Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church

1660 Pleasant Grove Road

Chester, South Carolina 29706

[www.pgchester.org](http://www.pgchester.org/)



August 09, 2020

Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church

**11:00 A.M. August 09, 2020**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE & PRAISE OF GOD**

Visitors, friends, members, welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate in ways that you feel led, and comfortable if you would just like to observe. We welcome your presence and invite you to join us for worship each week at 11:00am.

**\* All who are able, please stand. Also, please remember to silence or shut off electronic devices while the service is in progress. Let’s worship *together*!**

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PRAISE “*God You Reign”* (back of bulletin)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come let us worship God, rejoicing in God's loving care for us.

**People: We bring all our differences and yet we worship together in unity.**

Leader: God is merciful to all. O the depth and riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**People: Through God all things were made. Let us worship God.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* GATHERING PRAYER**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”* RED # 159

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**God of strength and gentleness, we confess to you our weaknesses. Forgive us our apathy when others are hurting and we could make a difference. Forgive us our lack of persistence when an urgent need must be met and no one seems to care. We pray for a faith that will not give up. Give us hope that is founded on your presence. Give us the courage to let our actions speak louder than our words. Through Christ, who loved, healed, and cared for all of God's children. Amen.**

*(Prayer continues in a moment of silent reflection.)*

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Remember Me* RED #227

*Jesus remember me, when You come into Your kingdom.*

*Jesus remember me, when You come into Your kingdom.*

**\*LITANY OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: The abundance of God’s steadfast love is always available to those ready to receive it.

**People: God’s covenant claims us as beloved children, redeemed and forgiven.**

Leader: Friends believe the good news of the gospel,

**People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\* GLORY TO GOD *Gloria Patri*  RED #581

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD OFFERING

**THE SHARING OF GOD’S WORD & THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (*all children are invited down front)*

SONG OF PROMISE  *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* RED # 834

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM GOD’S WORD

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON  **AND THEN CAME JESUS Rev. John Hallman**

**RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL**

CALL FOR THE PRESENTATION & RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Thank you God, for guiding us through this life. Thank you for the abundance we have enjoyed. Thank you for prospering our efforts and blessing us far beyond the meager works of our hands. We are grateful for all we have learned when we dared to trust you in difficult times. Use these experiences to your glory. Use these our offerings to prosper your mission among us and beyond us. Use our lives to communicate the fullness of life in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostle’s 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 arose**

**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.**

**GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\* HYMN OF SENDING *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”* RED # 8

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL SENDING *“Our God Is an Awesome God”*

**OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER LIST**

Continue to pray for:

Melissa McKinney Osborne, Nikki Bramlett, Deneen Gresham, Don Stroud, Glenda Reeves, Grace Boyd, Davis Sparks, Kathryn Bellue, Randy Lewis, Butch Lewis, Carol Lewis, Jimmy Bond, Will Gresham, the family of Becky Tinker the Chavis family, the family of Lillian Payne, and the family of George Copeland.

Active Duty: Fidel Byrd, Andrew Laney, Justin McKeown, Gabe Laney, and Cole Williamson

**MY PRAYER LIST**

**As prayer requests are spoken, please record them here so that you will be able to take these and make them a part of your daily prayer life.**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY**

OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY

Amount needed weekly for 2020 budget $ 1,125.00

* Worship $

**Church Financial Report through June 2020**

YTD Offerings $ 30,608.11

YTD Expenses $ 28,486.16

YTD Budget $ 29,427.48

Offerings to Expenses $ 2,121.95

Offerings to Budget $ 1,180.63

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ELDERS FOR August: Carolyn Branham and George Boyd

You will notice that we have moved some of the pews in our sanctuary.  Sadly the COVID-19 virus is still among us and we need to take precautions to prevent its spread.  The pew arrangement ensures that we are about six feet apart as we worship.  I'm sure someone's favorite pew has been eliminated and for that I am sorry.  Hopefully this is only for a few weeks until this virus abates.  Also, please limit pew seating to only one family group per pew.  We have a large enough worship space that we can spread out and observe the recommended spacing.  Also, there is hand sanitizer on the table in the vestibule.  Worshipers are encouraged to sanitize their hands before entering the sanctuary.  We have placed single-use masks on the same table.  If you would be more comfortable wearing a mask while you worship, these are available for your use.  I want to thank everyone in advance for your kind consideration and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.

In order to keep our Praise and Prayer List somewhat manageable I am keeping individual's names on the list for one month unless I am told otherwise.  Prayers for families of those who pass away will be listed for one week.  I honestly fret over each and every name we remove from the list but I think this is the only way to keep it manageable.  If you wish to have a friend or family member kept on the list longer, simply speak to me after worship or call me on my phone (803-420-4247) and I will gladly reinstate the person(s) to our list.  Thanks for your understanding - John

**THE MISSION OF PLEASANT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**The primary purpose of Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our words, deeds, attitudes and lifestyles should be a witness to the community around us that we are a church that loves the Lord, believes in the Gospel and cares for our fellow human beings. At times we fail. Thus, it is our goal to go into our community and world proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, making disciples of all who sin and need a Savior, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**“*God You Reign”***

*You paint the night*

*You count the stars and You call them by name  
The skies proclaim  
God You reign  
Your glory shines  
You teach the sun when to bring a new day  
Creations sings*

*God You reign*

*God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign*

*You part the seas  
You move the mountains with the words that you say  
My song remains  
God You reign  
You hold my life  
You know my heart and You call me by name  
I live to say  
God You reign*