*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

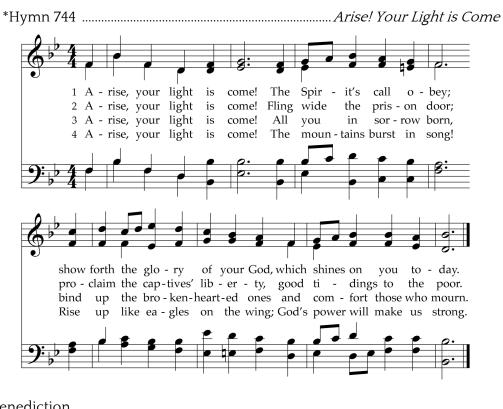
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread:

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...... If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God throughout these forty days; Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise; And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts Amen



Benediction

Choral Benediction

. We Will Walk with God Postlude JOHN L. BELL

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



Dr. John Sheppard holds a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Seminary. John served as pastor of congregations in California, Minnesota and New York. John and his wife Linda live here in Beaufort, and are a part of our congregation.



A Service for the Worship of God Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024 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.

Sanctuary: 410 Church Street Office, Education & Outreach Building: 1201 North Street firstpresbeaufort.org 843-524-3051 www.facebook.com/firstpresbeaufort info@firstpresbeaufort.org Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12, NRSV

Striking of the Hour

Prelude Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Choral Introit

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, And the Word was God.

Through the Word all things were made.

In the Word was life, and that life was the light of all people.

The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Let us worship God together.



Prayer of Confession

O God, you are always more ready to embrace our burdens than we are to release them. Help us now to make our confession. We bring some dark memories from last week. Forgive for us our too clever defenses. Our convenient distractions, and the hardened heart that gets in the way of our living love. Forgive us for seeking the dark corners of anger and resentment, and for retreating from the light of intimacy, reconciliation, and kindness. Ease us from these preoccupations, O God, and grant us peace. We ask this in Jesus' name. (Let us continue in prayer silently.)

Penitential Response...... from Psalm 51 set to TALLIS CANON

DR. PERRYMAN

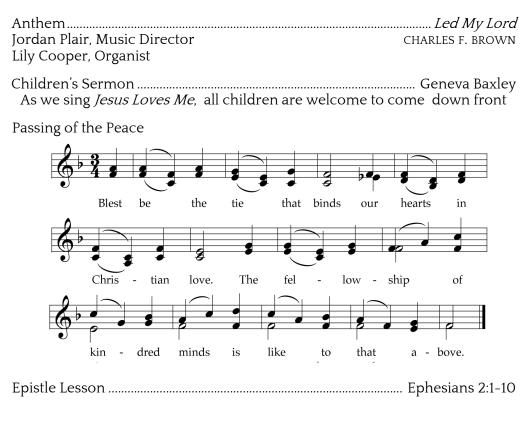
Have mercy God in your great grace Wash me from every staining trace Of sin and evil I have done I pray to you the Holy One

Create O God within my heart A path to make a fresh new start And shape a spirit within me That steadfast, sure and right will be

Assurance of Pardon

Be assured of this: Through Christ, God has reached into our dark corners and has brought us into the light of life. Receive God's forgiveness and walk in the light!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!





Dr. John Sheppard





MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"You are not your illness. You have an individual story to tell. You have a name, a history, a personality. Staying yourself is part of the battle." — Julian Seifter

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 by Sharon and Wilson McElveen in honor of their girls Caroline Ward and Peyton Herndon.

At the Cross... a Lenten study with Dr. Perryman

Who witnessed Jesus' crucifixion? Who were these characters at the cross? What might they tell and teach us? Each Gospel has its own story to tell. Every witness has their own memories. Everyone who reads the Gospel accounts experiences new insights. As we join the witnesses at the crucifixion and watch with them—we come away transformed.

We will meet on Thursdays from 10:30–11:45 a.m. beginning on February 15 in the Education Building upstairs Room 205. You are welcome to attend any or all of the classes! Bring your Bible and please let me know if you are planning to come.

pperryman@firstpresbeaufort.org

March 14 - The Beloved Disciple - John 19 & John 13

March 21 - The Women - Matthew 27 & Mark 15

March 28 – Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship **March** 17 for the purpose of receiving the 2024 Budget and review & approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor.

Join us throughout the

SEASON OF LENT

3:30-5:30 ANCHOR KIDS

5:30 SIMPLE SUPPER

6:15-6:45 SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20





Toin us for the

Spring Deacon's Picnic

Saturday, April 6th 11-1PM

Food by Pastor Reggie & team

302 Federal Street

HOME OF Dr. BOBBY BELL

ALL are welcome



March 24th: Palm Sunday 11am

March 28th: Maundy Thur<mark>sda</mark>y 7pm

March 29th: Good Friday 12pm

March 31st: Easter 11am

All are welcome
Nursery Open on Palm Sunday & Easter



Our two experienced nursery staff are happy to care for your little one during the worship service.

Age: 3 months- 2 years

Location: 1st Floor Education Building (across the street)

Time: 10:45-12:15

LILIES and ASSORTED SPRING PLANTS WILL BE USED TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st:

Please return this completed form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate no later than March 24th, along with \$18.00 for each one ordered. Lilies and other flowers can be taken home following the worship service on March 31st. Plants that are not picked up, will be planted in the various planters around the church.

	Order Form	\$18.00
		□ Cash
# of Lilies:	_	□ Check
# of Spring Plants:		
Given By:		
In Memory of:		
In Honor of:		





What: AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A JEWISH

SHABBAT SERVICE WITH RABBI BLOOM

OF CONGREGATION BETH YAM. RABBI

BLOOM WILL MEET WITH US FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

When: FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

Time: 6:00PM

Where: 4501 MEETING STREET

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Please: RSVP BY MARCH 8TH FOR MORE

INFORMATION & CARPOOLING

OPPORTUNITIES.



Contact:

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EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

10AM

CROSBY RESIDENCE 7596 BIDDIE LANE

EGG HUNT WILL START AT 10:10 SHARP



