



# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

January 10, 2021

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*O God of Light*

ATKINSON  
H. Barrie Cabena  
setting by Hildebrand

(Please prepare your hearts for worship in reverent silence.)

### GREETINGS

### INTROIT

*Praise the Lord, All the Earth*

Donald Busarow

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, all the earth; praise him above, ye heavens. Hallelujah!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants; the children of Israel,  
a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Psalm 148

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Lord's Prayer*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR  
George Elvey

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise;  
once revealed, when heaven's star brought the wise men from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

God revealed at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme;  
once revealed in power divine changing water into wine;  
Cana's holy wedding guest keeping to the last the best;  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see the glorious sign;  
all will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

Christopher Wordsworth

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

MEINEKE

Christopher Meineke

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.  
second century Gloria Patri

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, Your kingdom is holy and pure. Your steadfast love is Your greatest gift. Whereas the kingdom of this world is marked by the pursuit of anything that is not of You. Forgive us for being conformed to the way of this world. Forgive us for pursuing anything that is not of You. Help us to be transformed in our hearts, that we may offer our bodies as living sacrifices. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Please continue in a moment of silence for personal confession.)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Ephesians 1:3-4*

**Leader:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

**All:** Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

**Leader:** This is the Good News.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

13th century Plainsong  
setting by Courtney

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He;  
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
And unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore!

Aurelius Prudentius Clemens

**PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

Elder Bryon Frost

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst  
arr. Courtney

In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him Give my heart.

Christina G. Rossetti

**Babylon the Great**

Revelation 17:1-6

“The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries.”

—Revelation 17:4

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON  
Dodd Lamberton

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father.  
I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the rase,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Kathleen Thomerson

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*God Be with You*

BEACH SPRING  
Dale Wood

God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you, With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.

Jeremiah Eames Rankin

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in F Major*

Mark Williams

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff  
Dr. Bryon Frost, Elder  
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music  
Elizabeth Frost, soprano  
Brandon Frost, alto  
Fred Kunz, tenor  
Dr. Curt Boswell, bass

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COVID-19 precautions and guidelines:** There are a few rules and procedures applied campus-wide at all times:

- All rooms now have a maximum occupancy number displayed next to the door.
- Please note, masks or face coverings are required at all times while on campus, this includes during worship services.
- Rooms will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Do not come on campus if you are sick or if you are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Please remain seated following the Benediction Response until one of our ushers dismisses your row. Thank you for your patience.

**The Child Development Center is accepting donations** of roll paper towels, disinfectant wipes and peroxide to use at the center. Donations may be dropped off in designated box in the Welcome Center.

The Just for Women Winter Study will launch in January with a new teacher, Yvonne Rhodes. The 10-week study will be held every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. starting January 19 in the CLC at First Presbyterian Church.

“It is my honor and privilege to lead the Just for Women Ministries Bible study. We will be studying the book of Esther; it is filled with suspense, good and evil, and an underlying presence of God on every page,” Rhodes states. Rhodes wrote that she developed a love for God’s Word while being taught by Betty Bird. Yvonne is married to Gerald Rhodes, and they have three children and nine grandchildren. She also taught Social Studies at Wilson High School for 21 years. For more information, email [JFWministry@gmail.com](mailto:JFWministry@gmail.com).

**Women in Ministry:** Please mark your calendar for the Women in Ministry Mid-Winter Gathering from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, January 23, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Social distancing will be observed.

A Zoom link for the thanksgiving and devotion will be sent out for those unable to attend in person.

This gathering will mark the kickoff for the Hope Village Housewarming Party. More details to follow.

**Red Cross will hold a blood drive** in the fellowship hall Wednesday, January 27. Donors can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) with Sponsor Code “FirstPresFlorence,” or contact Kim Brauss in the church office to schedule an appointment for the blood drive held from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 27. We also would like a few volunteers to help with registration and temperature checks. If you can assist or want to donate during the drive, call Kim at 843-662-2583 or email [kbrauss@florencefirst.org](mailto:kbrauss@florencefirst.org).

Donors are automatically entered for two exciting giveaways:

- Two Tickets to the 2022 Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles! The package includes two tickets to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles

- The Big Game at Home package so their household can enjoy an awesome viewing experience safely at home. You could win a 65-inch television and a \$500 gift card to put toward food and fun!

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship  
9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith  
6:30 PM Basketball Practice (8U)  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Welcome Center

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

3:00 PM WIM Serenity: LR  
5:00 PM Basketball Practice (10U)  
6:30 PM WIM Prayer Warriors: LR

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Basketball Practice (17U)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202  
10:30 AM Prayer Group: LR  
1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom  
5:00 PM Basketball Practice: 13U

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship  
9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship