

## Weekly Worship

### Every Sunday

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

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, May 2

1:00 Prayers & Squares

### Tuesday, May 3

1:00 Staff Meeting  
 6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, May 4

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 6:00 Youth

### Tuesday, May 10

1:00 Staff Meeting  
 5:30 Soup Kitchen  
 5:30 SPF Ministry  
 6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, May 11

11:00 Prayer Ministry

### Monday, May 16

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

### Tuesday, May 17

1:00 Staff Meeting  
 6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, May 18

11:00 Prayer Ministry

### Tuesday, May 24

1:00 Staff Meeting  
 5:30 Soup Kitchen  
 6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, May 25

11:00 Prayer Ministry

### Tuesday, May 31

1:00 Staff Meeting

Pastor  
 Timothy Scoonover  
  
 Director of Spiritual  
 Formation  
 Angeline Brock

Editor  
 Sally Harvey

## A Note from Our Pastor

### The Journey Toward Earning My Doctor of Ministry Degree

The Session has asked me to give an update on the completion of my doctoral work. In short, I'm excited to announce that I am officially Rev. Dr. Timothy Scoonover. I'm not used to how that sounds, and between us, we can stick with Pastor Timothy :) . Here's a little about this journey toward earning my Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Degree:

#### Thanks!

First, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU! Unlike a PhD, the DMin degree must be completed within a local congregation. That's you! The DMin degree is meant to be practical, hands-on, and formative for a particular church and pastor. One way to think of it is that FPC has been our Petri dish. Thank you for growing with me. Also, thank you for supporting me and praying for me through the process. By your generosity, I was able to complete this degree using my continuing education funds, study leave, and sabbatical. So, literally, I could not have done this without you. Thank you!

#### The Process

The DMin at Fuller Theological Seminary is a five-year process. The first four years cycle through a rhythm of: reading (roughly 3,000 to 5,000 pages each winter/spring), attending class (one-week intensive each summer), and writing a paper (30 pages each fall). The idea is that after 15,000 pages of reading and 120 pages of writing, I would be ready for the final year. In the fifth year, I wrote my doctoral project (roughly 180 pages).

#### The Content

I was honored to study under Dr. Tod Bolsinger, an ordained PC(USA) pastor and Vice-President of Fuller. He is a renown thought-leader, author, and consultant in the field of church leadership. The cohort I participated in was called "Leading Change":

- Year One – Organizational Change
- Year Two – Personal Transformation of the Leader
- Year Three – Leading Change (putting it all together)
- Year Four – Practical Theology
- Year Five – Writing my Final Project

I know, I know, you're thinking *CHANGE!* Why would we need **change** in the church?! And yes, you're right—the gospel of Jesus Christ is thousands of years old, there's nothing *new* to the Good News. However, the gospel does change *us*. God moves us from death to life, darkness to light, blindness to sight. The discipleship journey with Jesus is all about change—in us as individuals and as the people of God. My particular work at FPC is about God moving us toward racial solidarity with our neighbors of color. My project title was "But Now I See: The Journey of a Predominately White Church to Her Pastor Toward Racial Solidarity."

#### Celebration

Once a year, Fuller celebrates all DMin graduates with a special academic hooding ceremony on their campus in Pasadena, California. In the June, my family will be traveling to participate. We're planning a church-wide celebration for when we return. (continued on page 2)



So, save the date – Sunday, June 19. Lord willing, it will be a wonderful day to share about my project and celebrate together this accomplishment, of which you have been a vital part. Wahoooo!

In Christ,  
Dr. Scoonover (better known as Pastor Timothy)

## The Power of Prayer A True Story



Most of you know I had surgery a month ago, and many of you prayed for me then. Thank you! A week afterwards, I developed blood clots in my right lung. They called it “Pulmonary Embolisms.” Many of you, my dear church, covered me in prayer. I went to the ER 3 times in 2 days, and my wife worried that I would die. After a few days of shallow breathing and sharp pains, I was looking in the mirror, brushing my teeth, and prayed “God, can you help me here?” I heard God say out loud in my voice: “Look at your chest. See your right lung. See your right lung CLEAR.” That was it.

I took a shaky breath, and it didn’t hurt. I breathed in long and deep, and it didn’t hurt! I grabbed the little machine they gave me at the hospital to measure my lung capacity. Earlier that morning, to reach 1000ml was very painful. I breathed that dial up to 1750ml, and it didn’t hurt! Thanks to you, my prayer warriors, and our God who hears and responds, I am healed, and continue my healing. Today, 2 weeks later, I can breathe that dial up to 3000ml, like a marathon runner. Let’s all take a deep breath, and give thanks to our God who hears our prayers!

Your Brother in Christ, David Brown

## Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, April 18 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with devotion and prayer led by Elder Jane Campbell
- Held discussion of “Deep Discipleship” and committed to exploring discipleship practices together as leaders of this church
- Approved minutes from the March Session meeting
- Approved the wedding of Matthew Fowler and Sidney Kizer for May 6, 2023
- Passed a Resolution of Thanks to Mickey Smith and her faithful decorating team for their work during Lent and Holy Week
- Passed a Resolution of Thanks to Charles Heubach for his hand-crafted wooden welcome sign for the foot bridge at the rear of the church’s property
- Authorized Bo Hamilton to serve communion during worship on Sunday, June 5 in Rev. Scoonover’s absence
- Received a report from the most recent Presbytery meeting from Commissioner Gene Williams
- Called a congregation meeting for Sunday, June 19 to approve the terms of call for Rev. Scoonover
- Received Ministry Team reports
- Closed with prayer

The next Session meeting will be Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. (this will also serve as our Triannual visit from our Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry).

# Columbarium and Memorial Garden

Ever wonder what's behind the church with the brick walls and the iron gates? It's our church columbarium. A columbarium is an area reserved for the interment of cremated remains of the deceased in dignified surroundings on consecrated grounds. It is also a place for meditation and prayer.

Our church has two primary features, a columbarium and a memorial wall. The columbarium is a structure that houses 88 "niches" for the placement of cremated remains of the deceased. Niches are sealed behind a bronze cover inscribed with the name and dates of birth and death. The memorial wall displays bronze plaques with the names of deceased loved ones whose physical remains are buried elsewhere. The area is attractively landscaped, has benches, and is enclosed within a brick wall that provides privacy and a serene atmosphere.



Historically, Christians have laid the dead to rest on church grounds, where they are remembered and their remains safeguarded. The Columbarium offers a final resting place for church members and their loved ones and a tranquil place to reflect and honor the memory of the deceased. Burial on church grounds makes a statement that a person was a believer and recognizes his or her belief in the community of saints.



Only members or past members of the First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner and their immediate families or ordained ministers who have served our church and their immediate families can be interred in the Columbarium. "Immediate family" includes spouses, former spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents.

For more information about our Columbarium, the table in the hallway has a sheet that will answer all your questions.

If you haven't been to the Columbarium, take a walk back there and sit in one of the benches by the angel and Memorial Wall. It's a peaceful and quiet area to get away from everything and just "*Be still and know that I am God.*" Psalm 46:10

## Thank You Charles

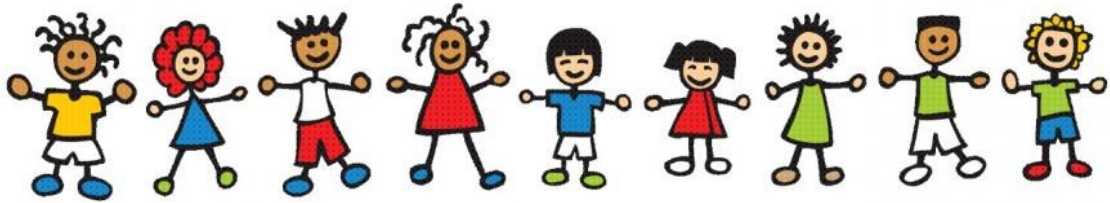
Many of you may not know that there is a creek with a foot bridge behind The Well that is used as a short cut through the church yard and parking lot for those that live in that community. Students from Berkeley High School use it during the week and others also use it. Charles Heubach made a hand-crafted wooden welcome sign for the foot bridge. Thank you, Charles, for making our neighbors feel welcome with your beautiful sign.





Thank you to everyone that came out and participated in our Walk & Roll fundraising event on Saturday, April 23. Everyone had a blast. Here are some highlights from our day.





# Our LOGOS Children's Program



LOGOS children read the parable of the lost sheep and lost son. They made the connection that they have been the one sheep Jesus sought.



Below is LOGOS end of the year fun.



*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the meal offer and the cards we received after my mom's passing. I say meal offer; at my request, the church kindly substituted a love offering to aid with expenses. If you should ever visit Pruitt Health, please thank every staff member you happen upon for their compassion and dedication. It was truly eye-opening for me.  
In Christ, Kyndra Buitenhuis*

*Dear People of First Presbyterian,  
On behalf of Dan McNerney and Frontier Fellowship, I want to thank you for your generous gift to support the emergency relief needs of the people of Afghanistan. We are so grateful to partner with you as we seek to be the hand of Christ in this hurting part of the world. Please pray for the translation of the Bible into the language of the Taliban so that His word may go out to this group of people.  
May God's richest blessings be yours in Christ,  
Ginny Barta, Frontier Fellowship*



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- 2 Ken Fansher
  - 6 Addison Guerry
  - 7 Buddy Harvey
  - 9 Troy Cribb
  - 11 Charles Belhassen
  - 11 Clay Brock
  - 13 Barbara White
  - 14 Kelly Brown
  - 14 Johnna Livingston
  - 17 Jane Harris
  - 17 Eve Hinman
  - 19 Benjamin Miller, II
  - 22 Madeline Hartman
  - 23 Jacob Buitenhuis
  - 25 Camden Blaine Guerry
  - 26 Kristin DeLong
  - 27 William Tanner
  - 27 Miller White
  - 27 Suzie Wilson
  - 29 Jim Brogdon
  - 31 Kyndra Buitenhuis




We need volunteers to help with the visual displays during Sunday morning worship (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.). **This is a super easy and helpful way to serve the church.** We will gladly train you. If you can help, please contact the church office at 843-761-8469 or David Brown at 843-834-8642 or [fiddlindave.brown@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlindave.brown@gmail.com).

Commitment Report	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
	<u>April 24</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 7,457.80	\$ 128,447.64
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,907.00	\$ 151,419.00

# May 2022 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>1 <i>communion</i></p> <p><b>Every Sunday</b>            9:00 Worship Service            10:10 Sunday School            11:00 Traditional            Worship Service</p>	<p>2            1:00 Prayers &amp; Squares</p>	<p>3            1:00 Staff Meeting            6:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>4            11:00 Prayer Ministry            6:00 Youth</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	
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<p>22</p>	<p>23            6:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>24            1:00 Staff Meeting            5:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>25            11:00 Prayer Ministry            6:00 Youth</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	
<p>29</p>	<p>30  </p>	<p>31            1:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>Pastor Timothy, Fellowship Community National Conference</p>				



**Gathering of Christian Churches  
in the Moncks Area  
celebrating our Unity in Christ**

**Mepkin Abbey Church  
4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5**

**Concert with Robert Taylor Festival Choir  
Performing Cormac O'Duffy's Original Work  
"From the Prison Poems of Max Metzger"**

**With Sermon and Song — Reception to Follow**

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