

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

GREETINGS

INTROIT

We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

O LAND OF REST
William Miller
arr. Andrew Duncan

Chancel Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

No. 82
LAUDA ANIMA

*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)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. We ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may bear witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Let us say these words from the Book of Ephesians:

All: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ... In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

Pastor: It is time for a new start.

All: Praise God!

ANTHEM

Since By Man Came Death
from Messiah

George Frideric Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15:21

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

South African melody

Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

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

Elder Jayne Boswell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Celtic Grace

Susan E. Geschke
Virginia Harmony, 1831

Amazing Grace

Chancel Handbell Choir

**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.

COMMISSIONING OF KIMBERLY PACKARD

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

True Riches

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

*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

Go Into the World

Dale Wood

Go into the world, and serve the Lord with joy!

*POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

The heavens declare the glory of God.

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mrs. Jayne Boswell, Elder

Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir
Jennifer Foxworth, violin
Chancel Handbell Choir

Meredith Banner
Brandon Frost
Lisa Jernigan

Betsy Johnson
Margaret Jones
Kristin Kiely
Frances Welch

Lalla Saleeby
Kathy Shuler
Genia Tyson

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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 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. Please bring a guest and a salad to share! 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. Please 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.

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.

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. There is a Preschool VBS only available for the children of volunteers. 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 Meetings

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.

Covenant Partner Magnetic Name Badges
\$7 Each

Mary Anne Bradley
Covenant Partner

Order Form

Please return this form to the Church office with your check made payable to First Presbyterian

Name *(exactly the way it should appear on your badge)* _____

Number of badges _____

Amount enclosed _____

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 Court of Honor: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 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: JFH

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:00 AM Men's Hike Departure

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 2:30 PM Florence Music Festival

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 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
- 6:00 PM Men's Hike Return

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 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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