You are holy, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where Christ was born; and your signs and witnesses in every age and throughout all the world have led your people from far places to your light. In his baptism and in his table fellowship, he took his place with sinners.

As we remember what Jesus has done for us, as we celebrate his life, death, and resurrection, we speak of that mystery we know as faith:

Christ has died, Christ is raised.

Christ is coming again.

You long to have everything to do with us, God of wonders, and so you call us to this table of peace, hope, reconciliation. Here, in the bread and the cup transformed by your Spirit, we are reminded that there is no God but you. For, in the life of the bread, we feast on that grace which can heal a broken world. For in the sweet taste of the cup's hope, we taste those promises which we can share with all people:

Peace where there is only war,

Love where there is only evil,
Wonder where there is only despair...

For from you come all things; to you, we all would turn to follow. And when all human time and history is done, when we are gathered with our sisters and brothers in that time with you we call eternity, we will praise you forever, singing glory to you. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus teaches us:

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

Words of Institution & Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

*Hymn 317	In Christ There is No East or Wes
,	AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUA
*Benediction	
*Benediction Response	

.... O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

J.S. BACH

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 for sermons, news, and current events.

TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN to the Glory of God and in celebration of the Christmas Season.

2023 FLOWER CHART: The flower chart is available in the Narthex. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday morning worship service, please write your name and phone number next to the appropriate date. You may provide your own flowers, or order them from your florist of preference.

ATTENTION PARENTS:



RISE AGAINST HUNGER Meal packaging event MARCH 19TH, 2023 1-3PM Fellowship Hall

ALL WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE
PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE VIA THE CHURCH WEBSITE

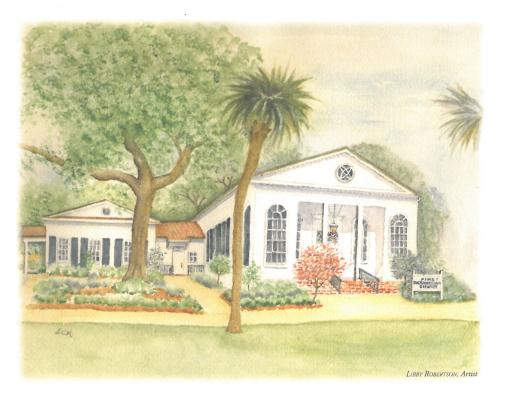
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"You are valuable just because you exist. Not because of what you do or what you have done, but simply because you are." — Max Lucado



A Service for the Worship of God January 8, 2023 11:00 AM



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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Striking of the Hour
Prelude
Choral Introit
*Welcome & Call to Worship <i>- from Psalm 72</i> Elder Geneva Baxley
Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice. Let the mountains bring peace to the people; Let the hills bring righteousness. Let the king bring justice to people who are poor; Let him save the children of those who are needy, But may he crush those who would oppress! May he live while the sun endures, And as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, Like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, Until the moon is no more. May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles Render him tribute, May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him, All nations give him service. Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out, The poor, and those who have no helper. He has compassion on the weak and the needy; He saves the lives of those who are in need.
+*Hymn 151
Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, you claim us and call us. You support and uphold us You save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts and disregarding you call to healing, reconciling, forgiving, and peace-making. Forgive us Guide us. Change us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. (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.

Vic Varner, Music Director

Lily Cooper, Organist

.. Thou Visitest the Earth

GREENE

Children's Sermon Geneva Baxley As we sing Jesus Loves Me, all children are welcome to come down front Passing of the Peace that binds our hearts The fel love. low - ship like - dred minds ..Isaiah 60:1-6 Prophecy Lesson.....Mary, Joseph! Take Young Jesus! *Hymn 1. "Ma - ry, Jo-seph! Take young Je - sus! Flee from where you can-not 2. God, this sto - ry dai-ly hap - pens more than we can 3. Christ, we won-der at the mean-ing, that your fam - ily had to flee. Sol - diers seek the child, to kill him! Cross the bor - der! Run a - way!" Heed the dan - ger! Save the chil-dren! Flee a much - be - lov - ed land! How can we show love and wel-come to the poor, the re - fu - gee? Wea-ry from long miles of walk-ing, Jo-seph, Ma-ry, full Seek a land that might give wel-come! Raise a fam - ily with-out fear! What's our call - ing as a na - tion, when—a stran-ger— you ar - rive, hugged young Je - sus, hop - ing, trust - ing God would give a saf - er place. Cross the bor-der, hop-ing, trust - ing some will show com-pas-sion here. seek-ing our com-pas-sion so your fam-ily can sur-vive?

Gospel Lesson	
Sermon	They All Gather Together Dr. Patrick Perryman
Giving and Receiving	
Offertory	HENREY J. MARKWORTH

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

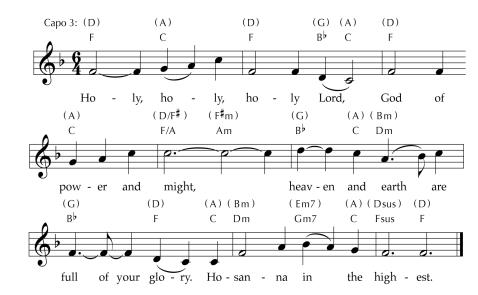
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God! You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. And so with the community of faith from every place and time – with those who know how deeply you love us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

And live auction featuring Donna Sheetz' famous sweets



12:00 PM Following worship SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

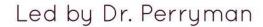
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 INDIVIDUAL \$25 FAMILY

PROCEEDS BENEFITING FPC YOUTH PROGRAMS



SACRAMENTS CLASS

Open to ages Kindergarten and up Parent(s), please plan to attend with your child.



January 29th 9:30-10:30am

Coffee & Donuts

Learn about the sacrament of Baptism and prepare to receive The Lord's Supper.

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACED DURING THEO 11:00AM SERVICED

Please RSVP: gbaxley@firstpresbeaufort.org 843-424-2068