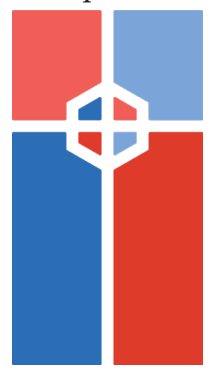




Youth  
Sunday  
2024

# First Presbyterian Church Aiken, South Carolina

A community actively seeking ways to continue:  
*... writing new chapters in an old story ...*



*A Stephen Ministry Congregation.*

First Presbyterian Church of Aiken extends a simple and unqualified welcome, in Christ's name, to all who seek to join us. We affirm that there can be no exclusiveness within the body of Christ, and therefore we invite all children of God into our worship, study, mission, and fellowship as we together seek ways to live in grace and respond with gratitude. We would be happy to answer any questions about our mission, ministry, and membership.

We invite you to please join us again in worship.

**Call To Worship**

Gathering Music: The people are called to worship God through the Gift of Music.

Congregational: The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:8).

**Prayer Of Confession**

is intended to encourage people to lay down any burdens of guilt, regret, sense of failure, or inadequacy, and to reaffirm their trust in Christ's unfailing love and forgiveness.

**Assurance Of Pardon**

in the waters of baptism, God claimed you and named you a child of God. In the waters of baptism, we receive God's forgiveness, healing, and love.

**Gloria Patri** giving glory to the Good Father in thanksgiving for grace and forgiveness.

✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

Carly Brown Bryson Hamilton, Emory Patterson

**STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Souper Bowl of Caring Charlie Calfee

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kendall Starks

**One:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And also with you.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Surely the Presence

Mary Ellis Crook  
Bryson Hamilton

**CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mary Irving Calfee

**One:** It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.  
**All:** **We know what to expect and what is expected of us.**

**One:** Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

**All:** **But we are not sure we are ready for that.**

**One:** So we place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is our guide.

**All:** **Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision He places before us.**

✠ **HYMN 136**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

✠ **INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN**

Connor Patterson

*(Silent Confession)*

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive us our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Tripp Calfee

✠ **Gloria Patri**

I LOVE YOU LORD

**I love you Lord and I lift my voice,  
to worship you. Oh my soul rejoice.  
Take joy my king in what you hear.  
May it be sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

✠ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Emory Patterson

**Passing of the Peace**  
worshippers may share signs of Christ's peace welcoming each other i.e. "The peace of Christ be with you" response "and also with you".

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

Mary Ellis Crook  
Bryson Hamilton,  
Emory Patterson

**SCUBA!**

Bryant Ford Crook

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Joshua Woods

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Prayer For**

**Illumination** is a prayer seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to lead us to a deeper understanding of the reading, hearing, and proclaiming of God's word.

✠ **HYMN 192**

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

**Sermon Or**

**Meditation** when the Bible has been read, its message is proclaimed in a sermon or other form of exposition of God's Word. The God who speaks in scripture speaks to us now. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is presented in the sermon, offering grace and calling for obedience.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Carly Brown

**FIRST LESSON**

2 KINGS 2:1-12

Jacob Luther

**SECOND LESSON**

MARK 9:2-9

Joshua Woods

**MESSAGES**

Katie Brown

Bryant Ford Crook

Robert Girardeau, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Robert Girardeau, Jr.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith**

the congregation speaks as one, affirming essential tenets of the reformed Christian faith.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS** Jacob Luther

*Please sign and pass the friendship register on your pew during this time.*

**The Offering** is a

significant part of our response to the Gospel. As we present the financial gifts that represent our commitment to the work of the church. We resolve to maintain this community of worship, fellowship, and service.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Katie Brown  
Piano

The **Doxology** is sung, ascribing glory to God in three persons - praising Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

FATHER, I ADORE YOU

**Father I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.  
Jesus I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.  
Spirit I adore you, by my life before you, how I love you.**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Katie Brown

✦ **HYMN 69**

HERE I AM LORD

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP**

Kendall Starks

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Robert Girardeau, Jr.

**Charge And Benediction** are delivered from the pulpit, font, or table. The charge is a challenge to take the lessons learned in worship, and apply them to our lives. The benediction concludes the worship service, and confers the Triune God's blessing upon the congregation.

**CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING 306**

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Chris - tian love  
The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds  
is like to that a - bove

**Congregational Blessing** we join hands and voices as we acknowledge God's blessing which binds us together in ministry.

**POSTLUDE**

Great Is The Lord

## WORSHIP NOTES

The flower arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and to honor all our "Valentine" ladies: Grandma's, Moms, Wives, Daughters, and Granddaughters by Lewis Fierke.

Head Usher: Winston Matson

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and wireless assisted hearing receivers are available from any usher.

Childcare is available during Sunday school and worship for our youngest members ages infant to 5 years old. Room 6 is for ages 0-2 and room 8 is for ages 3-5.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Offering Cards have been added to the pews for our online givers. Please use these during the offering as the plates are passed.



## CHURCH AT WORK

**Congregational Meeting** - There is a Congregational meeting on February 18th after worship to vote on the officer slate.

**Youth Blanket Drive** - It has already been a very cold winter, and the Youth ask the congregation to please donate blankets for the Youth Blanket Drive. They will distribute blankets daily in the blessing box outside the church during these cold days.

**Lenten Study** - "Pause, Spending Lent with the Psalms" Thursdays 10:15-11:15am In the Fellowship Hall Feb. 15th - March 28th The season of Lent encourages us to consider a different pace - one of slowing down, noticing, pausing. Guided by Dr. Beth Yarborough, we will pause and explore one Psalm each week during Lent and Holy Week, and then reflect on the theme in the following days. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or call the church office. Books are \$10 each and are available to be picked up in the church office.

**Fat Tuesday** - Please join us in the Fellowship Hall February 13th at 5:45 PM The menu will be Pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit salad and King cake for dessert. Savannah River String band (Dean Fickbohm) will be providing the musical entertainment!

**Ash Wednesday** - Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service February 14, 2024, at 12:00 PM. This service begins our Lenten journey from the ashes of death to the resurrected life. Two opportunities for imposition of ashes will be Wednesday Morning Prayer at 8:45 AM and during the 12:00 PM service. A lite lunch will be served after the 12:00 PM service

**Confirmation** - 4:00-5:30 in Middle School Room.

**JAM!** Will meet next Sunday, February 18th after the covered dish meal, where we will put together bags for our visitors in need and for the Blessing Box. We will be done at 1:00pm.

**Stewardship** - We have received over 100 pledges from our stewardship campaign. We are about 20 pledges short of our goal. If you have not pledged or turned in your time and talent sheets you may do so by placing them in the basket in the Narthex or by turning them in to the church office. No pledge is too small to support the work of our congregation.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 11, 2024

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM   Worship-Youth  
Sunday  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM   Indoor Soccer  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM   Confirmation  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM   Men's Basketball

### Thursday, February 15, 2024

7:00 AM - 03:00 PM   Preschool  
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM   Lent Study  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM   Pickleball

### Monday, February 12, 2024

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM   Preschool  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM   Beginner Tai Chi  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM   Tai Chi  
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM   Mead Hall BBall  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM   Covenant  
Tewkesbury  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM   Diaconate  
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM   Pickleball

### Friday, February 16, 2024

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM   Preschool  
CLOSED  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM   Beginner Tai Chi  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM   Tai Chi  
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM   Mead Hall BBall

### Tuesday, February 13, 2024

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM   Preschool  
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM   Parent/Teacher  
Conference  
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM   Preschool Chapel  
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM   Aiken Sher.  
Bagpipes/Drum  
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM   Mead Hall BBall  
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM   Pickleball  
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM   Cubscout Pack  
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM   Pancake Supper  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM   BSA Troop  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM   Boy Scouts

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

9:15 AM - 11:30 AM   Nursery  
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM   Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM   Sunday School  
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM   Congregational  
Meeting  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM   Sunday Potluck  
12:00 PM - 1:00   JAM  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM   Indoor Soccer  
7:30 PM 9:00 PM   Men's Basketball

### Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM   Preschool  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM   Beginner Tai Chi  
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM   Morning Prayer &  
Ashes  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM   Tai Chi  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM   PW Gathering  
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM   Ash Wednesday  
Service  
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM   Lunch Bunch  
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM   Mead Hall BBall  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM   Handbells  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM   Choir

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND STAFF

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Office hours Monday- Thursday 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

### The Church Organized For Work

Pastor/Head of Staff	Rev. Dr. Christopher Erde
Parish Associate	Rev. Dr. Beth Yarborough
Director of Operations and Media	Joanna Hamilton
Director of Christian Education	Tamra Erde
Director of Music	Daniel Hamilton
Director of Finance	Cassie Buchanan
Office Manager	Debby Dugan
Organist/Accompanist	Kathy Clark
Preschool Director	Mary Maddrey
Finance	Suzanne McLeod

### The Session

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Christopher Erde,  
Clerk of Session Susan Budney

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Kim Abney	Robin Callicott	Trey Brown
Susan Budney	Chuck Dynarski	Suzanne McLeod
Mike Loftus	Jennifer Feraldi	Melissa Patterson
Paula Luther	Katie Kucharski	Graham Reynolds
Robert Girardeau Jr.	Jerry Shumpert	Wayne Rickman
Bailey Shafer	Chick Warner	
Mary Helen Simons		

### The Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Liz Cox	Dave Clerc	Anne Elkins
Bob Hinds	Mary Fran Crook	Barbara Bower
Nancy Thorne	Kathy Kent	

### The Trustees

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Det Haislip	Reggie Ebner	David Keisler

### Stephen Ministry

Rob Gray, Kathy Kent, Mary Maddrey, Carol Mondschein,  
Christin Sosa-Gaston, Lucy Sutter, and Vic Sowers

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### Presbyterian Women

Moderator:  
Sandy Evans

Gathering Contacts:  
Amy Gray, Barb Magrath, Margot Salzman

**Church Officers** the congregation of the PCUSA operate using a model of shared leadership and responsibility. Ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament work along side men and women called to serve in the ordained officers of Elders (the Session) and Deacon (the Diaconate). In the PCUSA, the gifts of leadership and ministry are affirmed and celebrated in all people and the service of all is appreciated.

