Monks Corner United Methodist Church
Lunch is served at 12 Noon and 1 PM—Service is at 12:30 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service	4 1:00 Prayers & Squares 6:00 GriefShare	 5 8:00 Home School 11:00 Communal Reading & Prayer 1:00 Staff Meeting	6 12:30 Community Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	7 Habitat Collegiate Challenge Dominican University, New York	8 Habitat Collegiate Challenge Dominican University, New York	9 8:00-12:00 
3 communion 12:15 Liturgist Workshop 3rd Sunday in Lent	11 10:00 Ladies Circle 1 at the church 6:00 Ladies Circle 2 Home of Pam Coffey 6:00 GriefShare	12 8:00 Home School 11:00 Communal Reading & Prayer 1:00 Soup Kitchen 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 SPF Meeting	13 12:30 Community Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	14 Habitat Collegiate Challenge Denison University, Ohio	15 Youth Camp Out Habitat Collegiate Challenge	16
17 4th Sunday in Lent	18 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting 6:00 GriefShare	19 8:00 Home School 11:00 Communal Reading & Prayer 1:00 Staff Meeting	20 12:30 Community Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	21 11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon Habitat Collegiate Challenge Towson University, Maryland	22 Habitat Collegiate Challenge Denison University, Ohio	23
24  31 EASTER Resurrection of the Lord	25 6:00 GriefShare	26 8:00 Home School 11:00 Communal Reading & Prayer 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Soup Kitchen	27 12:30 Community Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	28  6:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship	29 GOOD FRIDAY 9:00—1:00 Retreat of Silence Mepkin Abbey 	30

Retreat of Silence

When: Good Friday, March 29 , 9:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
Where: Grounds of Mepkin Abbey
Who: All are welcome
Why: *To carve out time during Holy Week to meditate on scripture and spend time in silence and solitude walking the grounds of Mepkin Abbey listening for God's voice.*

We will conclude with a time of discussion during lunch at 12 p.m. (Bring a bag lunch.) Contact Angeline Brock for more information or to let her know you want to participate.



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