

Weekly Worship

Sunday,

The Lord's Day

9:00am Worship Service
 10:05am Assembly &
 Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 7

5:15 *Worship Ministry*

Thursday, February 8

5:30 *Stewardship, Personnel
 and Finance Ministry*

Monday, February 12

10:00 *Circle 1 at the Church*
 1:00 *Prayers & Squares*
 6:00 *Circle 2*
Home of Janet Lucas

Monday, February 19

6:00 *Session Meeting*

Tuesday, February 20

6:00 *GriefShare Training*

Saturday, February 24

*Presbytery Meeting
 Hebron-Zion*

Monday, February 26

1:00 *Prayers & Squares*
 3:00 *Visitation Ministry*

A Note From Our Pastor

True confession: sometimes in the early moments of the morning, I wrap up my intimate time with God, saying “amen” to him, but thinking to myself *ugh, back to the real world... time to get the boys ready for school.* Don’t get me wrong. I love my children! They are gifts from God. I thank him every day, but I’m not always best at seeing God in the “every” of the day.

I went first with the confession, what about you... Do you ever close your Bible or morning devotional and think *Ok, back to reality?* Do you feel as though there’s a great chasm between the time you spend in prayer and the daily grind of life? It seems like we have a tendency to divide the sacred from the secular. As if God is with me while I pray for the meal, but not while I eat the meal. As if God is near in the pew on Sunday, but distant from the cubicle on Monday. Well... then I have the book recommendation for you—*Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren.

Lent, the 40 days before Easter, is upon us, and I’d like you to join me and my family in a Lenten discipline. Some people give up chocolate or sugary drinks or Facebook. **What if we gave up the false divide between the sacred and secular?** Would you join us? It could change your life. It already has begun to for us. In January, Ashley and I starting reading Warren’s book, which was the *Christianity Today* “2017 Book of the Year,” and Ashley said this about it, “This book reaches into the everyday routine and claims it as God’s.”

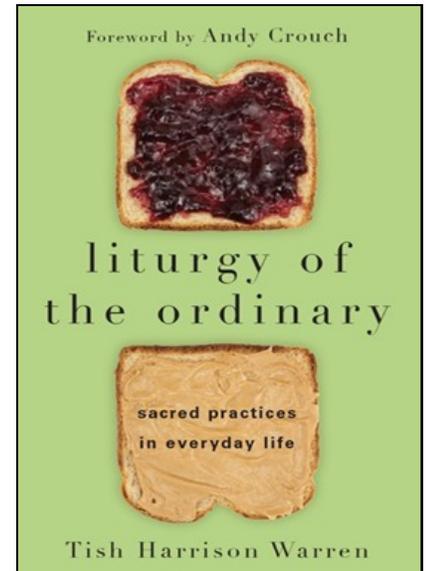
From the back cover: “*God is near. In overlooked moments and routines, we can become aware of God’s presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Each chapter in this book looks at something that the author does during the day—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys. Life is viewed through the lens of liturgy—small practices and habits that form us. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day.*”

Here's the plan:

1. Read the book during Lent
2. Discover the holiness of your every day

Here are the details:

First, you can **sign-up for your copy** of the book at the display **in the atrium**. Then, I’ll order the books in bulk and you can pay (\$14 made out to the church) when you receive your copy. It’s short—150 pages—and a quick read—she’s a gifted writer, whimsical and poetic. So, read at your pace and may God open our eyes to his presence!



Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual

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 David Baruch

Editor

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Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, January 22, the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and signing of our “Covenant Agreement” for community life and conduct as a session
- Elected John O. Williams to serve as Clerk of the Session
- Elected Eric Buitenhuis to serve as commissioner to all 2018 Presbytery meetings
- Approved minutes from November 20, 2017 and December 17, 2017 session meetings and January 7, 2018 congregational meeting.
- Approved Communion for the all of 2018: the first Sunday of each month, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve
- Approved our church’s participation in a “Contextual Bible Study” with Grace Reformed Episcopal Church for Rev. Tory Liferidge’s Doctor of Ministry in Public Engagement thesis project
- Revised the 2018 Budget to read – expected income: \$436,612 and expected expense: \$433,923 to accommodate pledge changes from 2 giving units
- Approved Jane Hood, chair of finance, to sign checks and have full access to the church’s bank account information
- Closed with prayer for pastoral needs of our community

The next session meeting will be Monday, February 19 at 6pm.

2018 Financial Report

	Year to date through 1/31/2018		Annual Budget
Revenue	\$ 44,895	\$	436,612
Expenditures			
Personnel	\$ 19,397	\$	263,304
Operations	\$ 6,100	\$	106,350
Missions	\$ 1,376	\$	32,300
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 235	\$	21,710
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 643	\$	10,260
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,753	\$	433,924

Food Pantry Ministry

Thank you congregation for your generous donations to the food closet this past year. We were able to help 90 families with food boxes. The food that you bring in every month goes a long way to offset the cost of each box that we pack. We also received a large monetary donation from an anonymous church member. Thank you all so much.

The Food Closet Committee



Community Lenten Services

12:30 — 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent, February 14 thru March 28
at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church

Lunch is served at Noon and 1:00 p.m. in the MC UMC Fellowship Hall.

Cost is \$3.50.

Dates	Clergy	Liturgist	Music	Meal
February 14	Mike Wood	Hal Fenters	Imposition of Ashes	Wesley UMC
February 21	Thomas Habersham	Timothy Scoonover	Moncks Corner UMC	Lutheran/Friendship
February 28	Hal Fenters	Lillian Washington	Pinopolis UMC	Moncks Corner AME
March 7	Lillian Washington	Jeff Roper	Trinity Pinopolis	First Presbyterian
March 14	Valentine Williams	Mike Rouse	First Presbyterian	Pinopolis UMC
March 21	Jeff Roper	Thomas Habersham	Lutheran	Trinity Pinopolis
March 28	Timothy Scoonover	Valentine Williams	Moncks Corner AME	Moncks Corner UMC

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! The inclusive nature of Christian fellowship, based on the love of God, is vitally important. Our gatherings are great times to experience and express the wholesome, creative love of God for all people.

GriefShare Leader Training



There will be a GriefShare facilitators' training on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 6:00pm. We are looking for new people who may want to go through the training. Please be in prayer for this ministry and possibly your participation as a leader in this support group. For more information contact Charlene Atkins at (201)919-3249, (843)482-0145, or charatkins17@yahoo.com.



Summer Mission Trip to Mexico

We are planning another mission trip to Mexico this summer, June 12-19. We will be partnering again with Todd Luke and the OutReach Foundation. There are limited spots. If you are interested in going, please contact Angeline Brock at 843-729-7050 or angelineharris77@gmail.com.



Habitat Work Day

Partnering with Habitat, we will have a work day on **Saturday, February 24** at 129 George Street in Moncks Corner. Each volunteer must complete an application/waiver before they are allowed to volunteer. For more information, contact Ron Hewitt. There's also a poster in the hallway with information and a signup.

Henry Bonner Memorial Offering



Sunday, February 18 and 25, we will have the annual Henry Bonner Memorial offering at First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner. Special envelopes will be available for contributions in the pews. All funds collected will go to support the Habitat for Humanity in Berkeley County. Mr. Bonner had a long and distinguished career in public education, serving as a coach, teacher, principal, and eventually, as Superintendent of Schools for Berkeley County in 1959. He served in this position for nearly 30 years, retiring just before Hurricane Hugo in 1989. The Henry E. Bonner Elementary School in Macedonia was named in his honor. After his retirement, he became active as a volunteer in many civic endeavors, and chaired the Habitat for Humanity effort which was just beginning in Berkeley County. Henry died on July 3, 2007. The session wanted to remember Henry in a way that would honor him. Because his influence was so important in getting Habitat for Humanity started in Berkeley County, it was decided that a memorial offering would take place annually in February, with the funds collected designated to support Habitat for Humanity that was so important to Henry.

As part of our partnership with Habitat, we hosted eight students from the University of Illinois at The Well for a week in January. The students were here as part of a Collegiate Challenge with Habitat.



Class of 2020 Deacons and Elders

Kay Colley, Deacon, Christian Education Ministry

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." I love the beauty of it.

What excites you most about serving God?

We are the hands of Christ. By serving, we participate in God's glory.

What is your prayer for our church in 2018?

We continue to focus on the supremacy of Christ and be dependent upon Him.

Just for fun: Where is your favorite place to be?

Mornings in the living room with my husband.

David Harris, Deacon, Stewardship, Personnel & Finance Ministry

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." God shows how much he loves us and promises us eternal life if we believe in his Son.

What excites you most about serving God?

By serving God, I can experience real joy, and I like to serve others.

What is your prayer for our church in 2018?

To serve the Lord and take the good news of Jesus out into the world through words and deeds.

Just for fun: Where is your favorite place to be?

On my mom's farm where I spent my childhood.

Frannie Woods, Deacon, Christian Education Ministry

What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?

Colossians 3:15 - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." My trust in scripture is led by faith. I have faith that it holds truth and by that faith I cannot doubt His written word. It brings me peace and makes me thankful.

What most excites you about serving God?

The ability to connect with and learn from one another through God's word. The opportunity to grow and develop relationships within the church as well as individuals outside of the church.

What is your prayer for our church in 2018?

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray our church family continues to follow the path you have set out for us. We have so many strengths and where there are weaknesses, I pray we will overcome them. Our church is rooted strongly in your word. I pray that 2018 will be an enlightening, strengthening, and loving year for all of us. Amen.

Just for fun: Where is your favorite place to be?

My favorite place is outdoors, someplace quiet, away from noise and distractions. Walking along with nature. Kind of boring, I know!

**Making disciples who reach UP to God,
IN to one another, and OUT to the world.**

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Marie Bowles, Elder, Pastoral Care Ministry

What is a favorite Bible verse?

Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God..." I find the beginning part of the verse to be very calming and reassuring. I repeat it quite often when I find myself feeling tense or stressed. Repeating this helps me remember to be still and listen for God's voice. It helps me calm down, focus, and know that God is in charge—I don't have to be.

What excites you about serving God?

In the Bible God teaches us that by serving others, we also serve Him. I enjoy doing things for others and look forward to finding new ways to serve others, which in turn, means serving God.

What is your prayer for our church in 2018?

My prayer for our church in 2018 is for continued growth, continued biblical teaching based on scriptures, and our continued involvement in the community.

Just for fun: Where is your favorite place to be?

My favorite place to be is anywhere that I can get away from the busyness of our world and take in and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Whether it is at my home enjoying the lake, at the ocean, in the mountains enjoying a beautiful view or simply watching a beautiful butterfly. I thoroughly enjoy and appreciate God's work. If I'm fortunate enough to have my husband and possibly our grandchildren with us to share this beauty, it makes these moments even better.

Rick Ollic, Elder, Worship Ministry

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life". This verse gives me comfort and assurance knowing that because of his sacrifice for me, I will have eternal life with my Father in heaven.

What most excites you about serving God?

What excites me the most about serving God is being able to reach out and spread the Gospel and hopefully be able to reach someone who is lost and bring them to his kingdom.

What is your prayer for our church in 2018?

My prayer for our church is that we are able to grow our community in a more spiritual way bringing us closer to one another.

Just for fun: Where is your favorite place to be?

My favorite place is the beach at Pawleys Island, SC.

Rin Page, Elder, Mission and Evangelism Ministry

What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?

One of my most cherished verses in the Bible comes from Isaiah 54:5, "For your husband is your Maker who's name is the Lord of hosts; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel who is called the God of all the earth." I first read this verse in the late 80's and it has been dear to me since then. It is a reminder of how God desires an intimate relationship with me (and all of us).

What most excites you about serving God?

My hope is that by serving Him and the church, others will come to know Him so personally, building his kingdom.

What is your prayer for our church in 2018?

My prayer for our church is that we would crave an even closer relationship with the One who gave himself to rescue us.

We extend Christian sympathy to the following families:

- Rene and Larry Moorer. Rene's beloved mother, Estelle DeHay Haselton, passed away on Saturday, January 20.
- Glen DeVaun and his family: Glen's beloved wife, Gwen Marie Smith, passed away on Wednesday, January 24.

Hello Church Family!

I wanted to thank you so much for your prayers, love, care, and meals cooked for us during the time Samuel was sick and in the hospital. That was such a stressful time for us as a family and it meant so much to know that you were there for us! Thank you! Best, Lyndsay and David

Dear Helping Hands Members — Our family would like to thank all of you for the wonderful gift certificate to Music Man BBQ. We will get together and take Pop there for a great meal as soon as he can go. We also thank you for your thoughts and prayers. With appreciation, Dave Baumann Family

Dear friends,

We want to thank our friends at First Church for the many offers of condolences on the loss to Jesus of our daughter Peggy. She said throughout her two year battle that she "was on a journey with Jesus and only He knew the outcome". She will be greatly missed by many. Love, Bill and Connie Brinson

Dear Church Family,

You have been a part of my family for so many years and I am glad to feel like a part of yours. Words cannot express how much I thank you. I love you and God bless you. Marrie Dingle and Family

Dear Session,

We want to thank you for your gift to Hospice of Charleston in memory of Mom. It is a wonderful facility that provides a peaceful and caring environment for the patient and families. Your gift is truly appreciated. Love, Mike Lucas

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Just wanted to let you know how much you're appreciated. We loved the dinner you hosted for our Habitat Team and getting to know everyone in the community! Thank you for everything you did this past week. We appreciate all of it! Best Wishes, University of Illinois Students (Habitat Collegiate Challenge)

February Birthdays

- 1 Ansley Riddle
- 2 Sarah Carter
Martee Fansher
Julia Moody
- 5 Waites Wilson
- 7 Ashley Scoonover
- 8 Charlene Atkins
Deanna Riddle
Jackie Keene
- 9 Sarah Brown
Zach Simmons
(Wadford Family)
- 10 Ginny Umphlett
- 11 Mike Holcombe
- 13 Cory Knight
- 15 Mabelle Scott
T. Williams
- 16 Bill Britt
Jay Jackson
Clisha Weathers
- 17 Anna Brown
Robbie Robinson
- 18 Sister Beaty
- 23 Susan Cook
- 24 Jack Fleming
Anna Murchison
- 27 Colin Murchison
- 29 Angeline Brock

February Ushers

- 9:00— Larry & Talley Propst
- 11:00—Ronnie Hewitt, Rin Page, Johnny & Wanda Wood

February Food Pantry

Grits and Canned Soup



If you would like to know more about our Women's Circles, please give the ladies below a call. All women of the church are welcome.

Circle 1 will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12 at the church. Call Mickey Smith for more information at 843-899-6420

Circle 2 will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12 at the home of Janet Lucas, 708 Levee Drive, Moncks Corner, 843-899-6417



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