

First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
September 14, 2025
11:00 AM



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*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.*

*Hymn *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*

"There shall be show-ers of bless - ing"— This is the pro-mise of love;
"There shall be show-ers of bless - ing"— Pre-cious re - viv - ing a - gain;
"There shall be show-ers of bless - ing"— Send them up - on us, O Lord;
"There shall be show-ers of bless - ing"— O that to - day they might fall,—

5
There shall be sea - sons re - fresh - ing, sent from the Sav - ior a - bove.
O - ver the hills and the val - leys, sound of a - bun-dance of rain..
Grant to us now a re - fresh - ing, come and now hon - or Your Word.
Now as to God we're con - fess - ing, now as on Je - sus we call!—

9
Show - ers of bless - ing, Show-ers of bless-ing we need;—
Show - ers, show-ers of bless - ing,

13
Mer-cy drops round us are fall - ing, But for the show-ers we plead.

*Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude *Air from Water Music Suite*
GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

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



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Earth Care Congregation
Worship Education Facilities Outreach

*Hymn 48 *Baptized in Water*

C Am Dm G F G C
1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G
blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

Remembrance of Baptism (see insert)

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Striking of the Hour

Prelude..... *Shall We Gather at the River*
JOE UTTERBACK

Choral Introit

*Welcome & Call to Worship Elder Geneva Baxley

All who are thirsty, come to the waters!
Like deer that pant for flowing streams,
Our souls long for the living Lord.
All who believe, drink and never be thirsty!
We seek the Source of life eternal,
Who renews our spirits and restores our souls.
All who belong to Christ, join God’s family at the font.
We gather in the sacred name of the Triune God,
To proclaim Christ, the Fount of Living Water.

+*Hymn 475*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I’m come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I’m fixed up - on it, mount of God’s un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like “Ebenezer” (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for “a stone of help” set up to give thanks for God’s assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Spirit, you claim us in these waters and call us to follow the path of Jesus. But we strive to create and go our own way.

You gather us at the font to fashion us as people and connect us as the body of Christ. But we tend toward competition and provoke one another.

From the font you send us forth—a people to live and proclaim your love. But we withhold welcome from strangers, as if you didn’t claim them as your beloved children.

We wander far from the fountains of grace, attempting to quench our thirst from rivers of worldly comforts instead of planting ourselves next to streams of living water. And we wonder why our souls are parched, our spirits dry.

Spirit of the living God, gather us at the font. Descend upon us, we pray. Refresh us. Reclaim us. Restore us as a living family belonging to Christ, offering living water to a thirsty world.
(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.

Anthem*Brighter Than the Sun*
Jordan Plair, Music Director J.HELGEN
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

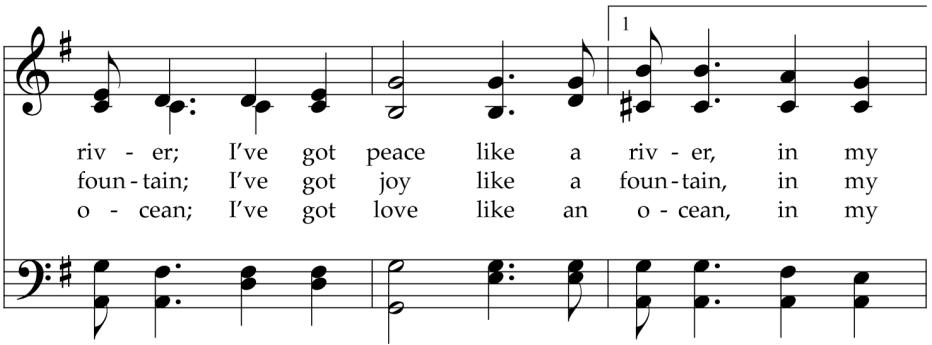
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Prophecy Lesson.....Ezekiel 34:20-31

Hymn 623 *I’ve Got Peace Like a River*



1 I’ve got peace like a riv - er; I’ve got peace like a
2 I’ve got joy like a foun-tain; I’ve got joy like a
3 I’ve got love like an o - cean; I’ve got love like an



1
riv - er; I’ve got peace like a riv - er, in my
foun-tain; I’ve got joy like a foun-tain, in my
o - cean; I’ve got love like an o - cean, in my



2
soul. I’ve got riv - er, in my soul.
soul. I’ve got foun-tain, in my soul.
soul. I’ve got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of “peace like a river” is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God’s will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians’ baptismal identity.

Gospel Lesson..... John 4:1-14

Sermon **Showers of Blessing**
Dr. Patrick Perryman

Giving and Receiving
Offertory..... *Wade in the Water*
JOE UTTERBACK

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus Fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit one
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

10TH SEPTEMBER IS
WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION
DAY..
THINKING OF THOSE WHO..



are fighting
suicidal thoughts



have lost someone
due to suicide



have survived
an attempt



love someone who
is suicidal



have no
support system



are scared to
speak up

@FightThroughMentalHealth

Remembrance of Baptism

Renunciations

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
Do you turn from the ways of sin,
And renounce evil and its power in the world?*

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
Obeying his word his word and showing his love?*

I will, with God's help.

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

*We give you thanks, O God,
For in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters*

And by your word you created the world,
Calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood

You delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel

From slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John

And anointed with your Holy Spirit.

*By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
Making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.*

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

**For tidal creeks and the salt marsh
that give life to our spirits.**

For rivers that connect us.

For oceans that feed us.

*Your waters shape our lives, and above all we praise you
For the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.*

*Shower us with your spirit,
And renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace
and love.*

*Remember your baptism and be thankful.
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Aspersion

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



NATIVE PLANTS IN OUR ECOSYSTEM How to SAVE BIRDS, BEES, BUTTERFLIES... AND THE WORLD.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

10:00AM

FIRST PRES FELLOWSHIP HALL



**GUEST SPEAKER: LILY COOPER
CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENER**



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COFFEE & TEA & DONUTS
ALL ARE WELCOME



SPIRIT SEEKERS

2nd-5th Grade

WILL REMAIN IN WORSHIP TODAY
TO ENJOY THE SPECIAL MUSIC

SONSHINE CLUB

3 yrs- 1st Grade

WILL MEET AS USUAL IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

A Beacon of Hope: The Becky Francis Dignity Project

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of local philanthropist Charlie Francis, we're launching the Becky Francis Dignity Project.



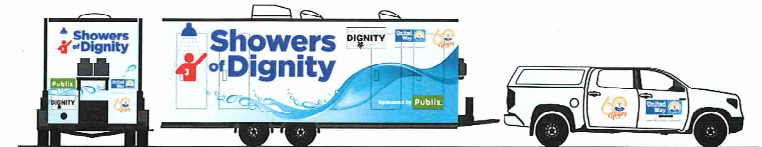
This transformative initiative will empower countless individuals and families to break free from poverty by focusing on three pillars:

- meeting basic needs,
- promoting self-sufficiency, and
- building a supportive community.

Inspired by the legacy of beloved community leader Becky Francis, the Dignity Project is central to our mission. By addressing fundamental needs like housing, food and hygiene, we are laying the groundwork for individuals and families to rebuild their lives and achieve lasting stability.

Restoring Dignity, One Shower at a Time

Imagine the relief of a hot shower after a sweltering day in the Lowcountry, the water washing away your exhaustion and leaving you refreshed. It's more than just hygiene; it's about restoring dignity and hope. **That's why we're thrilled to announce the Becky Francis Dignity Project's first initiative – our Showers of Dignity mobile unit – is coming this fall.** This vital resource will uplift individuals experiencing homelessness or recovering from disaster by providing essential hygiene services and connecting them to resources for rebuilding their lives. It's a small act with a big impact.



Our self-contained 24-foot trailer includes two private shower stalls (one ADA-compliant), and can be deployed anywhere in Beaufort and Jasper counties, reaching those in need directly. Beyond showers, we will offer laundry services and essential hygiene supplies to support overall well-being. We collaborate with local organizations to provide wrap-around services, connecting individuals with resources for housing, employment and healthcare.

Join us in writing the next chapter of our story

We're on a mission to break the cycle of poverty. By providing essential needs, fostering self-sufficiency and building community, we're empowering individuals and families to reach their full potential. **Together, we can create a Lowcountry where everyone thrives.**

No Youth Group
tonight!

join us:

TUESDAY 9/16 - Bridges High
Waffles & The Word 7am

SUNDAY 9/21 - Youth Group
5-6:30pm

Reach out to Parker + Katie Collins with any questions!
YouthMinistry@FirstPresBeaufort.Org



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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 Roxanne Cheney in loving memory of her mother on her birthday (she'd have been 98 this year!).



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Please join us

**Fall 2025
New Member Class**

Sunday, September 21st

12:30-2pm

Lunch will be provided

Childcare provided upon request.

Contact: Geneva Baxley
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SUPPORT THE EFFORTS *Of*
SHOWERS OF DIGNITY



First Pres Beaufort is proud to partner with United Way of the Lowcountry in support of Showers of Dignity.

Join us after worship on September 14th for a peek inside their mobile shower unit & to learn more about this community initiative.



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