



First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

August 16, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus

OUIMETTE
John Ylvisaker
setting by Burkhardt

(Please prepare your hearts for worship in reverent silence.)

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Peruvian Melody

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN
Erneweren Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration.

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him. All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

Joachim Neander

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Our lives are found in You. Nothing in this world compares to the great worth of being covered by the blood of the Lamb and being sealed by Your Spirit. But we do not value Your grace and mercy. We must confess that we fail to speak to others of Your great love for us. We confess that we still love this world, and the lives we lead in it, more than being your child. Move in us and renew our hearts so that our passion for You burns in our hearts ... so greatly that this world has nothing left for us. This we pray in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Please continue in a moment of silence for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 11:15 and Isaiah 53:5

Leader: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,

All: And he shall reign forever and ever ...and by his wounds we are healed.

Leader: This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME
William B. Bradbury
setting by Kim

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!
Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Anna B. Warner

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joe Wylie Pearce IV

born August 11, 2019

son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wylie Pearce III

grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wylie "Rocky" Pearce Jr.
and Mrs. Nance Brown

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly

Raymond Brown

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!
Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, Mercies for you and for me? Come home!
Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, Passing from you and from me.
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, Coming for you and for me.
Oh! for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

Will Thompson

*The Doxology
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Richard Avery
Donald Marsh

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thomas Ken

SERMON

Dr. Darryl Evans

The Cosmic Conflict

Revelation 12:7-17

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”

— Revelation 12:11

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE
Scottish Melody
arr. Bell

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

John Bell and Graham Maule

***BENEDICTION**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE
William P. Rowan

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Mary Louise Bringle

***POSTLUDE**

God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It

BACHOFEN
Johann Caspar Bachofen
setting by Hildebrand

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music
Elizabeth Frost, soprano
Brandon Frost, alto
Jennifer Foxworth, violin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the christening of Joe Wylie Pearce, IV.

Officer Training: After today's service, Deacon Officer Training for our new officers will be held in the fellowship hall.

Lifetouch Make-up Date: Our photography make-up date for our new directory is the afternoon of Tuesday, August 18. Those who did not have their portraits taken earlier this year can sign up for the make-up date. There are several spots still available. Please contact Kim Brauss at kbrauss@florencefirst.org or call the church office for a time that would best suit you or schedule an appointment online, by visiting booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b6j1nznv/.

Every family will receive a free 8-by-10 directory portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. You also will receive a \$10 off coupon at check-in.

Family Fellowship Fun! It all begins Wednesday, August 26, with a family movie night at 5:30 p.m. in the CLC! Come enjoy a boxed hot dog meal and watch *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*.

Save the dates for fall fellowship:

September 16 - Concert on the steps of the church and picnic on the lawn

October 21 - Cookout & games

November 18 - Outdoor movie night

Confirmation Journey: Please continue to pray for our confirmands as they walk with their mentors on this faith journey. Their Confirmation Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. August 19 in the Christian Life Center. Our confirmands will also confirm their commitment to God and the church during the Sunday worship service, August 23.

Confirmand
Mac Burch
Brooklynne Clancy
Jacqueline Clancy
Lily Green
Joey Hall
Ella Hylton
Mason Slaughter
Laura Tiller

Mentor
Jim Dameron
Ashley Hylton
Barbara Green
Cynthia Knudsen
Mike Fleenor
Sally Dameron
Paul Davis
Kara Morgan

Please remain seated following the musical response until one of our ushers dismisses your row. Thank you for your patience.