



# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

May 2, 2021

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in F Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

### GREETINGS

### INTROIT

*Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken*

RENDEZ A DIEU  
Louis Bourgeois  
arr. Carlton Young

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken. Look on the tears by sinners shed,  
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.  
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed.  
Reginald Heber

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Cody Watson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Lord's Prayer*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Church's One Foundation*

No. 544  
AURELIA  
Samuel Wesley

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation, by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.  
Amen.

Samuel Stone

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

## \*THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Father*

John Weaver

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, You are the treasure of our lives. There is nothing more precious than knowing You! Yet our love for You is often overshadowed by our love of the world. We pursue money and pleasure and control before we pursue a life of intimacy with You! Forgive us for giving You only half of our heart. And grow us by grace to live wholeheartedly in love for You. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*John 2:28-29*

Leader: And now, little children, abide in Jesus, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

All: If you know that Jesus is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

Leader: This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

American Folksong  
arr. Richard Walters

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
What though the tempest round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness round me close, Songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of Heav'n and earth How can I keep from singing?  
When tyrants tremble, sick with fear And hear their death knells ringing;  
When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile Our thoughts to them are winging?  
When friends by shame are undefiled How can I keep from singing?  
*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.*  
*It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*Robert Lowry*

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Richie Wilhoit

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Offertory*  
*Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth  
arr. Tom Fettke

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody,  
there's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.

## SERMON

Dr. Darryl Evans

### **The Rich Fool**

Luke 12:13-21

“Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’”  
— Luke 12:13

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Amazing Grace*

No. 422  
NEW BRITAIN  
Virginia Harmony, 1831  
setting by Powell

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.  
T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!  
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.  
John Newton and John Rees

## BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

TEMPLE OF PEACE

William Rowan

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with spring;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,

as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Mary Louise Bringle

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune in G Major*

Jon Roberts

This morning's worship is led by

Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

Dr. Cody Watson, Frontier Fellowship

Mr. Richie Wilhoit, Elder

Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music

Christa Godwin, soprano

Emily Whitehead, soprano and alto

Stuart Snow, tenor

Don Hebert, bass

*\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 guests! 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 again, text your name again to us just so we know you've been with us again.

Today we welcome Dr. Cody Watson, a longtime friend of FPC. Cody is missionary we support with Frontier Fellowship.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer: Members in need of prayer include: Chris Handley, loss of his stepfather; Sherrill Fussell; Jim Dameron; and Houlton Losah, loss of his father.

Church Picnic: A congregational picnic will be held after this service. It will be outside on the church lawn. The tent will be set up on side lawn with tables and chairs under it for those needing shade. We encourage families to bring blankets and chairs. The meal will be fried chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, and banana pudding.

WIM Spring Celebration: All women are invited to attend the Women in Ministry Annual Spring Celebration to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, in the Life Center with guest speaker Wendy Blight. Wendy has written four books, and her newest one I Am Loved: Walking in the Fullness of God's Love. Dinner and Nursery will be provided with RSVP to the church office, 843-662-2583, by May 10.

VBS 2021: Join us for VBS 2021! Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 to 11:45 a.m. June 21-24. Online registration is open for children who have finished 5K-5th grade (preschool/nursery program available for children/grandchildren of volunteers only). There is limited space this year due to Covid-19 protocols, so please register early! Due to Covid safety issues, we will not allow walk-ins or "day of" registrants. Please contact Heather Taylor at handmtaylor@yahoo.com or 404-783-8878 if you are interested in volunteering! Register online at [www.myvbs.org/firstpresflorence](http://www.myvbs.org/firstpresflorence).

Concert on the Lawn: Midlife Crisis returns to the front lawn to perform from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. Dinner will be served. Bring your own blankets and chairs.

WinShape Registration: The Summer of a Lifetime is back at First Presbyterian Church this July and registration is open! The ultimate day camp will be held the week of July 26, combining fun, faith, and friendship into an action-packed week. Register today at <https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/1091>.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 2

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Catechism: Discovery
- 10:00 AM Combined Sunday School: CLC
- 10:40 AM Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 12:00 PM Church Picnic
- 2:00 PM Boy Scouts: JFH

### MONDAY, MAY 3

- 1:45 PM Private Event: JFH
- 5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Welcome Center

### TUESDAY, MAY 4

- 9:30 AM WIM Coordinator's Team Meeting: JFH
- 11:00 AM WIM Bible Moderators: Lawson-Rain
- 7:00 PM Youth

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 10:30 AM Prayer Group: LR
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom
- 6:00 PM CDC Art Show: Welcome Center
- 7:00 PM Youth: CLC