

A GATHERING OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIVE PRESBYTERIES

Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity



Presbyterian College and Thornwell
Clinton, South Carolina
Saturday, May 21, 2022

MINISTRY MARKETPLACE

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Agencies and Organizations
Belk Auditorium Lawn
9:00 a.m.

Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center
York, South Carolina

Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, (Camp Fellowship)
Greenwood, South Carolina

Critters and More On the Go
Anderson, South Carolina

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina
Clinton, Columbia, Florence, Foothills, Laurel Crest,
and Village at Summerville

Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA)

South Carolina Inn
Montreat, North Carolina

South Carolina Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team (SCPDAT)

Union Seminary
Charlotte, North Carolina

CONVOCAATION

Belk Auditorium

10:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC (U.S.A.) COVENANT PARTNERSHIPS

Dr. Matthew vandenBerg
President
Presbyterian College

The Reverend Myron W. Wilkins
President and CEO
Thornwell

The Reverend Dr. de' Angelo Dia
Director of Admissions
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte

Elder Elizabeth Little
Church Consultant for North Carolina and South Carolina
The Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Elder Olanda Carr, Jr.
Senior Ministry Relations Officer- East Region
Presbyterian Foundation

The Reverend Dr. Franklin Fant
President and CEO
Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

Mr. Sy Hughes
Mission Engagement Advisor for the Southeastern Region
Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

The Reverend Joyce Lieberman
Executive and Stated Clerk
The Synod of the South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Belk Auditorium

10:30 am

GATHERING **We Approach God Together in Worship**

PRELUDE

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
(arr. John Wilson)

Andrew Byrd
Inquirer, Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery
Union Presbyterian Seminary

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Martha Casto
Moderator of Trinity

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

All: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

All: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

One: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**All: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out,
'God, save us!' in every situation.**

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Mike Conn
Vice Moderator of Providence

* HYMN #401

Here in This Place

- Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*
- We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*
- Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*
- Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Dorothy McBride
Moderator of New Harmony

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Creator God, being faithful has never been easy.

You asked Noah to build a ship.

You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes while in exile.

**You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths.
 You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you.
 And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to.
 Being faithful has never been easy, and as a result, we often miss the mark.
 Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans.
 Forgive us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves.
 Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you.
 Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God hears our cries and answers with steadfast love and faithfulness.
All: **There is nothing, nothing at all, that can ever separate us from God.**
One: In a world where good news is hard to find, this news is good indeed:
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

RESPONSE HYMN #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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| <i>Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.</i> | <i>World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.</i> |
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LISTENING We Listen to the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Patrick Jinks
 Moderator-Elect of Foothills

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:18-19

Elder Barbara Champagne
 Moderator-Elect of New Harmony

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-6

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
 Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

SERMON

“God is Doing a New Thing” The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II

RESPONDING We Respond to the Word of God

***HYMN #463**

How Firm a Foundation

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| 1. <i>How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?</i> | 3. <i>When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.</i> |
| 2. <i>Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.</i> | 4. <i>When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.</i> |
| 5. <i>The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.</i> | |

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Belhar Confession*

Elder Alan Rousseau
Vice Moderator of Charleston-Atlantic

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another.
We believe that unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought;
one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend Terri Price
Moderator of Foothills

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS ²

The Reverend. Dr. Kyle Hite
Vice Moderator of Trinity

Our offering will benefit the work and ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Ukraine Relief.

OFFERTORY

*Palmetto Presbyterians
(W.D. Breynard)*

Andrew Byrd

* DOXOLOGY #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings 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!*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Gwen Cunningham
Moderator of Providence

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Reverend Joyce Lieberman
Executive and Stated Clerk, Synod of South Atlantic Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Great Thanksgiving ³

One: The Spirit of God be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to God.**

One: Give thanks to our God!

All: **All our thanks, all our praise!**

One: Holy God, Holy One....And this is our song:

All: **Holy, holy, holy God, our life, our mercy, our might. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Save us we pray, you beyond all. Best is the One who comes in
your name. Save us, we pray, you beyond all.**

One: Holy God, Holy One....And so we cry, Mercy:

All: **Mercy!**

One: And so we cry, Glory:

All: Glory!

One: And so we cry, Blessing:

All: Blessing!

One: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit....And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the earth pleads, Come Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: You, Holy God....And so we cry, Amen:

All: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II

Communion of the People

The Reverend Joyce Lieberman

Hymn #507

Come to the Table to Grace

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace...

Come to the table of love...

Come to the table of hope...

Come to the table to joy...

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

* HYMN #769

For Everyone Born

*Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

- 1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead, [Refrain]*
- 2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
[Refrain]*
- 3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
[Refrain]*
- 4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]*
- 5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]*

SENDING

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

* BENEDICTION

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II

* RESPONSE HYMN #80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.*

* POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in D Minor
(William Boyce)*

Andrew Byrd

**Those who are able please stand.*

¹ Prayer of Confession adapted from a prayer from *A Sanctified Art LLC*, sanctifiedart.org. All rights reserved.

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