

## Weekly Worship

### Every Sunday

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

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, March 6

1:00 Prayers & Squares

### Tuesday, March 7

1:00 Staff Meeting  
 6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, March 8

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 3:00 LOGOS  
 6:00 Youth

### Friday, March 10

11:00 Bible Study

### Monday, March 13

9:00-2:00 Abide Retreat  
 10:00 Circle 1 at the church  
 6:00 Circle 2 Home of  
 Neva Peagler

### Tuesday, March 14

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

### Wednesday, March 15

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 3:00 LOGOS  
 6:00 Youth

### Friday, March 17

11:00 Bible Study

### Saturday, March 18

8:00-12:00  
 Church Workday

### Monday, March 20

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

### Tuesday, March 21

1:00 Staff Meeting  
 6:00 GriefShare

### Wednesday, March 22

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 3:00 LOGOS  
 6:00 Youth

### Friday, March 24

11:00 Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 28

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

### Wednesday, March 29

11:00 Prayer Ministry  
 3:00 LOGOS  
 6:00 Youth

## A Note from Our Pastor

I'd like to use this space to share a Lenten practice with you. As you know, we are in the season of Lent. It's the 40 days leading up to Easter—a time of self-examination, reflection, repentance, and spiritual discipline. Some followers of Jesus give things up (fasting) during Lent, others take on new practices. The goal is intentional disruption of our regular rhythms that will help us walk with Jesus and become more like him. Here, I'm sharing a prayer that has done, and is doing, that for me. It comes from an online prayer resource that I use called "Pray as You Go" (check out their podcast – it's a daily, guided prayer lasting about 10-13 minutes).



During Lent, they close each prayer with the following:

**You have given all to me,  
 to you, Lord, I return it.  
 Everything I have is yours,  
 do with it what you will.  
 Give me only your love and your grace;  
 that is enough for me.**

Powerful, right? Read it again, slowly. What surrender. What a Kingdom posture. A life handed over to God. I think this prayer catches my attention all the more because of the passages in Luke that we've been studying during Sunday morning worship:

- The Parable of the Rich Fool: the danger of seeking fulfillment through material possessions
- Do Not Be Anxious: "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
- Be Ready and Be Responsible: "everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required"

Some theologians call these "Absence Passages." This doesn't mean that God is absent from us. Of course not. Jesus promises he will be with us to the end of the age (Matthew 28) by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Rather, what they mean by "absence" is that Christ is enthroned at the right hand of the Father, and while we await his return (he IS coming back) we have responsibility over the resources he has entrusted to us. What kind of stewards will we be in his "absence"? So, you can see how this prayer lines up well with these themes from Luke. This Lenten prayer turns everything back over to God (relationships, time, possession... everything); it welcomes his will, rather than ours; and it anchors us again in all that we need—the love and grace of God.

I encourage you to add this to your daily prayer time and notice how God will disentangle you from the things of this world, freeing you for life in his kingdom. Imagine the kind of person you'll be by Easter.

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

# Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, February 20 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion by Pastor Timothy
- Signed the Covenant Agreement for our leadership together
- Elected Jane Campbell as clerk of the Session
- Approved minutes from December Session Meeting
- Approved minutes from the congregational meeting on January 9, 2023
- Approved the Statistical Report for 2022
- Re-elected Eugene Oliver as treasurer for 2023
- Began discussion of the Ligonier Ministry study called “The State of Theology in 2022”
- Elected Jesse Cannon as commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Winter 2023 Presbytery meeting
- Elected Rin Page as commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Spring, Summer, and Fall 2023 Presbytery meetings
- Approved communion for the first Sunday of each month, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve for 2023
- Approved the baptism of Jack Carter, son of Logan and Jacob on March 19 during 11 a.m. worship
- Approved Sunday, April 2 to be a Fellowship Sunday (combined worship at 10 a.m.)
- Approved hosting the baccalaureate service for St. John’s Christian Academy on Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m.
- Received reports from the Director of Spiritual Formation, the Pastor, and Ministry teams

The next Session meeting will be Monday, March 20 at 6 p.m.



## Henry Bonner Memorial Offering and Habitat for Humanity

Meet Stephanie. Stephanie told us her story on Sunday, February 19. She has been accepted for a Habitat home and is the very next build. This is only one example of how your contributions to the Henry Bonner Memorial Offering are impacting lives.

Thank you for your generous support.

## Bible Study



## Reading Through the Bible

Friday mornings at 11 a.m., Angeline has a weekly Bible Study at the church. The study is a chronological reading through scripture starting in the book of Judges. Come and join her on Friday mornings. All are welcome.

# Holy Week at FPC

**Palm Sunday, April 2**

**10 a.m. Worship Service & Fellowship Sunday**

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Shout Hosanna as we celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Fellowship Dinner after Worship Service. The church will supply fried chicken, green beans and red rice.**

**The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6**

**There will be a simple soup supper at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall with a 6:30 p.m. Communion Worship Experience in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Retreat of Silence, Good Friday, April 7**

**We will have a "Retreat of Silence" at Mepkin Abbey from 9 a.m.-1 p.m..**

**A time to carve out time during Holy Week to mediate on scripture and spend time in silence and solitude walking the grounds listening for God's voice.**

**We will conclude with a time of discussion during lunch at 12 p.m. (bring a bag lunch).**

**Contact Angeline Brock if you plan to attend.**

**Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday, April 9**

**9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Join us as we gather joyfully in God's house to celebrate the power and the promise of the resurrection.**



**Community Lenten Services**

**12:30 p.m. each Wednesday**

**at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church.**

Lunch is served at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. in the MC UMC Fellowship Hall.

Donations are accepted to defray the cost of the meal.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Meal</b>
March 1	Darien Jones (Moncks Corner AME)	Josh Knutson (St. Michael Lutheran)	Moncks Corner AME
March 8	Josh Knutson (St. Michael Lutheran)	Shammond Riddy (Wesley UMC)	Moncks Corner UMC
March 15	Shamond Riddy (Wesley UMC)	<b>Timothy Scoonover (First Presbyt.)</b>	Wesley UMC
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Timothy Scoonover (First Presbyt.)</b>	Sam Marcengill (PUMC)	<b>First Presbyterian</b>
March 29	Sam Marcentill (PUMC)	Mary Ellen Doran (Trinity Pinopolis)	Pinopolis UMC
April 5	Mary Ellen Doran (Trinity Pinopolis) Randall Haase (Moncks Corner UMC)	Darien Jones (Moncks Corner AME)	Trinity Pinopolis

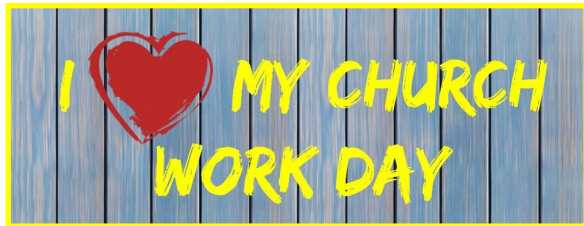


## Habitat Collegiate Challenge

We will be partnering with the Habitat Collegiate Challenge program again this year. This program provides year-round alternative school break volunteer opportunities to college students across the United States. These college students have chosen to travel to Moncks Corner to spend their spring break serving in *our* community.

If you would like to bake cookies or show welcome and hospitality in any way, please get in touch with Rin Page at 843-830-3612 or [mctpage@gmail.com](mailto:mctpage@gmail.com).

We will host March 5-11, Fisher College from Boston and March 12-18, South Florida University from Tampa.



## Church-Wide Work Day for Outside Spring Clean-up Saturday, March 18 - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Main Objectives:** Cut the grass for the first time of the year, weed eat, spray round-up, broadcast fire ant prevention, prune/shape shrubs, rake leaves out of children's playground area, and spread six yards of cypress mulch under the playset in the playground area.

**Things That Will Already Be On Site and Belong to the Church:** church riding mower, church blower, church weed eater, church gas hedge pruners, church wheelbarrow, church spreader, church backpack sprayer, fire ant prevention, and two 5-gallon water coolers.

**Things To Bring:** Gas pruners, hand pruners, loppers, 6-foot ladder, side walk edger, tine rake, shovel, mower, mower trailer, weed eater and string, blower, 50:1 fuel, oil, non-ethanol fuel, spreader, gloves, dust mask, safety glasses, wheelbarrows, leaf bags, tarp, and all the young people you can find.

Larry Propst will have his front end loader tractor on site for helping with the cypress mulch in the playground area.

**Don Brown is planning to cook a meal for all those who participate.  
Lunch should be ready around 12 p.m.**

**Encouragement and support is definitely welcome.  
Any questions or for more information, contact Sam Brock at 843-729-7050.**



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

**Our youth playing “Hungry Hungry Hippo” before a lesson about fasting and the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.**



**Friday Fun. Glow in the dark Gellyball!**  
A night for our youth to intentionally reach out and invite friends.





### Ladies Circles On Monday, March 13

All women of the church are invited and welcome. Our circles meet once a month on the 2nd Monday.

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m. at the church. Any questions, give Mickey Smith a call at 843-899-6420.

Circle 2 will meet at 6 p.m. at the home of Neva Peagler, in Cross. Give Neva a call for directions or more information. at 843-729-5912.



### March Birthdays

- 4 Jeff Weathers
- 5 David Harris
- 6 Haley Ann Harrelson
- 7 Rebecca Riley
- 7 Josh Simmons
- 7 Nich Simmons
- 11 Addie Rucker
- 13 Michael McHoney
- 13 Dorothy Miller
- 15 Bobby Mitchell
- 15 Jill Thornton
- 17 Lonnie Carter
- 19 Will Rucker
- 20 Bob Partlow
- 21 Shawn Shuler
- 21 Sam Stehmeyer
- 23 Jimmy Livingston
- 27 John Spencer

*Dear Congregation of First Presbyterian,  
 Larry Linder would like to say a great big thank you for the beautiful quilt which he received from Elaine Hewitt. He feels very blessed to be the recipient of all the hard work from the "Prayers and Squares" group and all the prayers throughout the church. He has received numerous cards and prayers from his one year battle with health issues which has continued to lift his spirits. What an honor it is to be chosen for such a special gift. Thank you to each and every one of you.*

*Love, Larry Linder*

*Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you for the cards, prayers, food, and kindness shown to me and Mary after my accident. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family.*

*Love, Steve Nettles*

Commitment Report	Budget for 2023	\$495,184.00
	<u>February 26</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 5,393.94	\$ 69,739.75
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 9,522.76	\$ 86,704.84
Henry Bonner Memorial Offering Total		\$2,000.76

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by placing a lily in our Worship Services this Easter, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate or leave on the secretary's desk. Lilies are \$15.00 each and checks should be made *payable to First Presbyterian Church* and designated *Lilies*. **Deadline is Monday, April 3.**



Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

# March 2023

# First Presbyterian Church

Lenten Services are at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church  
Lunch is served at 12 Noon and 1 PM—Service is at 12:30 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p><i>Lent IS A TIME TO GET CLOSER TO JESUS</i></p> <p>6 1:00 Prayers &amp; Squares</p>	<p>7 8:30 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>1 11:00 Prayer Ministry <b>12:30 Community Lenten Services</b> 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>2 11:00 Prayer Ministry <b>12:30 Community Lenten Services</b> 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>3 11:00 Bible Study </p>	<p>4 11:00 Bible Study</p>
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<p><b>4th Sunday in Lent</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 8:30 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>22 11:00 Prayer Ministry <b>12:30 Community Lenten Services</b> 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>23 11:00 Prayer Ministry <b>12:30 Community Lenten Services</b> 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>24 11:00 Bible Study <b>Youth Camping Trip</b></p>	<p>25</p>
<p><b>5th Sunday in Lent</b></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>29 8:30 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>29 11:00 Prayer Ministry <b>12:30 Community Lenten Services</b> 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>30 11:00 Prayer Ministry <b>12:30 Community Lenten Services</b> 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>31 11:00 Bible Study </p>	<p>The Season of Lent</p>

# abide

intransitive verb

1 : to remain stable or fixed in a state  
// a love that abided with him all his days

2 : to continue in a place : SOJOURN  
// will abide in the house of the Lord

transitive verb

1 : to bear without yielding : WITHSTAND  
2 : to wait for : AWAIT  
// I will abide the coming of the Lord.  
-Alfred Tennyson

3 : to accept without objection  
// abide by your decision

# Abide Retreat

When: **Monday, March 13, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.**

Where: **Grounds of Mepkin Abbey**

Who: **All are welcome**

Why (for what purpose): **To *abide* in God's Word**

An invitation to carve out time in our busy schedules to read and meditate on scripture together and to spend time in silence and solitude walking the grounds listening for God's voice.

Contact Angeline Brock if you plan to attend.

Bring a bag lunch.

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