



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

ARIA

HANDEL

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 91

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My God, in whom I trust.'

All: Under God's wings we will find refuge; God's faithfulness provides sure protection.

One: Those who love me, I will deliver, says God; I will protect those who know my name.

All: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

One: Let us worship the One who so loves us!

✦ HYMN 804

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

MARION

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we are often consumed by the worries of the world. Forgive our fears which betray the shallowness of our faith. Grant that we may not be overly anxious about earthly cares, but may love that which transcends our daily existence. In the face of concerns and obstacles we encounter, help us to long for and hold fast to those things that shall endure, which we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦ Please rise in body or spirit.

**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.**
**O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.¹**

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Mary Fran Crook

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 32:1-2, 9-15

SECOND LESSON

I TIMOTHY 6:11-16

SERMON

Plant Your Corn Early in the Spring The Rev. Conley Zomermaand

RESPONDING

SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 708

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

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✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the evil one.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair
can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for him. Amen!**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

WRITE YOUR BLESSED NAME
(8:45) Daniel Hamilton
(11:00) Sanctuary Choir

SCOTT

✠CELEBRATION OF GIVING 607

PRAISE GOD

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God,
whom we adore. Amen.²**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

✠HYMN 748

GO WITH US LORD

TALLIS' CANON

✠INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

✠BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

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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 in honor of Joanna and Daniel Hamilton and their children for everything they do for the Church. Thank you Barb Magrath.

Liturgist:

11:00 - Beth Beckham

Lay Reader:

8:45 - Sandy Evans

11:00 - Beth Beckham

Head Usher:

8:45 - Geoff and Barbara Magrath

11:00 - Bennett Tucker

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAM – 1st–5th grade children will meet today from 4:30-6:00 PM in Room 3 for our first Mission Project.

High Schoolers - Meet in Room 2 at 4:30-6:00 PM to chat with USCA's Vice Chancellor of students as well as a couple of faculty members about the college application process, student living, FASFA, and beyond. Come with questions, leave with knowledge. This is for ALL High School students as the process begins in the 9th grade.

Middle Schoolers - Meet in Room 1 at 4:30-6:00 PM, come and relax while watching a movie. You deserve a break from the busy week with friends and fellowship.

ACTS - September's item is canned vegetables. October's item is grits/oatmeal/cereal.

Extended Communion - If you or someone you know would like to receive communion in their home on communion Sunday, please reach out to Mary Fran Crook or the church office to make arrangements.

Day of Service - Mission in a Mile needs you! Saturday, October 8 at 8:30 AM, people of all ages are encouraged to participate, and childcare will be available for those with small children. Our nine mission projects include ACTS, Tri-Development Center of Aiken County, Project Vision, Stand at the Crossroads, Community Medical Clinic of Aiken County, Children's Place, Soup Making, Sheppard Community Blood Bank, and Habitat Restore. Sign up online or in the church office.

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.