



First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
July 25, 2021
10:00 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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As we gather to worship, may we enter joyfully.

Striking of the Hour

Prelude..... *Processional of Joy*
HAL H. HOPSON

*Opening Words & Call to Worship Dr. Patrick Perryman

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power to make known to all people
your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in every word and gracious in every deed.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in every way and kind in everything God does.

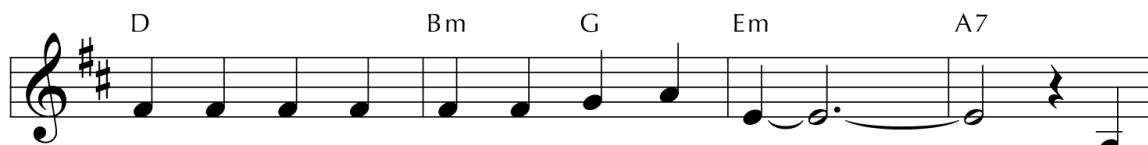
The Lord is near to all who call,

To all who call in truth.

*Hymn..... *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
Prayer of



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

TEXT: Anon., c. 1912; adapt. Sebastian Temple, 1967
MUSIC: Sebastian Temple, 1963; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS
Irregular

Confession Reverend Becky Albright

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ our redeemer.
(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.*

Children's Sermon..... Dr. Patrick Perryman
(As we sing *Jesus Loves Me*, children 3 to 6 are dismissed to the playground)

Music Offering *Soft Rains of Spring Flow*
Vic Varner, *Music Director*
Lily Cooper, *Organist*
Meredith Halopoff and Noah Krepps, *Cantors*

RACK

*Hymn..... *Here I am Lord*

Leader or All

G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All

G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.

MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

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HERE I AM (Schutte)

7.7.7.4.D with refrain

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 29:11; John 6:8-14

Sermon **God Has A Plan**

The Rev. Dr. Donnie Wood
 General Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors
 Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

*Affirmation of Faith - from the *Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Reverend Becky Albright

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..... *Fantasia*
JOHANN PACHELBEL

*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.

**Celebration of the Ministry of
Reverend Rebecca Drafts Albright
at First Presbyterian Church**

Litany Elder Gam Foster, Clerk of Session

Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In Your world,

Be present, Lord.

In this congregation,

Be present, Lord.

In this community,

Be present, Lord.

In this presbytery and the whole church,

Be present, Lord.

In the homes and hearts of all your people,

Be present, Lord.

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For friendships made and joys celebrated,

Thanks be to God.

For care given and gifts shared.

Thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ and for the love of God which sustains us,

Thanks be to God.

God of grace, we thank you for the gifts of Christian ministry given in your servant Becky.

We celebrate the years of her labor and rejoice in the blessings so many have received.

Dissolution Dr. Donnie Woods

Do you, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort, South Carolina, release Becky from service as your Associate Pastor?

We do, with thanks to God.

Do you, Becky, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

I do, with thanks to God.

Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both beginning and end. Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love. Whether near or far, we are held close by your love, and kept safe from any lasting loss. Let our time together end with your blessing. Touch all memories with grace and peace. Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us. In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and our best; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia!

Representing the Presbytery of Charleston Atlantic, I witness these words of thanksgiving, forgiveness, and release. The presbytery rejoices with you in the ministry you have shared, and we pledge to you continued support and prayer.

With thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation and the ministry of God's servant Becky, and with hope for God's abiding grace in the years to come, this pastoral relationship is now dissolved.

With God's help and love may your lives be blessed and your labors fruitful as you offer yourselves gladly in the service of our common Lord.

Words of Appreciation Elder Nan Krueger & Elder Owen Hand

Presentation of Gifts Elder Syd Lubkin & Elder Mary Tatum

Blessing and Charge Dr. Patrick Perryman

*Hymn.....*For Everyone Born*

E Leader or All A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 B sus B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel-ter, a space, a safe place for grow-ing,
 with wis-dom and grace, di-vid-ing the pow-er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin-kled,
 in an-ger, in hurt, a mind-set of mer-cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit-ness and wor-ship,



for ev-ery-one born, a star o-ver-head,
 for wom-an and man, a sys-tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be-long,
 for just and un-just, a new way to live,
 for ev-ery-one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



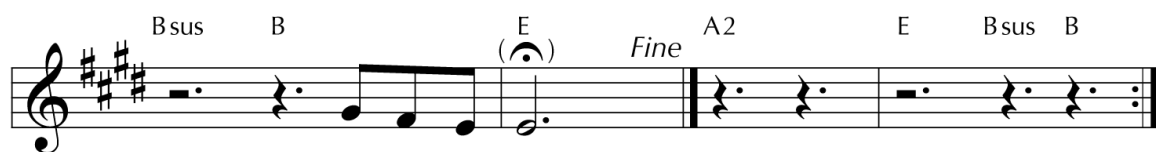
and God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice and



joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice,



jus-tice and joy!

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

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Music © 2006 Brian Mann (admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain

Benediction Reverend Becky Albright

Postlude *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
 C.S. LANG

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.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN in loving memory of Sterling Ivey by Leslie and Mac Mitchell

2021 FLOWER CHART: If you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday morning worship service, we have several dates in August, September, October, and November available. Feel free to sign up in the narthex on the flow chart. We ask that you 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.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The children of Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC) at Marsh Pointe Center would like to thank you for your generosity by providing healthy snacks. As always, you went above and beyond and they now have granola bars and fruit snacks to carry them into summer. The majority of these students receive free lunches at school and are ready for a snack when they arrive at NOC following their school day. There generally 23 children who receive tutoring and assistance with their homework Monday - Thursday. This summer it is anticipated that this number will expand to around 35 as children from the Parkview Center join them. Following some renovations to Parkview, both programs will be in full operation beginning in the fall, during the third week of August. Our support is instrumental in helping the staff of NOC provide for these children. Please note that we are now collecting **Animal Crackers and Welch's fruit snacks** and will continue to do so for the next 6-8 weeks at which time we will offer a new opportunity or "ask". When these donations are delivered, we are also adding apples and oranges. On behalf of the Outreach Committee, we thank you for your ongoing support of this worthy organization that serves children in need in our community.

Officer Recommendations for the Class of 2024

The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating a slate of four Elders and four Deacons (class of 2024) to be presented to the congregation for election. Your participation through prayer and recommendation of qualified candidates is essential to the process. Candidates for each office should be recommended according to their God-given gifts.

Please use the form below to recommend members of the congregation to be considered as Elders and Deacons for the class of 2024. Those considered should be active members, consistent in their worship attendance, and visibly engaged in the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church. You can drop the form in the offering plate. If you have questions please contact Blakely Williams, Chair of the Nominating Committee by email at batwilliams@yahoo.com.

Officer Recommendations for the Class of 2024

Deacon:

Elder:

Our kitchen appliances are in need of extreme repairs. In most cases, they are in need of being replaced. The property committee is diligently searching for good products at lesser costs. They are also realizing, the need for substantial resources not in the annual budget. Several members have come forward with contributions for this ask, yet we are not close to the dollar amount needed. You are asked to prayerfully consider a contribution to this unanticipated and untimely request.

Thank you,

The Property Committee

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

Awakening the Spirit in us to become more compassionate.

"If you're feeling low don't despair. The sun has a sinking spell every night, but comes back up everyday." - Dolly Parton