



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, February 9, 2025
10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
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Silent Meditation

“O Lord, strengthen our faith; kindle it in eagerness and love toward you, and our neighbors for your sake.” ~ John Knox, founder of the Church of Scotland

Prelude

Cailan na Gruiaige Baine

Trad.

Welcome and Introduction to the Kirkin’

Rev. Chris Herrin

Processional and Naming of the Clans *Highland Cathedral*

Peter Armstrong, bagpipes, Karen Ball, organ

Call to Worship

Steve Meyer

Leader: We come into Thy house, our home, once more to give thanks:

People: for earth and sea and sky in harmony of colour,

Leader: the air of the eternal seeping through the physical,

People: the everlasting glory dipping into time. We praise Thee.

Unison: O Lord: how marvellous are Thy works. In majesty hast Thou created them. ¹

***Hymn #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ²

***Invocation**

Rev. Herrin

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess to Thee we have been greedy. We have tried to isolate ourselves from the wounds of the world. In our self-sufficiency, we have not sought your help. We have wasted time while the world bled. We have sought to solve our differences only through self-interest. Lord God of Hosts, forgive us, we pray. By Thy guidance and Thy power, may we be keenly sensitive to all the unresolved injustice and wrong still in our midst. Hear this our prayer, and grant that we may confidently expect to see it answered in our time; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. ³

Assurance of Pardon

from Scots Confession

Response #698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

John Bell from the Iona Community

***Affirmation of Faith**

Scots Confession ⁴

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men and women chosen of God, who rightly worship and embrace him, by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, all realms, nations, and tongues, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. 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.

Commissioning of Work Trip

Children's Moment

(Children leaving for nursery or Sunday School will be escorted from the Narthex.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. David Johnson

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.

Minute for Mission

Heather Galvin, NAMI Board Member

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make A Change

Offertory

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. Molly Ijames

***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**

Rev. Johnson

***Hymn #543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me ⁵

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg. 597) Luke 5:1-11 (pg. 58)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Into the Deep”

Rev. Chris Herrin

***Hymn #726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*⁶

Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans (congregation seated)

Rev. Herrin & Rev. Johnson

We thank you, God, for your Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, so onward to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church: our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere. Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a joy to be shared.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

Thank you, O God, for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of family love. Never let us forget that our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as the sister or brother.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

We praise you, O God, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we stand before God in gratitude for our heritage, and we pray God’s blessing on the beloved children in all lands.

We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

May these blessed tartans now go out into the world, proclaiming the grace and forgiveness of the Kingdom and thereby give honor and glory to Christ, our Lord,

Unto whom with You, O God, and the Holy Spirit, be all power and majesty both now and forevermore, Amen.

Music for Reflection

Amazing Grace

Peter Armstrong, bagpiper

***Prayer of Commitment**⁷

Rev. Herrin

Pastor: Into your hands we commit ourselves, O Christ, for your holding, your directing, your inspiring, your perfecting. Into your hands we commit ourselves.

People: **Bless us with your power to heal, help, liberate and challenge.**

Bless us with your yearning for a better world and fuller faith.

Bless us with your Holy Spirit within us and among us. Amen.

*Benediction

***Recessional/Postlude** *Scotland the Brave* Peter Armstrong, bagpiper

- ¹ From a poem by George MacLeod, Scottish pastor and founder of the Iona Community.
- ² Lyrics by Walter Chalmers Smith, Free Church of Scotland minister in 1867
- ³ From a prayer by Peter Marshall (b. Scotland 1902), originator of the service of the Kirkin' O' Tartan in the United States
- ⁴ Written in 1560 after England recognized Scotland as a sovereign nation, and their Parliament declared it a Protestant nation. Six ministers including John Knox were asked to frame a confession of faith, doing so in 4 days.
- ⁵ Celtic prayer attributed to St. Patrick who took the gospel to Ireland from Scotland.
- ⁶ Scottish melody arranged by John L. Bell who wrote the text with Graham Maule, both Scots who served the Iona Community.
- ⁷ Iona Abbey Worship Book

Welcome to worship. All visitors are welcome to LPC where we seek to love and serve Christ. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack and dropping it in the offering basket. Care for infants through 6 years old during worship is provided in the nursery. Activity bags for elementary age children are available in the Narthex.

Thank you to Peter Armstrong for the bagpipe music today.

Today we commission Don Hamburger, Jon & Gretchen Nickel, Robert Shumate, Jim Wright, Sandy Benninger & Evelyn Longworth to serve through All Hands and Hearts in New Port Richey, Florida between February 17th and February 23rd. The group will be working to repair storm ravaged homes as a result of Hurricane Milton. Due to the generosity of LPC members, the group will not only be donating their time and skills, but also taking a donation to AHAH of \$2,000, 24 pairs of respirator filters, and food and cleaning supplies. Please pray for a safe and successful trip.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by Stephen and Karen Ball in loving memory of their daughter Elizabeth Grace.

Christian sympathy is extended to Pam Panuline on the death of her mother, Doris Proctor.

Adult Sunday School meets Sundays at 9:15am in the parlor. Next Sunday, February 16th discussion will be on Luke 7:18-35 - More than a Prophet. Every lesson is stand alone. Join us!

Children's Sunday School is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Epiphanies: Recognizing God in our world. Our winter Bible Study, held at 2:15pm and 6pm on Tuesdays in Thomas Hall continues through March 4th. Each stand alone class will use a different Biblical story to help us see God's presence in our lives today. This Tuesday we will follow a star with the magi in Matthew 2:1-12. The 6pm class will be zoomed. Please contact the church office for a Zoom invite.

Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 11:00am in the parlor. The group, open to all LPC women and friends, meets every 2nd Tuesday. *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor is the current focus book, with this month's discussions focused on the completion of Chapter 5, pages 81-99 and addition of Chapter 6, pages 101-120. Consider joining us! Contact Pam Davis-Webb or Venus Holland for more information.

Youngish Adults will meet Tuesday, February 11th at 6pm. The Youngish Adult Group, in their 30's to 40's, single and married, meets monthly for pizza and faith discussion led by Chris Herrin. Childcare is provided. Let Chris know so we have enough pizza and childcare.

The Change Can Make a Change for February is designated for NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Health, who seeks to improve the quality of life for all those affected by mental health as they advocate and provide education and support programs prioritizing recovery with dignity, hope, and removal of stigma. LPC supports this organization through our Mission budget as well as providing meeting space for Family Support Groups.

The Souper Bowl of Caring Offering will be collected **today**. Money raised will be given to Bluffton Community Kitchen. Whether or not you care about football, let's make it a big day to tackle hunger. Mission team members will collect your donations in large soup pots (marked Eagles or Chiefs) as you exit so you can vote for your favorite team. Make checks payable to LPC and note Souper Bowl of Caring. The winner will be announced next week.

How lucky we are to have someone who makes
saying goodbye so hard."



-adapted from A. A. Milne

A celebration reception for Chris!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, February 16th immediately following worship in Thomas Hall, as we bid farewell and say thank you to Reverend Chris Herrin for her 11 years of ministry among us.

A tote basket to collect your well wishes and expressions of love for Chris will be located in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 2nd.

Mark your calendars!

Blessing Box for February - Seeking donations of small bottles of detergent, cleaning solutions, individually wrapped toilet paper and individually wrapped paper towels, canned chicken, canned tuna, soups(preferably with pull tops); protein meals, spam, Corned Beef Hash, Manwich, and legumes (black beans, pinto beans, lentils and black eyed peas. Please place in the container in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support to the Blessing Box ask in January.

We continue to collect food items for Agape Family Life

Center. Baskets/containers are located in the Narthex and across from the office.

Payne-ful Business: Margaret Seidler's interest in her family's ancestral past uncovered the Payne-ful truth that her family's history included buying and selling slaves in Charleston. Ms. Seidler has published her story, believing that true healing can only happen when we own up to our past. She will share her family's story with us after worship on **March 16**. We hope you will plan to attend this important event. We also encourage you to join in reading her book, "Payne-ful Business: Charleston's Journey to the Truth." We will discuss it on Wednesday, **March 12**, and also schedule time with her after she speaks. Her book is available on Amazon, but can be purchased at cost if we buy them directly from her. If you would like to purchase a copy, please let Dave (revjohnson@lowcountrypres.org) know by **February 16**.

The Caregiver Support Group led by Rev. Johnson and Debbie Hager will meet following worship February 23rd in the back room by the nursery.

Sun City South Lunch Gathering - Get to know your fellow LPC members who live in Sun City South by joining them for lunch Thursday, February 20 at 1 pm at Jameson's Charhouse, 671 Cypress Hill Dr. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or online so we can make the necessary reservations. Deadline is noon February 10. Contact Carol Hissom with any questions at 843-705-1984 or 600carol@gmail.com.

The Ash Wednesday service including imposition of ashes will be at noon, Wednesday, March 5th.

Join us for an evening of trivia, subs and fun! Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00pm in Thomas Hall Please bring your own beverage and enjoy a light dinner as you work with others to test your general and biblical knowledge. Donations are welcome at the door. Sign-up in the Narthex or online.

Ralph Peters and Robin Lind would like to thank the members of the congregation and Pastors for their cards, messages, and prayers during the past few weeks. They helped to uplift us after the death of Ralph's son and then again when Ralph ended up in the hospital with heart issues. Thank you.

Dear Church Family, thank you for the LOVE shown to me through the delicious meals delivered, beautiful flowers, meaningful cards, a visit by Chris, weekly phone calls from Pastor Dave and others, and most important, all your prayers. Your outpouring of LOVE has lifted my spirit, and I can't thank you enough. Surely you have shown your Christian values by your LOVE. What a blessing! Much love and God bless you, Joann McElravy

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