



First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

September 12, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Johann Fischer

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

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Come All You People

Alexander Gondo

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord.

Psalm 95:6

CALL TO WORSHIP & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Grace

No. 569

CWM RHONDDA

setting by John Ness Beck

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy pow'r;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
Cure Thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Let us miss Thy kingdom's goal. Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.
Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the search for Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore. Amen!
Harry Fosdick

*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, Your perspective on life is so different from ours. From Your perspective slow is fast, and small is big. We tend to marvel at the big and flashy. But, You move in the smallest and slowest of ways. You have given Your Son for us! His life and death seemed insignificant. But through Him You are slowly transforming the world, as well as our own lives. Forgive us for our hectic, fast-paced lives. Forgive us for our attraction to the BIG things of this world. Help us to walk in Your ways. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:4-5

Leader: As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men, but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

All: (We), like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Beauty of the Lord

David Gaines and Ruth Elaine Schram

May the beauty of the Lord be upon us, may He establish the work of our hands,
and satisfy us with His mercy, and give us peace, give us peace.

May the beauty of the Lord be upon us, may He establish the work of our hands.

Let us rejoice and be glad all of our days, rejoice and be glad all of our days.

May the beauty of the Lord, may the beauty of the Lord be upon us, upon us.

Johanna Anderson

✎ Following the Musical Meditation, children in 3K-5K are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend Children's Church. If this is your child's first visit, we encourage you to walk with them. Parents, pick up your children at Room 100 at the end of the service.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Allen Griffin

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly

Raymond Brown

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, Mercies for you and for me?

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, Passing from you and from me; Shadows are gathering, death-
beds are coming, Coming for you and for me.

Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me;

Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling O sinner, come home!

Will Thompson

A Healing, Mustard and Yeast

Luke 13:10-21

(Pew Bible Page 1033)

“Therefore, Jesus asked, ‘What is the Kingdom of God like?’”

— from Luke 13:18

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

It Is Well with My Soul

No. 428

Philip P. Bliss

arr. Craig Courtney

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea-billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
My sin — O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin — not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend, “Even so” — it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Horatio G. Spafford

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Beauty of the Lord

David Gaines and Ruth Elaine Schram

May the beauty of the Lord, may the beauty of the Lord be upon us. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Let Us With A Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

John Antes

Freylinghausen's Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704

setting by Albert Travis

Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for He is kind:
for His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

John Milton, based on Psalm 136

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor
Mr. Allen Griffin, Elder
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music
Christa Godwin, soprano
Brandon Frost, alto
Stuart Snow, tenor
Dr. Curt Boswell, bass

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers for the service today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gordon Dalsbo by the Dalsbo Family.

Welcome guests! We would like to be in touch with you so please either text Darryl Evans (704-773-1901) or Chris Handley (843-229-0966), or sign in the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew. Glad you're with us today!

Welcome back! We encourage wearing name tags. It can make it easier to recognize each other as we wear masks. Following CDC guidelines we are allowing those fully vaccinated Covenant Partners to remove their masks while on church campus. We continue to encourage "safe seating." In accordance with Florence School District 1, school children wear masks. Thank you all for your patience. We are delighted we are getting back closer to normal.

Campus-wide COVID-19 precautions and guidelines:

- 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 unless you are fully vaccinated.
- Rooms will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Do not come on campus if you are sick or at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer: Members in need of prayer include Glenn Bell, Judy Fuller, Mary Ann Nash, and Peggy Swearingen.

Wednesday Nights: Programs return for all ages September 15. Dinner service will open at 5:45 p.m. Dinner is \$5 per person, and families cap at \$20. For eight weeks, adults will watch and discuss the series *The Chosen* starting at 6 p.m. Children will be dismissed near the beginning of each episode to their activities.

Just for Women Bible Study will meet weekly at First Presbyterian Church starting at noon on Tuesdays starting Sept. 14 and running through Nov. 16. The 10-week study led by Yvonne Rhodes will be *David: A Man After God's Own Heart*. The teaching session runs from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch will not be served. Register on first day of session. For more information, email JFWministry@gmail.com or call 843-393-2625.

Embracing God's Word: A Study in Matthew will be on Sunday nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m. September 12 to October 24, and January 9 through February 20 in the Christian Life Center. Cost is \$10. For more info, email Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com.

GriefShare will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays starting September 13 in the Welcome Center and Price Classroom at First Presbyterian Church. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment, and you'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. For more information, email Susan Snow at susdus@aol.com.

Children's Ministry: Confirmation time is upon us, and there is an absolute joy and excitement in the air! Beginning Wednesday September 15, our sixth-graders will begin their Confirmation process. The first step is to meet the students, their parents, and to discuss the Confirmation timeline and schedule of events. On that same night, our teachers, Mike Lavespere, Betsey Moore, and Butch Carroll will begin our Catechism classes, which is the first step in our Confirmation process. Students and parents, please meet in the Sixth Grade Sunday School Classroom by no later than 6:20 p.m.

Volunteers needed for Children's Church: Children's Church is offered during the 9 and 11 a.m. services each Sunday morning for children in 3K-5K. It is a short time with a lesson, a memory Bible verse, and a craft/activity leaflet. You may sign up to be the teacher or the helper. If you choose to be the teacher, I will email you the lesson you teach. If you choose to be the helper, please walk with the children from the Sanctuary to the location where Children's Church is held (9 a.m. CLC) (11 a.m. Room 100 beside the Welcome Center). Here is the link to sign up to help: <https://tinyurl.com/4fv4956h>

If you need to email Wynde, please use wedwards@florencefirst.org.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC
- 5:30 PM Youth Small Groups

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 11:00 AM Enabling Committee Meeting: Women's Only Classroom
- 12:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting: LR
- 5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith: CLC
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Welcome Center, Price
- 6:30 PM Women of Grace: Barbara Maffett's home
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Welcome Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast: Bazen's
- 10:00 AM WIM Joyful Hearts: Room 100
- 10:00 AM WIM Posies & Petals: JFH
- 10:00 AM WIM Sonflowers: LR
- 12:00 PM Discipleship Meeting: Women's Only Classroom
- 12:00 PM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM WIM Soul Sisters: JFH
- 2:00 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting
- 3:00 PM WIM Serenity: LR
- 6:30 PM Prayer Warriors: LR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 12:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting: Pilgrim, Room 100
- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, Programs for all ages
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 10:30 AM Prayer Group: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom, Room 202

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC
- 5:30 PM Youth Small Groups