

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.
Leave Gracefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE
O God of Light
ATKINSON
H. Barrie Cabena
setting by Kevin Hildebrand

GREETINGS

INTROIT
Come All Ye People
UYAI MOSE
Alexander Gondo

Come all ye 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**
O Worship the King
No. 2
LYONS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
The Apostles’ Creed

***THE GLORIA PATRI**
Glory Be to the Father
GREATOREX
Henry W. Greatorex

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, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Heavenly Father, You are “our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”
Yet though we profess faith in You, in practice we often behave as if it depends on us.
Our trust in You wavers in times of difficulty. We act like our future rests on our
decisions alone. When confronted with problems, we tend to rely on our schemes rather
than depending on You. Father, we confess our lack of faith and ask for forgiveness.
Thank You that You accept us, not on the basis of our faithfulness but because of what
Jesus did on the cross to save us. We pray that You will renew within us a steadfast spirit
that relies upon Your grace. Empower us now to live in obedience to You. We pray in
Jesus’ name. Amen!

Quotation is from Psalm 46

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The Assurance of Pardon is based on Isaiah 55:6-7.

Leader: “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil man his thoughts.”

**People: Let us turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on us. Let us turn to
our God, for He will freely pardon.**

Leader: In Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM
In the Beauty of Your Holiness
Cindy Berry

Lord, You alone are holy, in reverence I bow to You.
Lord, You alone are worthy of praise and honor true. I glory in Your matchless name;
I lift my voice in song. You are holy, worthy God, most worthy God.
In the beauty of Your holiness, I come to You, Your name to bless.
In the beauty of Your holiness I bow to worship You. Lord, You alone are mighty,
maker of sky and sea. Lord, You alone are Savior whose blood has set me free.
Creator of the universe, Redeemer of my soul, You are Savior, mighty God.
In the beauty of Your holiness, come to You, name to bless.
In the beauty of Your holiness I bow to worship You.
Someday soon I’ll see You in all Your glory.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, “You are Lord!”
In the beauty of Your holiness, I come to You, Your name to bless.
In the beauty of Your holiness I kneel to adore You, Christ the Lord.
I bow to worship You.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
This Little Light of Mine
Traditional Spiritual
arr. Ken Berg

This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I’m going to let it shine.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
Kaiti Bryant
✎Children in 3K-5K are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children in Worship*.
If this is your child’s first visit, please fill out and follow the instructions on the **“First
Presbyterian Church Loves Children”** sticker located in the friendship pad. Parents, please
pick up your children at Children’s Chapel at the end of the service.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Emlie Bruce “Ebbie” Sanderson, born June 15, 2023,
daughter of David and Ansley Sanderson

MUSICAL OFFERING
Lord of the Dance
Shaker melody
setting by Mark Hayes

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the Dance, said he.
Sidney Carter

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE
Elder Jayne Boswell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder
African American Spiritual
arr. Richard Walters

We are climbing Jacob’s golden ladder, soldiers of the cross.
Every rung goes higher, soldiers of the cross.
Do you think I’ll make a Christian soldier?
Do you think I’ll make a Christian soldier of the cross?
Rise, shine, give God your glory, soldiers of the cross.
Keep on climbing, we will surely make it, soldiers of the cross.
We are climbing Jacob’s ladder, soldiers of the cross.

**The Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON
Dr. Bill Cain

When Problems Pile Up and People Pile On
Psalm 27
(Pew Bible page 546)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**
Be Thou My Vision
No. 502
SLANE

***BENEDICTION**
*Our Vision: First Presbyterian Church Florence will be a community of Christ
Followers committed to being disciples and making disciples in the way of
Jesus.*
(Please remain in your pew until Choral Response is complete.)

***CHORAL RESPONSE**
With Singing and Praying
John Horman

Now let us go and make our way with singing and praying,
with singing and praying before our God.

***POSTLUDE**
Fugue in C Major
Dietrich Buxtehude

This morning’s worship is led by
Dr. Bill Cain, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Mike Fleenor, Congregational Care Assistant
Mrs. Jayne Boswell, Elder
Mr. Brandon Hylton, Elder
Mrs. Kelly Hickey, Director of Children’s Ministries
Ms. Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children’s Ministry
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel Choir
Christa Godwin, soprano
Kristin Kiely, soprano

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Allan
Spearman by Maymie Lou Spearman and family.

Welcome guests! If you’re visiting us for the first time this morning, we would like
to give you a small gift. As you leave the sanctuary, deacons (with name tags on) will be
near the doors and have a gift bag ready for you. We are glad you’re with us today.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer. Those in need of prayer include: Betty Lee Gandy and family
for the loss of her granddaughter; Aubrey Crawford; Barbara Montgomery; and Todd
Moseley.

Becoming a Man of God/Becoming a Woman of God: Join us at 6:15 p.m. on
Wednesdays for our study focusing on men and women from the Bible from whom we
can learn so many life lessons. Each night consists of 30 minutes of teaching and 30
minutes for small groups for women and small groups for men to discuss together
insights gleaned. Married, single, young, old, male, female ... all of us have the
opportunity to grow into the Man or Woman God is calling us to be.

The Men’s Ministry Chili Cook Off will be held during Wednesday Night Dinner, January 31! Calling all men! Submit your chili in crock pots with chili ready to eat that night! See the flyer in the Welcome Center or the post on Realm and Facebook for all the details. All Men of First Presbyterian are invited to participate. Please call or text Brandon Hylton at (843) 319-1937 or email bhylton76@gmail.com.

Keenagers: Our next luncheon will be held at noon Tuesday, February 6, in the fellowship hall. Program will be provided by the Child Development Center children and a musical program by our Director of Music Ann Rodgers Chandler. Meal is beef stew, rice, green beans, rolls, banana pudding. All those 55 and older are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Lunch is \$6.

Grief Support Group: A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you’ll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind. New session begins 6:30 p.m. Mondays, February 12 through May 6, in the Pilgrim Classroom. You can register for the group at griefshare.org/findagroup.

Ash Wednesday service: We will celebrate Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent with a worship service in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 14. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, an intentional season that focuses on Christ’s life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Lenten Devotional: For the upcoming Lenten season, First Presbyterian created a devotional booklet with some people who not only are your friends but also people you’re in covenant with. Each wrote a devotional so they can walk with you that day in the hope of encouraging you, sharing with you, and spending a few moments in Jesus’ presence together. These devotionals will be mailed to your homes this week so you’ll have it in hand ahead of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

- Children’s Ministry**
- ♦ **Wednesday Nights:** Join us on Wednesdays for our children’s program for 3K-fifth grade. Please note a nursery is available for 2K and under. The 3K-first grade will enjoy Big Bible Stories for Little Kids and Toy Bible Stories. Second- and third-graders will be studying Friends with God Old Testament lessons. The fourth- and fifth-graders will continue to engage and learn Bible Drills while our sixth-graders study Catechism. Should you have any questions, please contact Kaiti Bryant at (843) 662-2583. Dinner service begins at 5:30 p.m. and program starts at 6 p.m.
 - ♦ **Children in Worship Helpers:** Calling all young volunteers in grades fourth to 12th: Join us as Children in Worship Helpers on Sunday mornings! If you’d like to participate, please contact Kaiti Bryant before February 11 at (843) 662-2583 or kbryant@florencefirst.org. We look forward to your involvement!
 - ♦ **Save the Dates:**
 - Easter Egg Hunt: 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)
 - VBS Summer 2024: Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 20

Children’s Ministry Check-In: To help strengthen our ability to know each child by name, to know special needs or allergies, and/or to know who may pick up children, parents of second-grade children and younger are required to check-in their child(ren). To check-in you will need to download the Kidmin App onto your smartphone. At right is a QR code to take you to the app. Please note creating an account and adding your children is a quick process. Check-in opens 30 minutes prior to start time. The easiest way is using the app before you arrive at church. Another option is to use the desktop computer at the check-in kiosk, which is in the Tower. Any questions, please contact Kaiti Bryant, kbryant@florencefirst.org.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 5:30 PM EGW
- 7:00 PM 17U Basketball Practice: CLC

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group
- 4:30 PM Girl Scout Brownie Meeting
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Court of Honor
- 7:00 PM 14U Basketball Practice: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Meeting
- 12:00 PM JFW Bible Study: CLC
- 1:30 PM Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM WiM Mid-Winter Gathering: CLC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: Chili Cookoff
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Children’s Programs
- 6:15 PM Adult Winter Series
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM 17U Basketball Practice: CLC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study: Room 202
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop’s
- 10:30 AM Women’s Bible Study: WOC
- 6:00 PM 8U Basketball Practice: CLC
- 7:00 PM 14U Basketball Practice: CLC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 PM EGW
- 7:00 PM 17U Basketball Practice: CLC

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