

Epistle Lesson..... 1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon..... **Interpretation of Faith**
Dr. John Sheppard

*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..... *As a Child Rests*
CHRISTOPHER WALKER

*Doxology

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D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm

A

D

G

D

Bm

E

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D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

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one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Mother’s Day Litany (see insert)

*Hymn 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
2 Help me the slow of heart to move
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
by some clear, win - ning word of love;
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
far down the fu - ture’s broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret home - of care.
guide in the the home - ward way.
trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

*Benediction

* Benediction Response

Postlude..... Processional of Joy
HAL H. HOPSON

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



A Service for the Worship of God
May 14, 2023
11:00 AM
Mother’s Day



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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“We who label others remove ourselves from being part of God’s world.
Not the person labeled but the one who labels,
breaks away from the whole.” - Joaquin Garcia

Striking of the Hour

Prelude*Deck Thyself, O My Soul*
JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER


Choral Introit

*Welcome


Call to Worship - *From Psalm 66:8-20* Elder Geneva Baxley

*Bless our God, O peoples.
Let the sound of praise be heard.*
For you, O God, have brought us to a spacious place.
Come and hear what God has done!
Blessed be God, who hears our prayers and whose love is steadfast.
Let us worship God together.

+*Hymn 366*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less







earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -






faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,





pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our





thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we confess the sins that we abhor, and we confess the sins we enjoy. We confess the sins that are known to all, and the sins that we keep hidden in our hearts. We confess the sins that we do by individual decision, and the sins we commit by conforming to the practices of society. And we confess that we know that all our sins are offensive to you, who has created us and cared for us as your children. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.
(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

*Be assured of this: The Lord both grants pardon for all our failures,
whatever their nature, and also gives power for the challenges ahead.*
Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!


*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.*


AnthemEden’s Song
Vic Varner, Music Director SCHWEIZER
Lily Cooper, Organist

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




Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of




kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

First LessonActs 17:22-31

*Hymn 353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*




1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus’ blood and
2 When dark - ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in





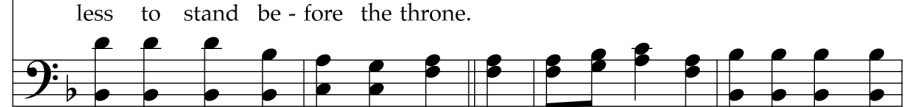
righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -





Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus’ name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.





oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



FOR MOTHERS TODAY

To those who gave birth this year to their first child -
We celebrate with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains -
We appreciate you.

To those who lost a child this year -
We mourn with you.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms -
We need you.

To those who experienced loss this year through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away -
We mourn with you

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood -
We are better for having you in our midst.

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children -
We celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children -
We sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year -
We grieve with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, and experience tears, and disappointment -
**We walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things.
We don't mean to make this harder than it is.**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year -
We grieve and rejoice with you.

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising -
We anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real, remarkable women in our midst. We remember you.

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 in memory of Sharon McElveen and Sandra Myrick's beloved mother, Betty Aimar, and in honor of all the other mothers in our church.





First Presbyterian
Church of Beaufort

Please join us
Summer 2023

New Member Class

Sunday, July 16th

11:30-1pm

Lunch will be provided

Childcare available

Contact: Geneva Baxley
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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"Be kind once a day-
even if it's just in your mind." - Yoko Ono





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL REPORT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church Beaufort remain active and supportive with our five circles meeting monthly and studying the Horizon Bible Study Curriculum "Celebrating the Sabbath."

This year, we lost Andrea Coulter, Jane Pruett and Betty Waskiewicz.



We held lovely Spring Gathering, Fall Gathering and a Christmas Luncheon. We were also delighted to host our annual Nativity Display for our entire community.

We continue to provide food for homeless and hungry locals at the Washington Street Park dinners, as well as donate goods and/or financial support to Thornwell Home, The Franciscan Center, Columbia Friendship Circle, Beaufort Salem Presbyterian Church, HELP of Beaufort, Neighborhood Outreach, Ingleisa Pabellon de la Libertad Hispanic Church, FPC Youth Mission Projects, Walk for Water Mission and the Friends of the Library.

Number of women church members: 269

Number of women involved in PW organization: 96

Number of Circles: 5 Meet Monthly

IN MAY 2023,
THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENTED
\$500 TO THORNWELL
\$1,000 TO PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER RELIEF

Many of our circle members not only actively participate in circle meetings, but also are active participants in the life of First Presbyterian Church as Deacons, Elders and Sunday School teachers, Youth program leaders and volunteers, members of the choir, church office volunteers and in meal preparation.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS BESTOWED IN 2022

ELIZABETH O'NEILL
DONNA LEE SHEETZ

In our continued efforts to work for peace, justice, reconciliation and community inclusivity, we have formed a Women of Faith Committee through which we hope to continue our relationship with women of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. After Covid and the loss of two very special ladies who spearheaded this effort, I am pleased to announce that this very special outreach is on track and going forward.

We are inspired and look forward to continued growth in our service of our Lord.