

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing* Carl Gotthelf Glaser | Charles Wesley

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

So, come on and sing out, let our
Anthem grow loud
There is one great love,
Jesus

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe

Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above
The Church in earth and heav'n

PRAYER OF ADORATION

(Read in unison.)

Eternal God,
I come before You with words of praise,
I seek to worship You and draw closer to You.
You are worthy of my highest praise.
You created the heavens and the earth
And all that are contained within.
Thank You for Your mighty acts in creation.
I give You thanks for Your son, Jesus Christ.
He ransomed me from darkness and delivered
me unto the everlasting way.
O God, You are so gracious.
In Your great mercy You provide me with all that I need.
Help me to lean on You and not my own understanding
so that I will take joy in the One Great Love, Jesus Christ.

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Anthony Johnson Showalter
Elisha Albright Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread? What have I to fear?
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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

Elder Jayne Boswell

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Stuart Bond

✎ 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.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Knowing You

Graham Kendrick

All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord love You Lord

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

True Riches

James 1: 9-12
(Pew Bible page 1196)

SONG OF RESPONSE

My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)

Graham Kendrick
Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other,
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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.

*This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mrs. Jayne Boswell, Elder
Praise Team
Vic Rockhill, Leader
Curt Boswell, Bass
Ed Clements, Guitar
Megan Garrison, Vocals
Keith Hamrick, Drums
Tim Johnson, Piano
Anthony McCullough, Vocals
David Sanderson, Electric guitar*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: family and friends of Mary Louise McIntyre; Aubrey Crawford; Gwen DuRant; Barbara Maffett; and Todd Moseley.

Commissioning: Covenant Partner Kimberly Packard will be commissioned during the 11 a.m. worship service today. Kimberly will be traveling to Erbil, Kurdistan, April 25-May 10. She will be working with professors and students at one of the top universities in the region, where she will be helping a team leading an interactive English camp. God speed, Kimberly!

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.

Handbell Concert: Come hear the handbells at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in the Sanctuary with our talented Chancel Handbell Choir! Family dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. On the menu is lasagna, salad, and dessert. Please join us for original compositions as well as hymn and song arrangements.

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.

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, or Mary Lynn van Witzenburg, 843-992-6701.

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.

Children's Ministry

♦ **Vacation Bible School Online Registration** is OPEN! VBS will be held Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 20, for completed 5K – fifth grade. Preschool VBS is available to children of volunteers ONLY! Visit www.myvbs.org/florencefirstVBS to register. Registration will close May 31.

♦ **Sunday School Talent Show:** Join us for the Sunday School Talent Show on May 19 during the Sunday School hour in the CLC! We'll kick off with a continental breakfast, followed by a showcase of talents from our Sunday School classes. Want to participate? Email Kaiti Bryant at kbryant@florencefirst.org by May 12 to sign up!

♦ **Children's Sunday:** NO MEETING TODAY! We will meet next Sunday, April 28, after the 11 a.m. service until 2 p.m. in the CLC and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. May 5 in the Sanctuary.

♦ **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
- ♦ Dodgeball Tournament, 3 p.m. today at Central UMC
- ♦ Sunday, April 28: 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Youth Parent Meeting

Senior Gifts: We have 19 FPC seniors graduating high school this year! Let's send them off with love and encouragement. We will be putting together "senior gifts" for them as graduation presents from the church. Donations can be made to the church office. For information, contact Emily Whitehead, 843-230-0122 or emily.s.whitehead@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Our **Men's Fall Retreat** will be held August 23-25. This year's retreat at Hickory Knob State Park promises to be a wonderful time filled with inspiration. Randy Pope, the founding pastor of Perimeter Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, will be our speaker. For more info, contact Bill Cain, 407-473-0912. Reserve your spot on Realm now for this time of Bible Study, fellowship and relaxation at Hickory Knob in McCormick. Cost for the weekend is \$150 per person, which includes 2 nights lodging, breakfast and dinner on Saturday. To register, visit florencefirst.org or contact Kim Brauss in the church office, 843-662-2583.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

9:15 AM Florence County Library book mobile visit
 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
 4:30 PM Girl Scouts Brownie Meeting
 5:00 PM House of Hope Men's Life Recovery Graduation: JFH
 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
 5:30 PM WinShape Leadership meeting
 6:00 PM CDC staff meeting: JFH
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

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
 6:30 PM Session and Diaconate meeting: JFH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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 25

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
 5:30 PM Piano Recital (Becky Brown): JFH

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Men's Hike Departure

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

2:30 PM Florence Music Festival

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Men's Hike Return
 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Youth: Parent Meeting
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 PM Children's Sunday Prep
 4:00 PM Youth: Parent Meeting
 5:00 PM Youth: Wheeldateens

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

April 21, 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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