

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

1. Admit your need.
"I am a sinner."
2. Be willing to turn from your sins.
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
"I believe you did what you said you did—that you died on the cross then rose from the dead and have the power to save me."
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit.
"Please come into my life and change me. Make me a new person."
5. If you have recently received Christ, we would like to give you a Bible and some study materials. Contact Janine Miller if you are interested.

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Events in Our Church Family

Monday

6:30 pm
8:00 pm

Campaigners (Baldauff Residence)
Young Life at Gilbert's

Wednesday

6:15 am
11:30 am
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:45 pm
7:00 pm

Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Gold Club (Asian Grill)
Pioneer Clubs
Quartet Practice
Women's Small Group (Rm. B-01)
Brass Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday

10:00 am
6-10 pm
6:30 pm
6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study (Fell. Hall)
Church Reserved (except FH)
Adult Small Group (Fell Hall)
Adult Small Group (Baldauff Residence)

Friday

9am-noon

Church Reserved

Saturday

7:00 am

Men's Bible Study (Rice Residence)

Sunday

8:30 am
10:00 am
11:00 am
6:30 pm

Traditional Worship
Sunday School for All Ages
Contemporary Worship
Missions Dessert (Fell. Hall)



FPC NEWS

Feb. 24, 2019



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church where today we are celebrating Jesus, children, and Pioneer Clubs!

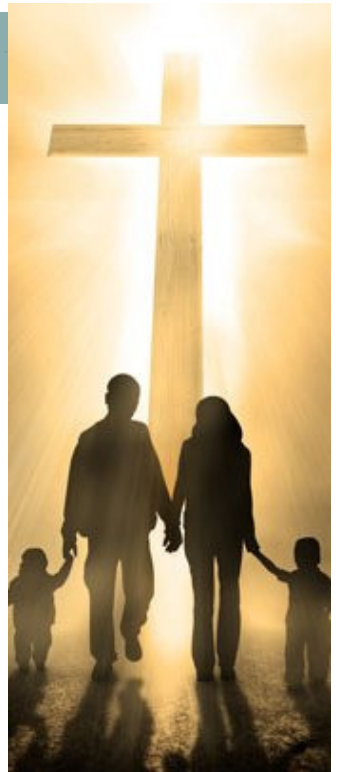
We are blessed to be able to offer Pioneer Clubs to our community children and to have a caring staff of adults and teens who love to connect Jesus to these kids.

This year is our 24rd year of Pioneer Clubs. Throughout these years, we have been committed to the Pioneer Club mission, "to make Christ Lord in every aspect of life." This is accomplished through exploring the Bible, singing, and a multitude of activities ranging from hiking and camping to cooking, crafts, and much more.

We thank the parents of each child we have been privileged to interact with over these years for bringing your child each Wednesday evening and for allowing us the joy of sharing Jesus with them.

Mission Dessert Next Sunday

Next Sunday evening at 6:30 pm we will be hosting a Mission Dessert in the Fellowship Hall for Jake Routzahn who recently went to Spain. He will be telling us about his work there. Please bring a dessert to share.



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From the Pastor

Greetings, people of God at First Pres, SC.

This week we will have the blessing of involving ourselves in the baptism of two children.

As a congregation we vow to shepherd these children. In fact, on Sunday February 24th, I hope you will vow the following:

1) Do you, the members of this congregation, acting for yourselves and in behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this child?

2) Do you commit yourself to set a godly example before this child, to provide as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that this child may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

In vowing the above things, you promise that you will partner with the parents of the children in order to spiritually nurture those children so that they might one day personally profess Christ. This involves more than lip service, of course. It involves deep and devoted prayer. Support of the parents in sickness and in health. Support of children’s and youth ministry. And many, many other things. “It takes a village” they say. I say yes, but more richly, it involves the promises, blessings and security inherent to belonging to the people of God and their initiative involvement in each other’s lives in order to encourage, exhort and empower, one another in our walks with Jesus.

In the Reformed tradition we do not have “god parents”, as such. In fact, you all are

vowing to set an example and provide time, talent and treasure to ensure the salvation of these children. These children are your stewardship entrusted to you by God himself. In short, it does not simply come down to the pastor nor the elder to set the example (though they are included, of course), but you too! Church is not an activity of “sit and get” but of initiative involvement.

As an important implication of the above, baptism is about the family unit. Our society is waging an all out assault on the family unit, its health, its dignity, and its existence. Baptism promises blessing to and God’s unbridled care and protection of that unit. Often we see in Scripture the emphasis of a household being baptized and the inclusion of our youngest into the rights and privileges of the people of God. Baptism gives the power for a family to experience health, unity, and prosperity because it is God’s partnership-ing “I do” (His sign and seal) to the children and the parents of the children. Baptism is also God’s “I do” to the most helpless, powerless, those who cannot speak for themselves; from the youngest to the oldest. It is God’s will that is honored and glorified in baptism, not ours nor our words.

So, this Sunday when you watch the baptism of these two boys, remember the significance, benefits and privileges of your baptism and resolve by faith toward new obedience to God’s will in your life — this is all much like when you and your spouse attend a wedding and are reminded of your own vows and the obligations and blessings therein.

God bless you,

Pastor Aaron

Upcoming Sermon Topics

- Mar. 3—The True King Suffers & So Do We (Luke 13:22-33, 14:25-33)
- Mar. 10—Managing the King’s Resources (Luke 16:1-13)
- Mar. 17—The Cost of Faith & Forgiveness (Luke 17:1-19)
- Mar. 24—Let God Exalt You We (Luke 18:1-14)
- Mar. 31—The Gospel for All People (Luke 19:1-10)

Where to turn to for help & answers...

Card Ministry.....	Barbara Florence
Chair Loan	Janine Miller
Change of Address, Phone or Name.....	Janine Miller
Church Calendar.....	Janine Miller
Deacons.....	Dan Smith, Fred Berge, Jim Lightle Bob Entler, Steve Paugh, Brad Timmons
Food Pantry	Jim Lightle, Fred Berge, Dan Smith
Maintenance, Church Building.....	Bob Entler
Membership.....	Pastor Aaron White
Music Ministry	Carol Wildman, Deanna Mattinson
Newsletter	Janine Miller
Nursery	Julie White
Pioneer Clubs.....	Rachel Baldauff
Prayer Chain	Janine Miller
Rental, Church Facilities.....	Janine Miller
Session	Pastor Aaron White, Dave Morrow, Aaron Baldauff Chuck Wildman, Jim Hildebrand, Janine Miller, Rob Vaughn
Small Groups	Don Grigorenko
Website	Janine Miller
Youth Ministry.....	Dave Morrow, Pam Vaughn, Rachel Baldauff



Thanks to Tim Crain (See Jonah 1-4) 03-28-2008
THE SURFERS' HEROIC TALES OF WILDLY TRAGIC ENDS WERE OFTEN CUT SHORT BY THE APPEARANCE OF JONAH

March's Food Pantry Requests

Pancake Mix Syrup

Thank you so much for your donations! Please place them in the Food Pantry bin in the Fellowship Hall.

March Greeters & Readers

Greeters

8:30 Service—Nick & Chaylee Liberator
11:00 Service—Jodi Smith & sons

8:30 Service Reader

Chaylee Liberator

March Anniversaries



- Mar. 16 Tom & Lois Staton—28 years
- Mar. 18 Tom & Sharon Allen—30 years
- Mar. 27 Craig & Lori Skillings—20 years

Thanks to the following people for their service to God during the past month:

Lynne Pulver, Valerie Lemon, Diana Timmons, & Jodi Smith for greeting at our worship services.

Julie White, Terri Paugh, Rhonda Bryant, & Cathy Delk for serving in the nursery.

Chuck Wildman and Jeff Miller for clearing the church parking lot and sidewalks of snow.

Greg Rice, Julie White, Dave Morrow, Kevin Mattinson, & Chris Cain for helping out with 5th Quarter at Gilbert's.

Greg & Connie Rice for hosting the youth Super Bowl Party.

For everyone involved in hosting the Presbytery Meeting! (see page 4)

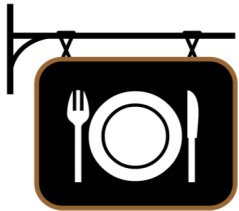


Thank you, Kroger Plus Card Users!

Thank you to our supporters (15 households) who shopped at Kroger between Nov. 1, 2018 and Jan. 31, 2019, and used their Kroger Plus cards for FPC. We will be receiving a contribution from Kroger in the amount of \$62.58 towards the Building Fund.



Gold Club



The first meeting of this year's GOLD Club will meet this Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Asian Grill here in South Charleston at 11:30 am. For car pooling information and reservations, please call Barb Florence at 462-7398 **today**. We will need to know ahead of time if you are coming so that we have enough seating for everyone.

2019 Gold Club schedules are also now available at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome, Midwest Presbytery!

As you may know, last weekend, Friday, Feb. 15 & Saturday, Feb. 16, we hosted our Presbytery for their February meeting. It was wonderful to be able to put names with faces and frankly, we have SUCH a nice group in our Presbytery. It was a joy to be able to spend time with many of these folks.

The weekend was pulled off by a large group from our church. Thank you to everyone who donated food and also to the following:


Meal Prep and Serving: Jane Hildebrand (chair) , Daphne Berge, Barb Florence, Marianna Polglaise, Robin Wilson, Nan Stiles, Melody Henderson, Lois Staton, Aaron & Rachel Baldauff, Fred Berge, Becky Smith, and Diane Eichelberger.

Greeters & Cashier: Bob Entler, Fred Berge, & Ray Sheridan

Sound & Projection: Brad Timmons, Matthew Vaughn, Chuck & Carol Wildman, Mindy Wildman

Worship & Music: Pastor Aaron, Deanna Mattinson, Carol Wildman, Chris Cain, Shelly Dodds, Kim Wildman, Simon Wildman, Mindy Wildman, Nan Stiles


Table Set up & Tear down: Jim Hildebrand, Fred Berge, Bob Entler, Jeff Miller, Kevin Mattinson, Dave Morrow, Jim Lightle, Caleb Mattinson, Micah Mattinson, & Ray Sheridan




Dress shirts, ties, AND boutonnières!


Thanks a bunch for your warm, welcoming, and helpful spirit for the Midwest Presbytery meeting. I know it is a large effort. The meeting and all that went into the behind the scenes planning and the dinner were great. A HUGE thanks to you and your team for this effort. It truly is appreciated!

Andy Warner, Asst. Stated Clerk





Some of our kitchen crew!



Andy Warner, Asst. SC Dave Brown, Stated Clerk

Two of the nicest guys, you'd ever meet!



One of our speakers
(Originally from Bangladesh)



Our Sound Crew



Old Friends!!



A packed house