

Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old, Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care, Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



*Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude Passion Chorale

J.S. BACH

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

OUR STAFF

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Organist

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OUR SESSION

Class of 2023

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Syd Lubkin
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Thomas Tayloe

Class of 2024

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Shep Caldwell
Ben Coppage
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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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

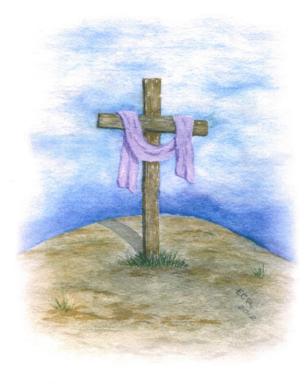
AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship."

— Amy March, from Little Women



A Service for the Worship of God Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 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 *Elegie* **GORDON YOUNG**

Choral Introit

*Welcome & Call to Worship Elder Geneva Baxley

Wait for the Lord.

Our souls wait and hope in God's word.

Hope in the Lord.

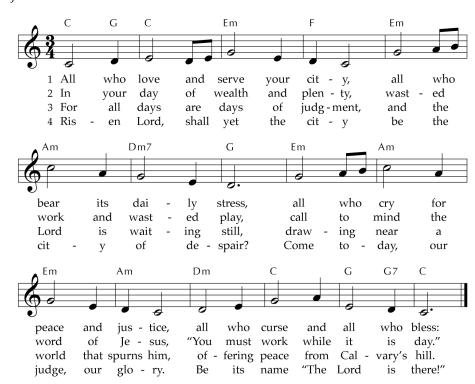
With God there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Our souls wait for the Lord,

More than those who watch for morning,

More than those who watch for the morning.

+*Hymn 351....All Who Love & Serve Your City



Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works and we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair and believed there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths-however faint our call may be and we pray you hear our voice.

(Let us continue in prayer silently.)

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

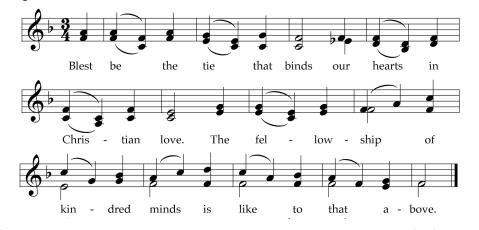
Have mercy God in your great grace Wash me from every staining trace Of sin and evil I have done *I pray to you the Holy One*

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

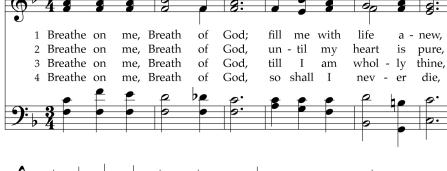
As we sing *Jesus Loves Me*, all children are welcome to come down front

Passing the Peace



Hebrew Scripture Lesson .Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Hymn 286 Breathe on Me Breath of God





un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure. un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine. but live with thee the per-fect life of thine e - ter - ni - tv.

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Gospel Lesson	John 11:1-45
Sermon	Even Now I Know
	Dr. Patrick Perryman

*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

Giving and Receiving	
Offertory	Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
,	RICHARD W. GIESEKE

*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 Stranger's Guise Anthem Vic Varner, Music Director Lily Cooper, Organist Hannah Bashsta, Violin

> We saw a stranger yesterday. We put food in the eating place, Drink in the drinking place, Music in the listening place. And with the sacred name of the triune God He blessed us and our house, Our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song: Often, often, often, goes the Christ In the stranger's guise.

MARROLLI

Commissioning of Elder Jeneane Ryan (see insert)

Commissioning Elder Jeneane Ryan Moderator of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance For Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Dr. Patrick Perryman, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, SC Reverend Becky Albright, Bridge General Presbyter, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Elder Mark McCain, Moderator, SC Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Introduction of Elder McCain & Reverend Albright

Elder McCain: The Christians who have chosen to serve in the ministry of disaster services are those who believe in helping humankind during the worst of times. Regardless of the nature of the disaster, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team is committed to serving when and where help is needed most. This qualified group of individuals serves over three-hundred congregations within the five Presbyteries of South Carolina. Today we lift up Elder Jeneane Ryan as a servant of Jesus Christ as she prepares to lead various communities of faith through preparedness and disaster ministries. We ask that her home church, First Presbyterian of Beaufort support her through prayer, encouragement and resources.

Questions of the Candidate

Reverend Becky Albright: We celebrate your leadership within the South Carolina Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team. God's grace, bestowed upon you at baptism, has grown within you- and has shaped your faith and led you toward this work.

God has called you, Elder Jeneane Ryan, here and now-into this particular service. Surrounded by those who have walked before you, and a supportive host of witnesses from your home congregation, will you please answer the following questions.

Will you, Jeneane, educate people about disasters and how they might appropriately respond?

I will

Will you work toward preventing human-caused disasters?

I will

Will you listen to the warnings and pay attention to the signs of disasters likely to occur?

I will.

Will you respond to human need in a coordinated way and in harmony with ongoing developments in the communities you serve?

I will.

Jeneane, will you stand on the side of the oppressed and offer advocacy for those who are most vulnerable?

I will.

Will you seek out the unmet needs of people who are marginalized and those whom, without help, would struggle to recover from disaster?

I will.

Will you provide a larger vision of life beyond disasters - including emotional and spiritual care as well as physical rebuilding?

I will.

Laying on of Hands

We invite the Elders and Deacons, of First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort congregation to now lay hands on and join together in prayer.

Commissioning Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of Elder Jeneane Ryan and her service to your kingdom.

Amen.

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

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 Mary and Marshall Bassett in loving memory of James Clay Bassett.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship **today** for the purpose of receiving the 2023 Budget and approving the changes in the Pastor's Terms of Call.

LILIES WILL BE USED TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY. APRIL 9th:

Please return this completed form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate no later than April 2nd, along with \$16.00 for each one ordered. Lilies can be taken home following the worship service on April 9th.

	Lily Order Form	\$16.00 □ Cash □ Check
# of Lilies:		
Given By:		
In Memory of:		
In Honor of:		



April 2nd: Palm Sunday 11am

April 6th: Maundy Thursday 7pm

April 7th: Good Friday 12pm

April 9th: Easter 11am

All are welcome
Nursery Open on Palm Sunday & Easter

Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday April 2nd 4-5pm

Battery Point Playground & Pavilion

BYO Basket Egg Hunt will start at 4:10 sharp