

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE
O Lamb of God, Pure and Spotless Johann Pachelbel

GREETINGS

INTROIT
Wondrous Love American folk hymn
Southern Harmony, 1835
arr. Gilbert Martin

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that cause the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 261
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

***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
Lord Jesus, we bow together as Your people to acknowledge our sinfulness. Too often, we chase after the desires of our hearts rather than trusting You. You call us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow You. Instead, we are self-focused and self-assured. You call us to live sacrificial and humble lives, yet we put ourselves first. Forgive us, Jesus. Though You had every right to assert Your royal privilege, You put us above Yourself. You suffered a painful death for our salvation. Penetrate our hard hearts with this knowledge, and move us to reverse our sinful patterns. Thank You, Jesus, for taking our place on the cross so that we could know forgiveness. We pray in Your name, Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Kyrie The Worship Book
arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
1 John 1:5-9, NIV
Leader: “God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”
People: “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”
Leader: In Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM
Pie Jesu Malcolm Archer

Blessed Jesus, Lord I pray in thy mercy grant them rest.
Lord our God, we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.
from the Requiem Mass

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Kelly Hickey
✎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.

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER Robert Moore

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
My Lord, My Love, Is Wounded Gene Grier
Douglas E. Wagner

My Lord, my love, is wounded, a crown of thorns He wears,
He suffers grief and torment, the sins of all He bears.
My Lord, my love, is wounded, a cross of deadly pain, with anguish all around Him,
He dies to live, He dies to live again, He dies to live again.
My Lord, my love, is crucified, a lowly spear has pierced His side;
my Lord, my love, is crucified, what wondrous love for us He died.
O sacred head, now wounded. He dies to live, He dies to live again!
Gene Grier

**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
Caught in the Act
John 8:1-12
(Pew Bible page 1059)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** No. 263
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

***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**
Amen Marty Haugen

***POSTLUDE**
Chaconne Louis Couperin

This morning’s worship is led by
Dr. Bill Cain, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Mike Fleenor, Congregational Care Assistant
Dr. Robert Moore, Elder
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
Mrs. Kelly Hickey, Director of Children’s Ministries
The Chancel Choir
Emily Lake, soprano
Betsy Johnson, flute

*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 Dr. Jay Pearson by his 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 have a *Jesus Calling* book ready for you. We are glad you’re with us.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer. Those in need of prayer include: Mark Davis for the loss of his mother, Helen Lou Davis; Vicki Hebert and Nancy Poston for the loss of their mother, Jean Waters; Aubrey Crawford, Gwen DuRant, Todd Moseley, and Andrew Stewart, who is deployed in Japan.

Prayer in the Sanctuary: Our Sanctuary will be open from 6 to 7 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays through March 25 for the Lenten season.

First Connections: Those who would like to learn more about life with the Lord and life at First Presbyterian Church, First Connections meets at 10 a.m. today, March 17, and March 24 in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Bill Cain, 407-473-0912 or wvcain50@gmail.com.

Egg Hunt: As we gear up for the Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday at the Whitehead’s, we need help. The Children’s Ministry Team is looking for individuals willing to provide at least 2 dozen boiled and decorated eggs for the hunt. We need at least 800 boiled eggs (about 67 dozen). We will collect eggs Sunday morning, March 24. Coolers will be available outside the kitchen area of the CLC for you to place the eggs. If you are interested, please contact Kaiti Bryant, 843-662-2583 or kbryant@florencefirst.org.

Fellowship of Elders Dinner: A message to all ECO Elders — Invitations have been mailed for our Dinner Meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, April 15. We will meet in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall to enjoy a nice meal and time together. Please plan to be there! There are about 80 of us now. Even though we have “rolled off” of the Session, we are all still Elders. It is encouraging to see how you have stayed involved in the church and the community since the end of your term on the Session. Let’s gather for food and fellowship with our current Session and our Pastor. If you have your Elder name tag, please wear it. Contact Debbie Jackson, djacksonlawyer@gmail.com; Laura Marechal, marechalel@hotmail.com; or Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com, with any questions or suggestions. We look forward to seeing you April 15!

Baystreet Brassworks: We look forward to our friends in Baystreet Brassworks assisting in worship on Palm Sunday and Easter.

Children’s Ministry

- ♦ **Palm Sunday Processional:** On Sunday, March 24, children are invited to join our Palm Sunday Processional at the 11 a.m. worship service. Please plan to meet Ms. Kaiti in the Narthex at 10:50 a.m. Baystreet Brassworks will be assisting in worship.
- ♦ **Easter Egg Hunt:** All are welcome to come to the Egg Hunt at the Whitehead’s Farm from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Children — toddlers through fifth-graders — will be on the hunt, and the sixth-graders will be hiding the eggs ahead of time.
- ♦ **Children’s Sunday:** Starting back on April 7, all first- through fifth-grade children are invited to join Ms. Kaiti and Mrs. Kelly to plan and prepare for Children’s Sunday. We will meet immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service until 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Meeting dates and times include: noon for April 7, April 14, and April 28, and 3 p.m. May 5. On May 5, a rehearsal will be from 3 to 4 p.m. for all children who participate.
- ♦ **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 for the app. Another option is to use the desktop computer at the check-in kiosk in the Tower.
- ♦ Should you have any questions, contact Kaiti Bryant, kbryant@florencefirst.org.



Mark the date, April 11, 3:30 p.m. in the Lawson-Rain Chapel to hear author Veronica O’Sullivan discuss her first children’s book, *Glory Be*, a story inspired by two magical friendships. For more information, contact Genia Tyson, 843-992-8904, or on Realm.

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to assist with answering the telephone, greeting guests, and assisting with a variety of clerical tasks. We have openings in the morning (9 a.m. – noon) and in the afternoon (noon – 3 p.m.) If you have some extra time on your hands, we’d love to talk with you about helping out. Please contact Don Hebert by phone at (843) 662-2583 or email dhebert@florencefirst.org.

WinShape Spirit Night: Help Helping Florence Flourish (HFF) raise funds for WinShape Camp scholarships in Florence through a Chick-fil-A spirit night. On Thursday, March 21, between 4 and 8 p.m., come to Chick-fil-A at 2705 David McLeod Blvd. to enjoy a meal with your family, building community, as well as promoting WinShape Camps. Tell the staff that you are there for “**WinShape Spirit Night**” and make a purchase (drive-thru or dine-in), and you will help a child go to camp. Ten percent of the purchase goes to HFF and will help create a scholarship!

PALMS AND EASTER LILIES

Remember or honor a loved one this Easter as we herald the remembrance of our risen Lord with a profusion of lovely palms, lilies, and greenery to accompany our worship. Your gift of \$10 should be turned into the church office along with your loved one’s name and your name and phone number by Monday, March 25.

CIRCLE ONE:
In **memory** OR **honor** of _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____



CALENDAR

- SUNDAY, MARCH 17** **St. Patrick’s Day**
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 - 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
 - 10:00 AM Sunday School
 - 10:00 AM First Connections: JFH
 - 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 - 12:00 PM Children’s Ministry volunteer luncheon: JFH
 - 1:30 PM Youth: Paintball
 - 4:00 PM WiM Salty Sisters: off campus
- MONDAY, MARCH 18**
- 6:00 AM Prayer in the Sanctuary
 - 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
 - 4:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting
 - 4:30 PM Girl Scout Brownie Meeting
 - 5:30 PM Enabling Team Meeting
 - 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
 - 6:00 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary
 - 6:30 PM Boy Scouts: Fisher Scout Room
 - 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study: Room 203
 - 7:00 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Theater
- TUESDAY, MARCH 19**
- 7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Meeting
 - 10:45 AM CDC Music: JFH
 - 12:00 PM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
 - 1:30 PM Ladies’ Ensemble Rehearsal
 - 4:00 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Theater
 - 5:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**
- 8:15 AM Personnel Team Meeting
 - 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, dessert
 - 5:30 PM Youth Group
 - 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 - 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Closing Program
 - 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 - 7:30 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Theater
- THURSDAY, MARCH 21**
- 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
 - 4:00 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Theater
- FRIDAY, MARCH 22**
- 6:45 AM High School Boys Bible Study
 - 4:00 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Theater
- SATURDAY, MARCH 23**
- 11:00 AM Naomi Project Play Rehearsal: JFH
 - 1:00 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Theater: CLC
- SUNDAY, MARCH 24** **Palm Sunday**
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 - 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
 - 10:00 AM First Connections: JFH
 - 10:00 AM Sunday School
 - 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 - 1:30 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Theater: CLC
 - 4:00 PM Egg Hunt: Off Campus
 - 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

March 17, 2024



*We are called to love God
with our head, our heart,
and our hands*

LOVING
with
OUR HEAD

We are lifelong learners shaped by God’s Word

OUR HEART

We commit to loving God and loving people

OUR HANDS

We use our God-given gifts to serve others

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