

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 16, 2017 Altar Color: Green

**GATHERING**  
**PRELUDE** *Mighty Is Our God – Greco* Piano  
**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**  
**\*PROCESSIONAL** *We Will Glorify – Paris* Organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**\*MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *How Majestic Is Your Name – Michael W. Smith*  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise Your name.  
O Lord, we magnify Your name, Prince of Peace, Mighty God,  
O Lord God Almighty.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**  
**\*OPENING HYMN** *The Church's One Foundation* **546**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* **881**  
**\*GLORIA PATRI** **70**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**  
**OFFERTORY** *Gabriels Oboe – Morricone*

**\*DOXOLOGY** **95**  
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.

**SILENT & PASTORAL PRAYER – LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Rev. John Jordan

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** *Spirit of the Living God*  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**ANTHEM** *You Are My All In All – Greer* Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE** *Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23 [Pg. 794]*

**SERMON** "Sowing Seeds" Rev. John Jordan

**\*HYMN OF PARTING** *Christ for the World We Sing* **568**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES** Acolytes  
**\*CARRYING OUT OF THE LIGHT** Acolytes

**\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Promised Land – Crouch* David Price, Organist

# THE MESSENGER

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:25 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, July 17, 2017**

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group @ Tom & Shannon Ashley's Home

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

No JTHR  
No Chancel Choir

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:25 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship

ATTENDANCE:	S. SCHOOL	WORSHIP
7/2	35	113
7/9	28	79

**HEALTH MISSION PROJECT**

The Missions Committee will be collecting **Cheese Crackers or Nekot Crackers** during the month of **JULY** for the Laurens County Memorial Home. There is a blue box inside the Church Office to place your crackers.



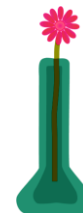
**FOOD PANTRY UPDATES**

As of 4 months, we have given out **113** bags of food to feed the needy. For the months of June and July, we have also given out vegetables from our Church's Giving Garden.

We would like to thank those who have donated plastic bags, monetary donations, and those who helped in the Giving Garden.

**VASES MISSING**

We are missing 4 of our tall, clear bud vases that we use frequently to decorate on our tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you may know where the vases may be, please contact Karen in the Church Office.



**CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED**



We invite anyone to join us on Sunday mornings in our choir. During the summer, we will meet at 10:25 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse. So if you are willing, please join us for a relaxed practice during our summer break. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS NEEDED!!**

We are in need of teachers for a joint Children's Sunday School Class. If you would be willing to teach once a month, please call Melissa Tilden at 684-3155 or Karen in the Church Office at 984-7696.



**HELP IN THE OFFICE!!**

If you would be willing to help fold the newsletter/bulletin on Wednesday mornings, please let Karen know. We begin at 9:00 a.m. and usually are finished between 10:00 & 10:30 a.m.



Also, from time to time Karen needs volunteers to sit in the office when she takes a vacation day off, if you would be willing to help her out, please let her know.



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please check with Karen in the Church Office to be sure we have the right contact information for you and your family (such as: address, phone numbers, email addresses and any other information you would like Karen to have on file in the computer). You can email her ([fumclarens@prtcnet.com](mailto:fumclarens@prtcnet.com)) or call her (984-7696) with this information.



**YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP**

The Young Adult Small group will start back meeting on Monday evenings at the home of Shannon & Tom Ashley beginning this **Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** All young adults are invited to join us for a Bible study and a time of fellowship together. Their address is 1064 Lakeview Dr., Laurens.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

We will be working on a new schedule for providing a children's sermon in church on Sundays. If you would be willing to provide a children's sermon once a month, please notify Karen as soon as possible so she can add you to the schedule.



**MEMORIALS**

In Memory of: <b>Margaret Baber</b>	<b>Given by:</b> Jim & Diane Moore
In Memory of: <b>Allene Hocker</b>	<b>Given by:</b> Jim & Diane Moore
In Memory of: <b>Walter Ramage</b>	<b>Given by:</b> Stephen & Cecile Spivey
In Memory of: <b>Harriet Ramage</b>	<b>Given by:</b> Stephen & Cecile Spivey

**SERVING THIS MORNING: Sunday, July 16, 2017**

**Worship Greeters:** Linda Brown, Joanne Thomason

**Ushers:** Tom Ashley, Jon Allen, Diane Allen

**Lay Liturgist:** Randy Hillmann

**Crucifer:** Sarah Roberts

**Acolyte:** Katelyn Martin

**Adult Helper:** Diane Allen

**Nursery:** Holly Saunders, Joanne Thomason

**Sunday Driver:** Tom Ashley

**Flowers:** The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in honor of our new pastor and his wife, Rev. John & Kay Jordan placed by Michael & Dianne Sutton.

## Welcome Guests!!

We bid you a warm welcome and pray that you will know God's presence in worship with us.

## Prayer Concerns



**Nancy Babb** – Laurens Co. Memorial Hospital – Rm. 223

**Susan Belk** – undergoing health issues

**Elaine Martin** –NHC of Laurens (Rm. 116 B) for rehab to get her strength up so she can have stomach surgery

**Michelle Sylvester** – recuperating following knee surgery

**Joanne Thomason** – undergoing therapy following outpatient knee surgery

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Don, Gayle, Kathryn, Mike, & Mandy Hocker & Family on the death of Don's mother, **Allene Hocker**, who passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2017.

### MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

**Susan J. Belk** – P.O. Box 1244, Laurens, SC 29360

**Libby Boone** – 113 Forest Dr., Laurens, SC 29360



### NAME BADGES

There will be name badges on the table outside the Church Office and on the ushers stand in the back of the Sanctuary for the next few weeks. Please write your name on one and wear for the next several Sundays. This will help Pastor John and Kay to learn names with faces.

### A HEALTHY ADVANTAGE OF SINGING IN THE CHOIR



God gives us a special Blessing each Sunday as we sing in the choir! Not only does he enrich our ability to serve, but he plants a special blessing in our heart to enrich our bodies through the love of singing and sharing this love with others.

David Price, Music Director

By God's grace we are:

Becoming – being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit through worship, study, reflection, and service.

Obedient – honoring God's Word; responding to God's call; yielding to God's will

Loving – loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as our self

Disciples – following the example and teaching of Jesus on our Christian journey



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### JULY BIBLE VERSE

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me".*

Matthew 10: 40 NRSV

### E-MAIL & PHONE PRAYER MESSAGE

When we have a prayer concern we notify our members by email or by sending out a recorded phone message. If you are not on either of these lists and would like to be, please call Karen at 984-7696 or email her at [fumclarens@prtcnet.com](mailto:fumclarens@prtcnet.com).



### FINANCIAL REPORT

July 9, 2017

#### MONTH TO DATE

Revenue ----- \$ 9,485.00

Expenses ----- (\$ 3,065.66)

Net ----- \$ 6,419.34

#### YEAR TO DATE

\$106,964.72

(\$149,371.69)

(\$ 42,406.97)

### STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor  
Music Director / Organist  
Financial Secretary  
Church Secretary  
Ministers

John Jordan  
David Price  
Lucy Crowder  
Karen Reeder  
Entire Congregation

### Church Phone Numbers

984-7696 or 984-2969

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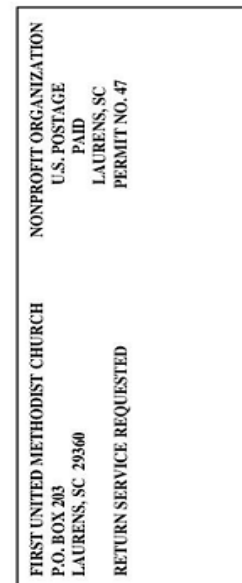
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*Rev. John Jordan*  
*Minister*