



First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

February 14, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble*

Martin Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen One

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving One

And we can see that, God, You're moving
A mighty river through the nations
And young and old will turn to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope
Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

Do you feel the darkness tremble When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river To wash away our brokenness

And here we see that, God, You're moving
A time of jubilee is coming
When young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

**Do It Again*

Chris Brown | Mack Brock | Matt Redman | Steven Furtick

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet

Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness
Faithfulness
I'm still in your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe I'll see you do it again
You made a way Where there was no way
And I believe I'll see you do it again

You've never failed me yet
I never will forget
You've never failed me yet
I never will forget

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Mike Nunn

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

O God the battle belongs to You

SERMON

Dr. Darryl Evans

The Parable of the Older Brother

Luke 15:11-32

“But [the older brother] answered his father,
‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders.
Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.’”

— Luke 15:29

SONG OF RESPONSE

***O Come To The Altar**

Chris Brown | Mack Brock | Steven Furtick | Wade Joye

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

***BENEDICTION**

*This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Mr. Mike Nunn, Elder
Keith Hamrick, Transitional Praise Team Leader
Ed Clements, guitar
Curt Boswell, bass
Stone Martin, keyboards and vocals
Sally Frost, guitar and vocals*

**Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

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The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
C. Richmond Wilhoit, Sr. and Daisy B. Leland by Richie, Ellen, Richmond and Eliza Wilhoit.

Welcome back! As we increasingly return to in-person worship, we encourage wearing name tags. It can make it easier to recognize each other as we wear masks.

Welcome visitors! We would like to be in touch with you so please text your name, address and/or email to Dr. Darryl Evans, 704-773-1901, and Rev. Chris Handley, 843-229-0966. Glad you're with us today! If you're back, text your name again to us just so we know you've been with us.

Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, February 21, at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary, there will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the Officer Nominating Committee. We need 10 percent of the congregation present to hold our meeting. The Officer Nominating Committee includes four at-large members from the congregation that will be elected at the meeting. This Committee will prayerfully consider nominees for the next class of deacons and elders. In addition to the election of the Officer Nominating Committee, the Enabling Unit will present the annual financial report and stewardship update. The annual financial report is presented for information only requiring no church action.

Corrected Church Directory: Every family that participated in having their pictures taken with Lifetouch last year can pick up their free copy of the *corrected* church directory in the Welcome Center. The directories are labeled so please pick up the directory that has your name on it. If you would like to purchase a copy for \$5, please stop by the church office during the week. If you have any questions, call the church office at 843-662-2583, or email kbrauss@florencefirst.org.

Ash Wednesday Service: Please join us for an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. February 17 in the Sanctuary as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season. We will come together to acknowledge our sin, to acknowledge our mortality. We will come to glimpse the Christ who offers forgiveness, who offers everlasting life. As part of the worship, the imposition of ashes will be offered. This practice may not be familiar to everyone. Ashes have been used in Christian churches to mark the beginning of Lent since at least the 10th Century, and ashes are mentioned in scripture as a symbol of purification and repentance. We will offer the imposition of ashes as a physical reminder of our mortality and sin; an assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation. Childcare is available to children 5K and younger. First- and second-graders are invited to attend their own Ash Wednesday lesson in Children's Chapel. Older children are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday service with their parents.

Season of Prayer: We Will *Seek God for the City* from Ash Wednesday (February 17) through Palm Sunday, with other area churches in a season of prayer for our community. We're doing this because God works and acts as his people intercede. Seek God for the City prayer journals are available in the Welcome Center. A \$1.50 donation is appreciated.

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 the designated box in the Welcome Center.

Have a college student? The Women in Ministry and the Deacons of First Presbyterian Church would like to encourage our college students through out the year. Please send the mailing address for your student(s) to Patricia Fast (patriciajfast@gmail.com) or Teresa Stewart (tstewart@florencefirst.org) to ensure they are included.

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 Musical Benediction until one of our ushers dismisses your row. Thank you for your patience.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 5:00 PM EGW Leadership Study: Life Center

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 10:45 AM CDC Music: Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Just for Women Bible Study: Life Center
- 5:00 PM Basketball Practice (10U)
- 6:30 PM Board of Deacons

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 10:30 AM Prayer Group: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom
- 5:00 PM Basketball Practice (13U)