



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

***Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith
joined together through Christ, offering meaning and
hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.***

***10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910***

Sunday, May 22, 2022

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Celebration of Worship

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Silent Meditation

By the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love. Amen.

Prelude

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

arr. J. Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Herrin

Introit (10:30)

Here in This Place

Hymn 401 vs. 1

Call to Worship

8:30 - Jerri Hanna 10:30 - Stephen Ball

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Stones of fear are rolled away.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Walls of prejudice are broken down.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Doubts are affirmed; questions are allowed.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Those who were pushed aside are welcomed in.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Life will never be the same again.

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Unison: Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn #35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!**

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response #240

***“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name”***

***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.

***Gloria Patri # 581**

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.

Prayers of the People 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Farther Along

Robin Lind, Janit Maguire, Jon Nickel and Dale & Jean Nordby

***Doxology**

*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**

***Hymn #733**

We All Are One in Mission

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

Anthem (10:30)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

arr. Camp Kirkland

Scripture Reading

John 5:1-9 (pg. 90)

Acts 16:6-15 (pg. 127)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“God’s GPS”

Rev. Chris Herrin

***Hymn #749**

Come! Live in the Light!

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more. (Refrain)**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain)**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Allegro Con Moto

by E. Sheppard

****Please stand if you are able.***

Welcome to all who worship today. All visitors are welcome to LPC, where we seek to love and serve Christ with all that we are and in all that we do. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack and dropping it in the offering baskets. Care for infants through 4 years old during worship is provided in the nursery during the 10:30am service.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following the 10:30am service on **May 29th** to hear the report of the Nominating Committee to elect the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Names and brief bios on the nominees will be included in next Friday's e-blast and also available in the Narthex that day.

Audio/Visual Fund-Raising Update - We continue to get closer to our overall goal of \$171,000. We have received \$144,721 in cash which surpasses the \$100,000 that we needed to reach that goal. We also have \$19,930 in pledges for a total of \$164,651, this includes \$5,000 from Temple Oseh Shalom. That leaves us just \$6,349 short of the total needed.

Contact Bob Lowry with questions at jblowry99@gmail.com. Extra pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

**For more information on the A/V project, go to our website:
lowcountrypres.org/audiovisualproject.**

Please remember with your prayers:
Margaret Tout

Christian sympathy to Kelly Manning on the death of her sister-in-law.

**A memorial service for Pam Norley will be held
at LPC on June 11th at 2pm**

**The flowers today are to the glory of God given by Sandy Benninger
in loving memory of her parents Robert and Harriet Shumate.**

Join us for Adult Sunday School at 9:35am today. We will discuss a portion of the week's Take 5 scripture. No class on May 29th, Memorial Day weekend.

Book of Acts Class on Wednesday, May 25th at 2pm - You are welcome to attend as no preparation is needed. The class begins with a short video by New Testament scholar Dr. Matt Skinner, which sparks discussion led by Joe Franklin. The class meets in the back room near the nursery.

Don't forget to Take 5! - We will be reading Romans, Paul's letter to the church in Rome through June 5th. You can find brief and helpful overview videos from the Bible Project on Romans here:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/romans-1-4/>

<http://bibleproject.com/videos/romans-5-16>

As you complete reading the books of the New Testament, remember to sign your name on the clipboard (located on the Take 5 table below the TV in the Narthex).

Two week study on Ephesians led by Rev. Bo Welch on Tuesdays, June 7th and 14th at 2:00pm or Wednesdays, June 8th and 15th at 6:30pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can sign-up online at lowcountrypres.org/adult-ed by May 27. We will be in the midst of reading Ephesians for Take 5 (6/6-6/13), so these sessions will be very timely.

Change Can Make A Change for May is for Volunteers in Medicine (VIM).

VIM provides free medical care in a compassionate and professional manner to the uninsured of Greater Bluffton and Jasper County with an emphasis on preventative medicine and health education. With locations in Bluffton and in Ridgeland, the all-volunteer free medical clinic provides medical exams, counseling and nutritional services as well as preventative education to over 2,000 eligible uninsured residents in our area.

Backpack Buddies - Our church members will again be supporting Backpack Buddies by staffing a booth at the Bluffton Farmers Market, the afternoon of **Thursday, June 9th**. Volunteers will be asked to work in two hour shifts starting around noon. For more information or to volunteer contact Sandy Benninger: 843-705-5233 home, 248-756-6666 cell or sbenninger@sc.rr.com.

For information on upcoming opportunities for study, service and fellowship, please pick up a May/June newsletter in the Narthex or go to our website lowcountrypres.org/newsletter.

The Earth Care (aka Green Team) needs YOU to return to pre-Covid tasks and activities! If you can help, please sign up on the Green Team bulletin board or email Jon & Gretchen Nickel: gretchjon@yahoo.com. We'd love to expand our activities this year!

Prayer Shawls - As part of our Congregational Care Ministry, Prayerful Shawls is in need of knitted or crocheted shawls. Our current supply has been given to those in need of these comforting shawls. So we need our crafty people to get those fingers moving for a good cause. Please contact Sloan Gray at graysloan@yahoo.com or (978) 270-8085 for more details.

Difficulty Hearing? While we enjoy a beautiful sanctuary, it is acoustically challenging! If you can't hear clearly, be sure to try one of our hearing devices, kept in a basket in the Narthex or try sitting at different spots in our sanctuary and balcony. Let us know if you still have difficulty after that!

Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine remain and need to be planted! Take as many as you can and pray for peace as you plant.

An Updated Member Address Directory and a Directory insert with pictures of the Spring of 2022 New Members Class is available on the counter in the Narthex.

Recycle your bulletins by leaving them in the baskets at the rear of the sanctuary.

Financial Snapshot April 30, 2022

April was another good financial month, and YTD numbers remain positive. The net positive result is particularly enhanced, and will continue to be, until the vacated Associate Pastor position is filled. This accounts for fully 41% of the April actual net revenue.

	April 2022 Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 YTD Budget
Revenues:	\$51,789	\$234,174	\$197,836
Total Expenses:	<u>\$35,433</u>	<u>\$170,638</u>	<u>\$187,918</u>
Net:	\$16,356	\$ 63,536	\$ 9,918

Sermon Notes: