

Prophecy Lesson.....1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Sermon .....**Your Servant is Listening**  
Dr. Patrick Perryman

\*Litany of Intent (see insert)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

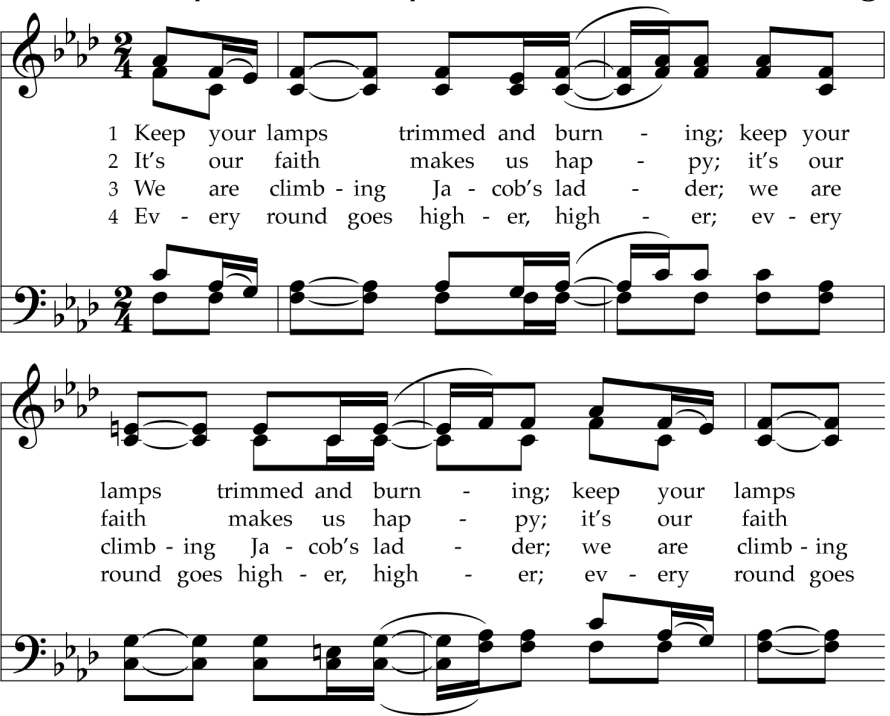
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
**Amen**

Giving and Receiving  
Offertory..... Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth  
JOHANN PACHELBEL

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing 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, alleluia!

\*Hymn 350..... *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed & Burning*



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your  
2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our  
3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are  
4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps  
faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith  
climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing  
round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes



trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;  
chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

\*Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ..... *Postlude on We Shall Overcome*  
ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK

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

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:**  
**AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.**

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**First Presbyterian  
Church of Beaufort**

A Service for the Worship of God  
January 14, 2024  
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..... *Precious Lord*  
ARR. JACK SCHRADER

Choral Introit

\*Welcome & Call to Worship..... Elder Geneva Baxley

*Sisters and brothers rejoice.*  
**We live sustained by God’s presence and love.**  
**Thanks be to God.**  
*As we mourn the wounds of God’s children,*  
**God weeps with us.**  
*As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,*  
**God gives thanks with us.**  
*As we struggle for justice,*  
**God struggles with us.**  
*As we strive for peace,*  
**God strives with us.**  
*As we work to build the beloved community,*  
**God works with us.**  
*As we offer our gifts to all,*  
**God blesses us.**  
*Sisters and brothers rejoice,*  
**Sustained by God’s presence and love we worship God.**

+\*Hymn 451..... *Open My Eyes That I May See You*

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.  
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will  
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
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Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been civil, not always humane, not always right. Guided by your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as You intended them to do. Help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the excluded, the poor, the worthy and the unworthy, so that we can, with your help, change the world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, and to love our enemy as our friend.

(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.*

Musical Offering ..... *Be Thou My Vision*  
Jordan Plair, Music Director  
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.

Psalter Lesson ..... Psalm 139

\*Hymn 775 ..... *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I’m in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I’m in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



# LET'S WELCOME



## OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR JORDAN PLAIR

Jordan leads and directs the adult choir and oversees the music ministry at First Pres. She has more than 11 years of experience as a church musician and music educator leading choirs, ensembles and students. She graduated from Presbyterian College in 2009 with a degree in Music Education. Jordan brings a great deal of enthusiasm for choral singing and church music to the many talented vocalists at First Pres. At home, Jordan loves reading and baking and of course her two beautiful children.

Please join us after worship today  
for a Meet and Greet Plaza Social.

## Litany of Intent

*Empower us with gifts and desire, gracious God, to minister with your people.*

**Bless and guide us, O Lord.**

*Lord, we often boast that we are "one people under God," yet we are divided by strife and factions, the sin of disunity spreading among us like a disease. We are unable to measure up to our standards, much less to yours.*

**Forgive us, Lord.**

*Cleanse us and make us whole. Renew our minds and motives so that we might be your people, acceptable in your sight.*

**We seek your guidance, Lord.**

*The tensions and differences of race, traditions, culture, creed, and language consume us. Come among us, O God, and free us to live creatively, worship openly, and love unconditionally.*

**Forgive our arrogance, Lord.**

*Help us to remember that to bear the good news to others means to first live the good news among ourselves.*

**We seek boldness, Lord.**

*Remind us that we are dependent on one another. Show us we are to be concerned for all people. Teach us to love one another.*

**Teach us the joy of sharing, Lord.**

*We ask for power, guidance, and direction as your people on a Holy mission. As the community of faith, may we be faithful to the call to spread godly love, care, and concern to all people.*

**Give us a loving heart and willing spirit, Lord.**

**We give you thanks, Holy God, for the saints who have borne witness to your Word throughout the ages. We give special thanks for your servant, Martin Luther King, Jr., who responded to your voice to serve and gave his life for the cause of love and justice in our land. May we too respond with the depth of commitment that will enable us to give of ourselves in full measure, even to the point of death. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us, we pray, that we too might feel the call to serve your people. May we not tire of doing good in the face of wrong and evil. May we continue to work for a nation marked by justice, love, and fellowship as only you can create. Inspire our hearts, strengthen our wills, build up our resolve that we too might become worthy of the heritage that has been given to us in the witness of Martin Luther King, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](http://www.firstpresbeaufort.org) for sermons, news, and current events.

**TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** to the Glory of God by Betsi Jordan

*New Year!*

**New Member Class  
Sunday, January 21st**

*Following Worship*

**12:30-2pm**

*Lunch provided*

**Childcare available upon request**

**Questions & RSVP: Geneva Baxley [gbaxley@firstpresbeaufort.org](mailto:gbaxley@firstpresbeaufort.org)**



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*Join us for*  
**VALENTINE MAKING**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH**

**4-5:30PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

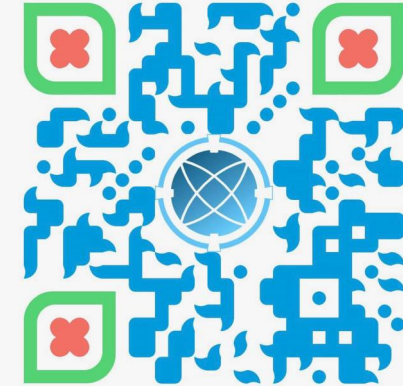
**SNACKS & MATERIALS PROVIDED**

**KIDS AGES 3+**

**YOUNGER CHILDREN WELCOME IF ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

The FPC floral committee invites you to provide  
fresh flowers for Sunday Morning Worship

Scan here to sign up



**Thank you!**



# SAVE THE DATE

## ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

*And live auction featuring Donna Sheetz' famous sweets*



**12:00 PM** *Following worship*  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH**

SUGGESTED DONATION:  
**\$10 INDIVIDUAL \$25 FAMILY**

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**Books Sandwiched In**  
**Hosted by USCB**

**Book: Hurricane Jim Crow**  
**By: Dr. Caroline Grego**

**Presented by Grace Cordial**  
**Research Librarian**

**Monday, February 5th**  
**12:00pm USCB CENTER FOR THE ARTS**



**Lunch to follow!**

# Men's Breakfast



FIRST AND THIRD  
WEDNESDAY

*7:30-8:30 am*

FELLOWSHIP HALL  
GUESTS WELCOME



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# WAR AND THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

Join us for a thought provoking dialogue  
led by Lieutenant Ian Clark.

**Lieutenant Clark** serves as the battalion chaplain to the Marines, sailors, and recruits of Fourth Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island. He is a Ph.D candidate in theological ethics at the University of Aberdeen.

Tuesday, January 23rd

11:00 AM

First Presbyterian Church  
Education Building - Fellowship Hall  
1201 North Street



ALL ARE WELCOME.

On behalf the FPC  
Mission & Outreach committee

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AND DUCT TAPE



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