



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

DATE AUGUST 7, 2022
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

PACHELBEL

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 33

One: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who honor God and hope
in God's steadfast love.

**All: Our soul waits for the Lord; God is our help and shield.
Our hearts are glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.**

One: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

All: Let us worship God!

✦ **HYMN 504**

WE COME AS GUESTS INVITED

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CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, we worship your son, Jesus Christ, who fed the hungry
with the bread of life and the Word of his reign. Forgive our tendency
to trust more in ourselves than in the words and actions of our Savior.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread and your saving cup.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✦ Please rise in body or spirit.

✠RESPONSE 613

O LORD, OUR LORD

HOW MAJESTIC

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord...we praise your name. O Lord...we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty. (repeat)**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Lindsay Tucker

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 11-3, 16-20

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 12:22-31

SERMON

What? Me Worry??

The Rev. Conley Zomermaand

RESPONDING

SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 465

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

CONVERSE

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE FEAST IS READY
Summer Choir

KENDRICK

✠CELEBRATION OF GIVING 614

GREAT ARE YOU, LORD

GREAT IS THE LORD

**Great are you the Lord: you are holy and just;
By your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
By your mercy you prove you are love**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord, we lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great...are you, Lord! Great...are you, Lord!**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATING

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

✠Musical Response 604

LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace; grant us peace.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

Please eat the bread as you receive it, symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ. Then please serve the next person, saying to them, "This is the bread of life." The cup in the center of the tray holds gluten-free wafers. When the cup is passed, please take one and hold it until all can drink together, symbolizing the fact that, together, we are Christ's body. If you are not able to hold the cup until all can partake together, please feel free to drink it as soon as you receive it. As you pass the tray to the next person, please say to them, "This is the cup of salvation".

Prayer

SENDING

✠HYMN 853

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

**We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh-oh,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh-oh,
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are singing in the light of God...

✠INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

✠BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

WITH A SOUND OF TRUMPETS

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STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As a community of those who are actively seeking ways to continue:

... *writing a new chapter in an old story* ...

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and for all the teachers and students starting the 2022 school year by Lewis Fierke.

Liturgist: Terry Wimberley

Lay Reader: Chick Warner

Head Usher: Stephen Ministers

During the month of August, we recognize our Stephen Ministry program which has been a part of our church since 1995. For more information about this ministry there are available handouts in the Narthex.

We invite everyone to enjoy refreshments following our worship service. Stephen Ministers and Leaders will be available to answer any questions you may have

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

Childcare is available during 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 5th grade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would You Like to Join Our Church Family? - If you'd like to become a member of First Presbyterian Church, join us down front after the worship service today or on the first Sunday of each month.

Thirsty Theologians - Join us for great theological discussions, fellowship, and beverages. Please meet in the newly renovated upstairs room at Aiken Brewing located at 140 Laurens St SW, Aiken, SC 29801. Meeting dates: August 9th 6:00 pm and September 13th 6:00 pm.

FPC History Study Opportunity - On Thursday, August 25 at 10:00 AM, the Matthew 25 Study Group will be discussing Connections The Story of The First Presbyterian Church of Aiken, South Carolina by Lorraine Minton and Donald M. Law to gain a deeper understanding of the history of our church. Everyone is invited to join in the discussion which will be held in the Conference Room.

Summer Office hours - Monday through Thursday, 9 am -3 pm and Friday from 9 am through 12 Noon.

ACTS Food Donations - August's item is canned fruit. September item is canned vegetables.

Pastoral Care Process - First Presbyterian Church offers many services in times of need. If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized, in need of pastoral contact, or if you need care yourself, please call the church office during the daytime hours (803-648-2662). Call Pastor Zomermaand's cell phone after hours (839-465-3291). Leave him a phone message or text if he does not answer immediately, and he will return your call.

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.