

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Good Christians All, Rejoice

GELOBT SEI GOTT
Melchoir Vulpius
setting by Healey Willan

Ye sons and daughters of the King Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
the grave hath lost its sting:
ALLELUIA!

GREETINGS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Deacon Daniel Jordan

INTROIT

O Hear the Joyful Singing

Giovanni Gastoldi

O hear the joyful singing, on this day we lift our voice.
Celebrate, we all rejoice, celebrate, celebrate, we all rejoice!
Patrick Liebergen

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The Day of Resurrection!

No. 298
LANCASHIRE

*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

(Time of silent prayer and confession)

O Lord, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love.
Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives.
Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from Your strength.
Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy
presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see
You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to
speak from your wisdom.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Let us say these words together, from Ephesians 2: 4-5.

All: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us
alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace
you have been saved.

Pastor: In Jesus Christ we are renewed.

All: Praise God!

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN
Dutch carol
arr. William H. Harris

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison,
our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen.
My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Death's flood hath lost his chill since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. But now hath Christ arisen.
The Cowley Carol Book

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.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Alleluia No. 1

No. 291
Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.

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

Elder Brandon Hylton

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Cry No More

Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, In this darkness we call home,
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful And our aspirations groan,
All is not in vain, Beloved, Our travail is not unknown.
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.
Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near,
Deep, abiding rays of mercy past their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last,
Love Incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.
Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend —
Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end!
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last,
Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past. Cry no more.
Johanna Anderson

**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. Stuart Bond

Rough Sailing
James 1: 5-8
(Pew Bible page 1196)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 72
FAITHFULNESS

*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

Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
John W. Arthur

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on an Easter Hymn

O FILII ET FILIAE
15th century French melody
setting by Gordon Young

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King, o'er death rose triumphing. Alleluia!
Jean Tisserand

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mr. Brandon Hylton, Elder
Mrs. Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel Choir
Christa Godwin, soprano and percussion
Jim Fincher, baritone
Bruce Hubbs, guitar
Kristin Kiely, percussion

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers for the services this morning are given for the glory of God and in
loving memory of Dr. Edward Warren "Casey" Taylor Jr. by his wife 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
have a *Jesus Calling* book ready for you. We are glad you're with us.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer. Members in need of prayer include: Aubrey Crawford,
Gwen DuRant, Barbara Maffett, and Todd Moseley.

Moment for Mission: Deacon Daniel Jordan will highlight Presbyterian Communities.

Reminder our annual **ECO Fellowship of Elders Dinner Meeting** at 6 p.m.
Monday, April 15, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a nice meal and time
together. Our speaker will be Dr. Stuart Bond. 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. If you have your Elder name tag, please wear it. We look
forward to seeing you there!

WIM Spring Celebration: All women are invited to attend the Women in Ministry Annual Spring Celebration to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, in the Christian Life Center with the presentation of the Life Service Award. Guest speaker will be Cookie Cawthon, founder of Tenacious Grace. Dinner and Nursery will be provided with RSVP to the church office, 843-662-2583, by Monday, April 22.

Church Picnic: On Sunday, May 5, there will be a potluck picnic following the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. The church will provide meat and drinks for the picnic; please bring your favorite salad, vegetable, starch, or dessert. There will be drop off tables outside the sanctuary. Bring blankets and chairs if desired for extra seating.

Children's Ministry

◆ **Children's Sunday:** All first- through fifth-grade children are invited to join Ms. Kaiti and Mrs. Kelly today to prepare for Children's Sunday. We will meet following the 11 a.m. worship service until 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Our next meetings dates and times include: noon 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 summer intern:** We are looking for a college student who:

- ◆ Loves working with children (3K – 5th grade).
- ◆ Loves the Lord and wants to share God's love with children.
- ◆ And who is available to work 20 hours a week for 10 weeks.
- ◆ If you are interested, email Kaiti Bryant for an application, kbryant@florencefirst.org, and submit it by email to her by April 22.

Youth Ministry

- ◆ Sunday School, 10 a.m. Sundays
- ◆ Youth Group, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays
- ◆ Coffee at F.E. Pop's, 7 a.m. Thursdays

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 17, through Thursday, June 20. Join us for VBS as we embark on a journey to Hometown Nazareth.

WinShape Camps is THE place to spend your summer. Held at First Presbyterian Church, July 1-5, each part of the day provides campers in completed grades of 5K to fifth new opportunities to learn more about the Bible, deepen their faith, and grow in character. Register at campregistration.winshape.org.

Wedding Coordinator: The church is looking for covenant partners interested in coordinating weddings held at First Presbyterian Church. If you are interested and would like to find out more information, call Mary Caroline Vaught, 843-615-5690.

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 843-662-2583 or dhebert@florencefirst.org.

Women's Retreat: Women of First Presbyterian Church, please register now for a time of inspiration, friendship, and fun at our retreat held from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 1 at Beneventum Plantation in Georgetown. The retreat will include:

- ◆ Three Bible teaching sessions by Beth Behling
- ◆ Small group discussions
- ◆ Individual prayer time
- ◆ Morning coffee/sweets, lunch, & dinner
- ◆ Free time mid-day for exploring, relaxing, or boating on your own

For the sanctity, continuity, and intimacy of this experience, it is required participants attend the whole day. Cost for the retreat is \$50. Deadline to register is May 24. Register on Realm or contact Kim Brauss in the church office, kbrauss@florencefirst.org or 843-662-2583. If you have questions, call Janet Brand, 843-615-6969.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: Jenkins Fellowship Hall (JFH)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Children's Sunday Prep: Youth Lounge
- 3:00 PM Youth Dodgeball Practice
- 3:30 PM WiM Salty Sisters: Off campus

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:30 PM College of Elders Dinner: JFH
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
- 7:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 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
- 4:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:15 AM Personnel Team Meeting
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbells Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 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: Women's Only Classroom

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Confirmation Retreat

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- Confirmation Retreat
- 8:00 AM Florence Music Festival
- 1:00 PM Naomi Project Dinner Theater: CLC

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- Confirmation Retreat
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 3:00 PM Youth Dodgeball Tournament: Central UMC

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

April 14, 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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