



First PRESBYTERIAN
MYRTLE BEACH

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 | 11:00 AM WORSHIP

*Congregation, please stand if you are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE..... “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” - *William B Bradbury*
arr. for piano by Mark Hager
Denise Cromer, organ

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS*Rev. Judith L. Cetti*

CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Though the earth should change and the mountains shake into the sea,
we will not fear, for God is with us.**

Leader: The God of hosts is with us.

People: The Lord of heaven and earth is our refuge.

***HYMN NO. 310** (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)..... “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” - *ST. THOMAS*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your Spirit. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Please continue with silent prayers of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.

**People: When we cry “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit that we are children of God.**

Leader: And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

ANTHEM..... “The Beatitudes” - *Bob Chilcott*
FPC Chancel Choir

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONMatthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:12-19

SERMON SUMMER BLESSINGS: "The Persecuted"

Rev. Dr. John C. Brearley

CALL TO PRAYER: HYMN NO. 286 (vs.1) "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" - *TRENTHAM*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY..... "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - *Tom Trenney*

Joseph Segnit, tenor

*DOXOLOGY: HYMN NO. 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - *OLD HUNDREDTH*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN NO. 175 "Seek Ye First" - *LAFFERTY*

*BENEDICTIO

POSTLUDE "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Peter Scholtes

Denise Cromer, organist

TODAY AT FPC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP	Rev. Dr. John C. Brearley, Rev. Christa R. Brewer, Rev. Judith L. Cettei, Rev, Nathan See
FPC MUSIC & SOUND	Director of FPC Chancel Choir Dr. Tim Koch Director of Music Ministries Skip Yingling Organist Denise Cromer // Jody Boykin Sound Tech
YOUTH LITURGIST	Emily DeVaux
ACOLYTES	Daniel DeVaux Eric DeVaux
USHERS	Tom Nace, Henry Harrison, Paul Niles, Bob Moore, B.J. Thomas, Bob Calamari, Keith Standley
AMBASSADORS	B.J. Thomas, Gloria Dupree

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE RETURNS

Our Early Traditional Service at 8:30 AM starts back next Sunday, August 1, in the Sanctuary. This service will not be streamed online and only available in person. We are looking forward to Denise Cromer presenting a “Beatitudes” organ reflection at both traditional services to conclude our summer sermon series on **The Beatitudes**.

HOLD THAT THOUGHT... PERSONNEL POSTS TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS

Just wanted to give you some important news from our Personnel Committee. We knew coming out of the pandemic that we needed to fill two part-time staff positions. Both of these opportunities were anticipated. Both are already included in our current annual budget. The first is a Membership Coordinator for our congregation. This position is now vacant because Rev. Judy Cettei has decided to return to retirement on August 31. Judy has led our new member efforts for several years, but she is now going to enjoy the freedom of spending time with family and friends. This 15-20 hour part-time job will focus primarily on visitors and new members.

The other part-time position was created to meet an on-going need in our church. For some time we have heard suggestions for new ways to gather in faith and friendship. The Fellowship Coordinator will organize activities for our adult membership, with an emphasis on middle age and senior opportunities. This person will assist new members in finding their places within the church, and will offer new ways for us to gather in fellowship. Also a 15-20 job description, this position became available as our Parish Nurse transitioned to half-time.

A search team for these two positions will interview and select from interested candidates. The team consists of the two elders from Personnel (Craig Bremer, Bev Jones), the two elders from Church Growth and Fellowship (Ansley Pegram, Elizabeth Springs), and a staff member (Kathleen Wilder). Linda Balmer, our Business Administrator, and I will serve as ex officio. For more information, including job descriptions, please contact Linda at lbalmer@mbfpc.com.

Peace, John

FLORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A rosebud has been placed on the communion table in honor of
Oliver Scott Eggleston born July 20, 2021
Olly is the son of Bree and Scott Eggleston

The beautiful flowers placed in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of my parents, Ruth and George Trask by Ruth Gore.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

A NOTE FROM A MEMBER

I want to express my deepest appreciation and love to my FPC family for all the love, prayers and sympathy shown to my children and I during the time of Jim's illness and passing. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving church community. - Carolyn Hills



THE FPC CONCERTS SERIES RETURNS FEBRUARY 2022
Violinist, Randall Doosby, will be one of our outstanding concerts this year.
Ticket sales will be announced soon!

Violinist Randall Goosby joined the roster in 2018 with an outstanding performance at the Young Concert Artists International Auditions. In three short years his career has grown in extraordinary ways, and we are delighted to celebrate his most recent successes. In June Randall released his much anticipated debut album "Roots" (Decca Classics), signed long-term joint management with HarrisonParrott and Primo Artists, joined an illustrious group of performers featured at the Kennedy Center Honors, and enjoyed a lovely feature article in The New York Times. Randall embodies all the promise and potential of the young artists YCA is here to serve and we take pleasure in watching his career blossom.

AUGUST IS HELPING HAND MONTH

Please take your donations to **Helping Hand located at 1411 Mr. Joe White Ave. Unit B.**
Drive around back of the building and ring the bell, someone will come out and unload the items for you.
They can use and will take donations anytime. **Soups and Peanut Butter are always needed!**



ROSS SZABO: SPEAKING AT FPC ON AUGUST 18

We would like to invite members of FPC and friends to join us as we talk about the important topic of mental health. On Wednesday, August 18 at 7:00 PM, in our sanctuary, we will host national award-winning speaker, Ross Szabo, who will be having an open and honest talk about his journey with mental health. This speaker is brought to you by the Will for Hope Foundation started by the Hudson Family in our church. For more information, please visit www.willforhope.org.