

*Hymn..... *Thirsty, We Wander*

1. Thirst - y, we wan - der the des - ert; our
2. Hope - less, we wan - der the des - ert and
3. An - gry, we wan - der the des - ert where
4. Thirst - y, we wan - der the des - ert, our

ex - o - dus seems like a dream. In
fear what our fail - ures will bring. We
ha - tred and big - ot - ry grow; a
home - land a far - a - way dream, but

an - guish we cry as the riv - ers run dry, yet
shriv - el in shame from the heat of our blame, yet
sigh is our song in the val - ley of wrong, yet
we will en - dure for your prom - ise is sure, and

e - ven from rock, your wa - ter will stream. E - ven from
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wa - ter will stream.
mer - cy will spring. Ho - san - na,
jus - tice will flow.
wa - ter will stream.

ho - san - na.

Remembrance of Baptism (see insert)

Hymn..... *Baptized in Water*

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

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

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.

*Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude *Air from Water Music Suite*
GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

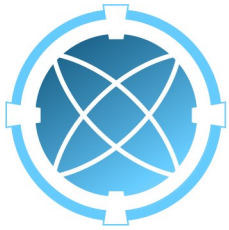
*All Who Are Able Please Stand | + Ushers Will Seat Latecomers

SPIRIT SEEKERS
2nd-5th Grade

**WILL REMAIN IN WORSHIP TODAY
TO ENJOY THE SPECIAL MUSIC**

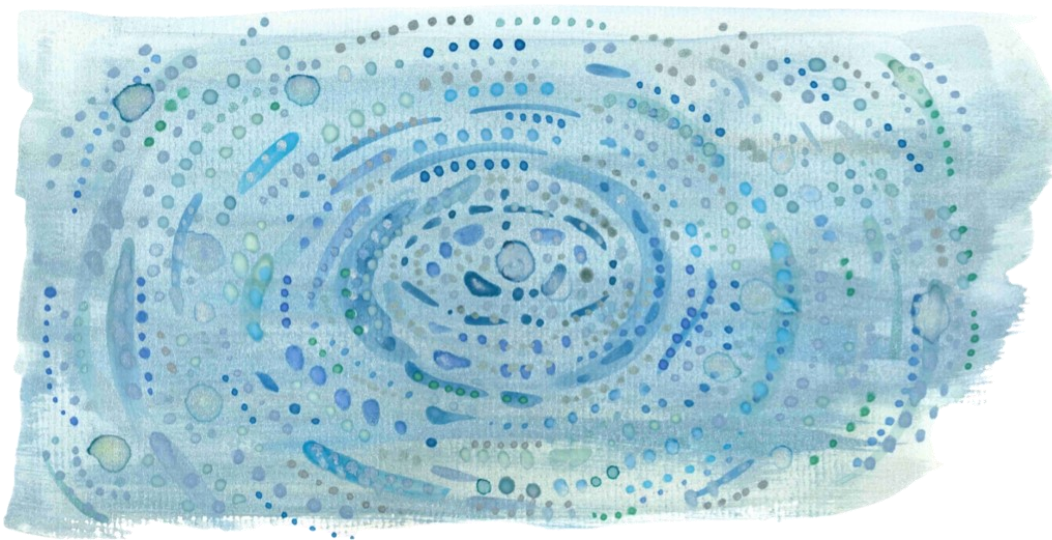
SONSHINE CLUB
3 yrs- 1st Grade

WILL MEET AS USUAL IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING



First Presbyterian
Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
September 17, 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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Gathering Music.....Shall We Gather at the River
JOE UTTERBACK

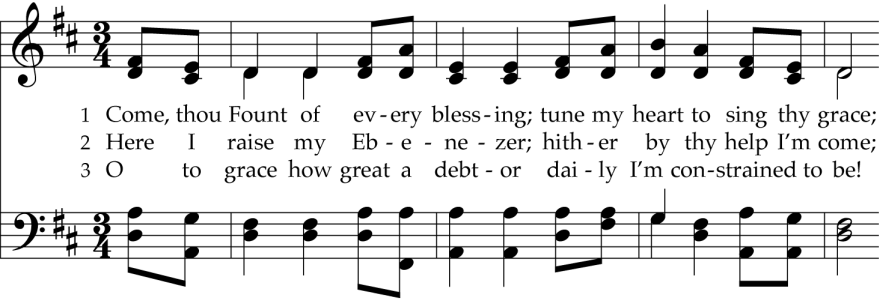
Striking of the Hour


Prelude..... *Wade in the Water*
TRADITIONAL

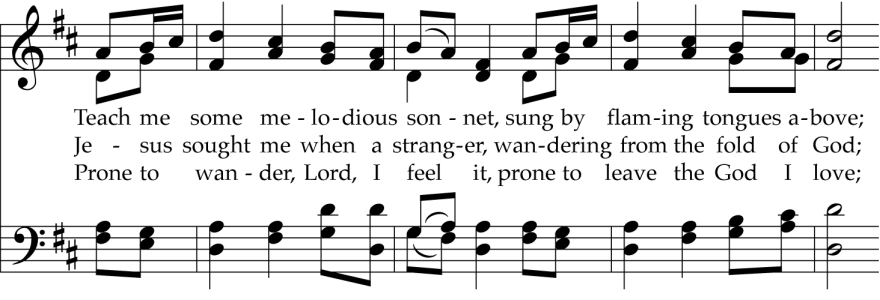
*Welcome & Call to Worship *Elder Geneva Baxley*

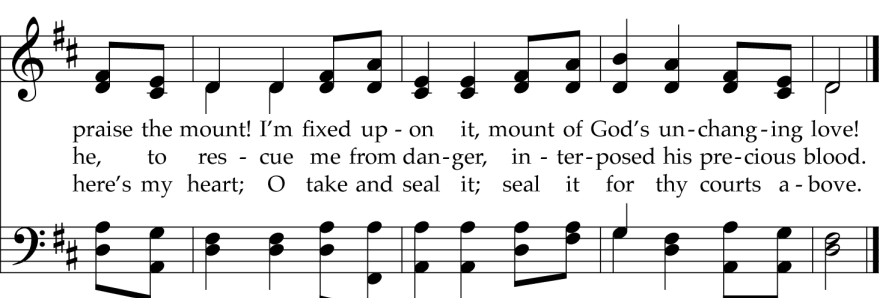
All who are thirsty, come to the waters!
**Like deer that pant for flowing streams,
Our souls long for the living Lord.**
All who believe, drink and never be thirsty!
**We seek the Source of life eternal,
Who renews our spirits and restores our souls.**
All who belong to Christ, join God's family at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

+*Hymn*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*









Call to Confession *Take Me to the Water*

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

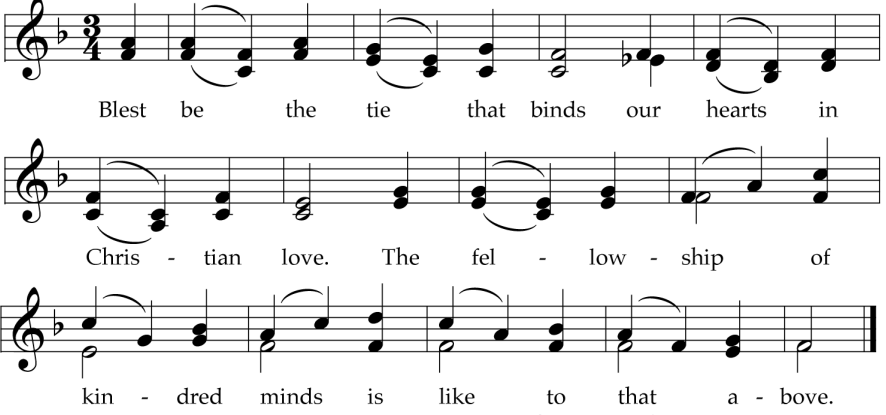
*Gloria Patri

*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.*

Psalter Lesson Psalm 103

Children's Sermon Geneva Baxley
As we sing *Jesus Loves Me*, all children are welcome to come down front

Passing of the Peace



Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon**How Many Times?**
Dr. Patrick Perryman

Anthem*Ripple*
Vic Varner, Music Director GARCIA & HUNTER
Lily Cooper, Organist ADDT'L LYRICS DR. PATRICK PERRYMAN
Gordon Krueger, Soloist

*If my words did glow, with the gold of sunshine
And my tunes were played, on the harp unstrung
Would you hear my voice, come through the music?
Would you hold it near, as it were your own?*

*If we cling to hate, though hearts are broken
The hurt we carry is our own
This much I know, all of us suffer
Let there be love to soothe the soul*

*Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow*

*Reach out your hand, if your cup be empty
If your cup is full, may it be again
Let it be known, there is forgiveness
That was not made, but may be freely givn'*

*There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night
And if you go, no one may trouble
That path is one, you will not walk alone*

*Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow*

*You, who choose, to lead must follow
But, if you hate, you hate alone
If you should stand, then who's to guide you?
Take my hand, I will lead you home*

Giving and Receiving
Offertory.....*Deep River*
Jordan Plair, Soloist TRADITIONAL

*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!**

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.**

(Over to Continue)

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.*

Show 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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

World Suicide Prevention Month

SEPTEMBER



This month, we remind ourselves to look out for one another.

Think you know someone who is struggling?
Let them know they're not alone.

- 1 Reach out**
Start a conversation. Talking about suicide doesn't increase the likelihood it will happen.
- 2 Listen**
Let them know you care and they are not alone.
- 3 Seek help**
Tell a trusted adult or call 988, the Suicide & Crisis Hotline.

Suicide is preventable, so if you think someone is struggling, please start a conversation with them and tell a teacher or counselor.

988
SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE

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 Stephanie and Paul Coffman in loving memory of their son Paul V. Coffman III.

We are called to serve our neighbors

Fourth Fridays
Washington Street Park Suppers

A simple meal with a big impact.

Sign up to serve & a member of our outreach team will contact you with details



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Empty Shelves Food Drive



Providing food, clothing and short-term assistance to our neighbors in need.

Please consider a donation of canned goods and non perishable food items. Items will be collected in the Education building until September 25th

Save the Date

**Mission & Outreach
Potluck Lunch**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 12PM

Bring a side dish to share!



First Presbyterian
Church of Beaufort

Please join us

Fall 2023

New Member Class

Sunday, September 24th

12:30-2pm

Lunch will be provided

Childcare available

Contact: Geneva Baxley
gbaxley@firstpresbeaufort.org

PLEASE BE OUR GUEST

**Mental Health
First Aid** *WORKSHOP*

Designed for adults who care for and work with youth.

Identify. Understand. Respond.

**Wednesday,
September 27th**

9am-4pm

LUNCH PROVIDED

First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort
1201 North Street

Led by Robyn Ellison, MEd – Prisma Health
National Council for Behavioral Health

Space is limited to 35 seats.

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience.

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