

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
 Amen

Giving and Receiving

Offertory.....*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  
 ARR. PEGGY TOLSON

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
 Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*Litany of Intent

*Empower us with gifts and desire, gracious God, to minister with your people.*

**Bless and guide us, O Lord.**

*Lord, we often boast that we are "one people under God," yet we are divided by strife and factions, the sin of disunity spreading among us like a disease. We are unable to measure up to our standards, much less to yours.*

**Forgive us, Lord.**

*Cleanse us and make us whole. Renew our minds and motives so that we might be your people, acceptable in your sight.*

**We seek your guidance, Lord.**

*The tensions and differences of race, traditions, culture, creed, and language consume us. Come among us, O God, and free us to live creatively, worship openly, and love unconditionally.*

**Forgive our arrogance, Lord.**

*Help us to remember that to bear the good news to others means to first live the good news among ourselves.*

**We seek boldness, Lord.**

*Remind us that we are dependent on one another. Show us we are to be concerned for all people. Teach us to love one another.*

**Teach us the joy of sharing, Lord.**

*We ask for power, guidance, and direction as your people on a Holy mission. As the community of faith, may we be faithful to the call to spread godly love, care, and concern to all people.*

**Give us a loving heart and willing spirit, Lord.**

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We give you thanks, Holy God, for the saints who have borne witness to your Word throughout the ages. We give special thanks for your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., who responded to your voice to serve and gave his life for the cause of love and justice in our land. May we too respond with the depth of commitment that will enable us to give of ourselves in full measure, even to the point of death. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us, we pray, that we too might feel the call to serve your people. May we not tire of doing good in the face of wrong and evil. May we continue to work for a nation marked by justice, love, and fellowship as only you can create. Inspire our hearts, strengthen our wills, build up our resolve that we too might become worthy of the heritage that has been given to us in the witness of Martin Luther King, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn 847.....*Our Hope, Our Life*

*D7 G C G*  
 1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we  
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they  
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that  
 Em Am7 D D7 G  
 hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or  
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som  
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -  
 D7 Em C D D7 G  
 op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.  
 for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.  
 tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.

As this recent paraphrase of Psalm 49 illustrates, human beings have long been tempted to put their trust in earthly assets, especially wealth and fame. But these are not enduring possessions, and they cannot save us. Only in God can we find unfailing hope and eternal life.

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 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988  
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\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude.....*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PAUL M. VASILE

\*All Who Are Able Please Stand | + Ushers Will Seat Latecomers



# First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God  
 January 18, 2026  
 11:00 AM



Bob Burroughs 2024

*To all who are weary and need rest,  
 To all who mourn and need comfort,  
 To all who are lonely and need friendship,  
 To all who are glad and would serve their neighbors,  
 To all who are complacent and need disturbing,  
 To all who sin and need a Savior,  
 This church opens wide its doors  
 In the name of Christ and bids you welcome.*

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 Office, Education & Outreach Building: 1201 North Street  
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Striking of the Hour

Prelude ..... *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
JACK SCHRADER

Choral Introit

Welcome & Call to Worship ..... Elder Geneva Baxley

*Sisters and brothers rejoice.*

**We live sustained by God's presence and love.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**As we mourn the wounds of God's children,**  
**God weeps with us.**

**As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,**  
**God gives thanks with us.**

**As we struggle for justice,**  
**God struggles with us.**

**As we strive for peace,**  
**God strives with us.**

**As we work to build the beloved community,**  
**God works with us.**

**As we offer our gifts to all,**  
**God blesses us.**

*Sisters and brothers rejoice,*  
**Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.**

+\*Hymn 729 ..... *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. In my heart,

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
Irregular

Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and merciful God, we confess that we are often slow to do what is right and blind to the suffering around us. We speak against injustice, yet at times we cling to the comfort of privilege and fail to act for the oppressed. We have delayed the dreams you place before us, and we have been silent when courage was required.**

**Forgive us for our complicity in systems of inequality, for the times we have chosen ease over righteousness, and for the ways we participate, knowingly or unknowingly, in the suffering of others.**

**Awaken us, O God, with the power of your Spirit. Stir us to love mercy, to seek justice, and to walk humbly with you. Move us from words to bold deeds, from sympathy to action, and grant us courage to bear the cost of following your call, that your justice may be done on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

(Let us continue in prayer silently)

Congregational Response

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

\*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.*

Musical Offering ..... *I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light*  
Mike Partain, Guest Music Director  
Lily Cooper, Organist

KATHLEEN THOMERSON

Children's Sermon ..... Geneva Baxley  
As we sing *Jesus Loves Me*, all children are welcome to come down front

Passing of the Peace

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Prophecy Lesson.....

Isaiah 49:1-7

\*Hymn 775.....

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

TEXT: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Nolan Williams Jr., 2000  
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WALK WITH ME  
8.8.8.9

Epistle Lesson..... 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon..... **King Jesus**  
Dr. Patrick Perryman

A note from Princeton Seminary Student

# Chris Hightower



noted in the following section.

## 2025 Wrap Up

Chris, Scout, and Simon Hightower

### Bear Spotted in New Jersey!



*Simon Ray Hightower is 2 months old now. He was born Oct. 31st, 2025. This is a winter bear suit his grandfather bought him for Christmas. He looks sad, but he actually loves it.*

### Local News

Wow, time goes by fast. Once Simon was born, the world has been spinning (in a good way). With lack of sleep everything feels slow, but then you look back and he is already 2 months old and I haven't even updated y'all yet. It is wild, beautiful, and a blessing! School is out for the winter, but I am staying busy. I work for the IT department 3 days a week and I am at the hospital for my CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program another 3 days. I graduate from the CPE program in April. There have been other changes that will be

### BIG UPDATES!

- Simon was born Oct. 31st, 2025.
- Another Master's Degree - My ordination process still has another year, so I have decided to stay at Princeton to get a MACEF (Master's of Arts in Christian Education and Formation). This will only add one more year and will align with my ordination (if all goes well, in spring 2027).

### Up Next

- School Starts back - January 26th
- CPE Graduation - I will graduate from my first unit in April.
- Transition from "Inquirer" to "Candidate" - TBD

## Scripture of the Month

Psalm 139:13-14

<sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

## Bird of the Month



**Bald Eagle** - America's Bird; this bird reminds me of my mother. Every year, at my parent's house, there are a pair of Eagles that come by and my mother would always point them out. On Halloween, moments before Simon was born, a Bald Eagle swooped by the hospital as if Simon's grandmother was saying "hello."

## Ending Remarks

I want to thank everyone for their support, letters, and prayers for Scout and I. We are so grateful to have a good community back home!

Peace and Love,

*Christopher and Scout Hightower*



**Did you know that Chris is under the care of First Pres Beaufort as he pursues his degree from Princeton Theological Seminary!?**

**Cards of love & encouragement can be sent to:**

**101 Leotscher Pl.  
Apt 111  
Princeton, NJ 08540**

**Financial contributions can be made through the FPC website, dropdown "Hightower"**

**Follow this QR code to financially support the Hightowers**



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** to all who join us for worship today. If you are without a church home, you will be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. We are glad you are here! Please like us on Facebook and visit our website at [www.firstpresbeaufort.org](http://www.firstpresbeaufort.org) for sermons, news, and current events.

**TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** by Bill and Martha Harvey to the glory of God and in honor of our 6 beautiful grandchildren.



### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.**

"Breathe deeply and courageously, and take one step after the other, because beyond the darkness, there is always light." - Tamara Levitt



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## Boston Butt BBQ Fundraiser

prepared by Sea Eagle Market  
+ delivered by FPC Youth



# \$45 each

orders due January 30<sup>th</sup> for February 7<sup>th</sup> delivery

8-10lbs of delicious pork, fully cooked + ready to eat  
*just in time for the Super Bowl!*

**To Order + Pay:** please see a FPC Youth Student and make a cash, check or Venmo payment to the student and the family will make a payment to First Presbyterian after sales.

**Donations:** Boston Butts may also be purchased to donate to Beaufort area First Responders!



A fundraiser to benefit 2026 FPC Youth Summer Missions  
Questions? Email [YouthMinistry@FirstPresBeaufort.Org](mailto:YouthMinistry@FirstPresBeaufort.Org)

# CLAIM A SUNDAY!

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Got a special date, celebration,  
or remembrance?

*Make it bloom  
in worship!*

Provide flowers for a Sunday service  
and help brighten the sanctuary.



Sign up on the flower chart

Located in the Narthex



*Are you looking for a meaningful way to help children and families after disasters?*

*Do you have a warm heart, patience, team spirit, a sense of adventure, and time to give?*

## **Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Training**

**February 20-21, 2026**

**Friday 4:30pm-Saturday 5:30 PM**

**at**

**First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort  
410 Church St., Beaufort, SC 29902**

**Training Coordinator: Chris Appl-Walsh (404-989-5306)**

A \$55 registration fee covers materials and trainer costs.

Meals and overnight accommodations are provided by the host organization.

Late registration (three weeks prior to workshop) is \$65.

Visit [www.brethren.org/cds/](http://www.brethren.org/cds/) for registration information.



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# Join us for **VALENTINE MAKING**

FOR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO HAVE TROUBLE GETTING OUT & ABOUT

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH**

**3:30-5:00PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**SNACKS & MATERIALS PROVIDED**

**KIDS AGES 3+**

YOUNGER CHILDREN WELCOME IF ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



# *Neighborhood Outreach Connection*



**Snacks Needed:**  
Individual cookie pack  
Soft granola bars  
Nutri-grain bars  
Fruit snacks

Place snacks in the **Red Wagon** in the Education Bldg.



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*Join us throughout the*

# **SEASON OF LENT**

**3:30-5:20 ANCHOR KIDS**

**5:30 SIMPLE SUPPER**

**6:15-6:45 SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

