



First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

October 18, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Nobilmente

Dom Andrew Moore

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

GREETINGS

INTROIT

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein
arr. Lloyd Larson

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON
Carl Gläser
setting by Helman

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.
Charles Wesley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE
Christoph Meineke

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, We have been told that You are holy and righteous. Yet we move through life with little thought about how committed we are to the ways of this unholy world. Help us see where we still devote ourselves to patterns of life that do not reflect Your purity. Forgive us for our tendency to have one foot in the world and one foot in the Kingdom. Make us holy like you are holy! We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy,

All: ... He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

Leader: This is the Good News!

All: Thanks be to God!

HYMN MEDITATION

At the River

Robert Lowry
arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angels feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.
Yes we'll gather by the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.

TESTIMONY

Elder Allen Griffin

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Bryon Frost

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless

George Frederick Handel

O Lord, whose mercies numberless o'er all Thy works prevail, all Thy works, o'er all Thy works prevail.
Through daily mankind Thy laws transgress, Thy patience cannot fail, no, cannot fail, Thy patience cannot fail.
If yet our sins remain before Thee, let Thy love our lives control.
Now, Lord, within us repentance see, and come to heal each soul,
each wounded soul and heal each wounded soul.

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH
Genevan Psalter

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

Neil Weatherhogg

Gathering for Armageddon

Revelation 16:12-21

“Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”

— Revelation 16:13

HYMN MEDITATION

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come, Why should my heart be lonely
And long for Heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free, For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear, And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path He leadeth But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise, When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free, For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

Civilla Durfee Martin

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Dismissal Sentence

BEACH SPRING
setting by Wood

God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you, With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.

Jeremiah Eames Rankin

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in F Major

Mark Williams

*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
Dr. Bryon Frost, Elder
Mr. Allen Griffin, Elder
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music
Julie Thomas, soprano
Fred Kunz, tenor
Jennifer Foxworth, violin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers for today's services are given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Whitesides for the glory of God and for those who have fallen ill, died, and who have had family and friends affected by COVID-19.

Cookout and Bible-themed Trunk or Treat: Join us for a family cookout and Bible-themed Trunk or Treat for the children at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, at First Presbyterian Church. Decorate your trunks and bring the family. Trunk or treat will be held for the younger children. Non-scary costumes are welcomed. We would love to have tailgaters willing to decorate their trunks and hand out treats; please RSVP to Jayne Boswell (boswell.jayne@gmail.com) or Tabatha Davis (tabathasd@yahoo.com).

By way of reminder, today we resume our regular Sunday worship schedule, with a 9 a.m. Contemporary service and 11 a.m. Traditional worship service. Next week, October 25, we will resume Sunday School with childcare:

Dear Covenant Partner,

We miss you! We miss your children and the ways that we typically connect, mentor and disciple one another. It has been a painful six months, since we have been able to gather in-person for Sunday School and provide child care for families with young children. Naturally, we realize and understand that different people are exercising different levels of caution during this virus season for a number of reasons. For those who have voiced they are ready to return, we have been exploring how we might resume some semblance of normalcy. And so, with an abundance of caution and after looking at many options, we would like to give you the opportunity to attend Sunday School in person beginning Sunday, October 25. Hopefully this letter will provide you with the information you need to decide if it is the right time for you and your family to attend Sunday School in person.

There are a few rules and procedures that will be applied campus-wide at all times:

- All rooms now have a maximum occupancy number displayed next to the door.
- Face masks are required when indoors anywhere on campus. They can only be removed when you are seated and socially distanced.
- Rooms will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Do not come on campus if you are sick or if you are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

These are the minimum requirements all classes are required to meet. Adult classes may choose to add additional requirements or may decide that they are not yet ready to meet in person. We also encourage all classes to meet outdoors whenever possible. If your class is not meeting in person you are welcome to attend one that is.

Childcare for children 0-4 years old is being provided by Child Development Center staff. The CDC has been doing an outstanding job of ensuring the safety of the children under their care and it is a blessing that we are able to take advantage of their expertise on Sunday mornings. Childcare check-in is in the tower entrance and only children and CDC staff will be allowed in the pods.

Children's Sunday school will be offered for 5K through 6th grade. All classes are on the second floor. Teachers and children are required to wear masks at all times and only teachers and children may enter the classrooms. Adult, children, and youth Sunday School classes are 10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. and childcare is offered during both worship services and during Sunday School. There will be no Children's Church so children 5K and older will remain with parents during worship. It would be very helpful if you would call the church office to let us know if your children will be utilizing childcare or attending Sunday School.

Thank you for your patience and prayers the past few months as we've worked to put together a flexible and safe plan for the resumption of childcare and in-person Sunday School.

Yours in Christ,
The Session