

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCOUT RECOGNITION

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**Great Things*

Jonas Myrin | Phil Wickham

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is Yes and Amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
You've done great things

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You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
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All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet | John Rippon
Oliver Holden

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of (Crown)

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall

We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord

And crown Him Lord
And crown Him Lord of all

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Rufus Bratton

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.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse
Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

SERMON Dr. Stuart Bond

The Temptations
James 1:13-18
(Pew Bible page 1196)

SONG OF RESPONSE
Great Is Thy Faithfulness Jason Ingram | Michael Weaver
Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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
Mr. Rufus Bratton, Elder
Mrs. Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries
Praise Team
Vic Rockhill, Leader
Curt Boswell, Bass
Megan Garrison, Vocals
Keith Hamrick, Drums
Tim Johnson, Piano
Emily Lake, Vocals
Anthony McCullough, Vocals
David Sanderson, Electric guitar*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our sweet son, Robert, by Bob and Betsy Olsen.

The flowers on Sunday, April 21, were given in celebration of Erin and Edwin Croft's 23rd wedding anniversary and in loving memory of John T. (Jack) Sullivan by Ginger Sullivan and Erin, Edwin, Grant and Jack Croft. Gone but not forgotten.

Today is Scout Sunday, a celebration of 114 years for the Boy Scouts of America and 65 years for Troop 477 at First Presbyterian Church.

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

During the worship services today, we welcome **new Covenant Partners** to our church as brothers and sisters. Please join in welcoming and supporting: Tamanjong Akongnui and Homebeline Ashwingwnui; Daniel Asongwed and Alice Mbeng; Travis and Erin Blayton; Jeff Collins and Carlee Linke; Donna Fields; Gail Gallagher; Hope Hanna; Cordie and Mary Frances Jones; Gary and Pam Meharg; Laurel and Steve Migliore; Madisen Nichol; Ernest Njilin; Terry Rardon; John and Whitney Richey; Dusty and Rachel Williams; and Stephen and Emily Witt.

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!

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.

May Keenagers: Our last meeting until fall is noon Tuesday, May 7, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Program will be a musical presentation by Shaw and Robin Thompson. Meal will be roast pork, sweet potato casserole, mixed vegetables, rice with gravy, rolls, and dessert prepared by Fred Kunz. Cost for lunch is \$6. Thank you to everyone who helped this year with decorations, food, and programs. Thank you, too, to the Finchers and Morgans for stepping up to prepare food for next year.

Bible Drill "Boot Camp" for Adults: Join us and gain a better understanding of the books of the Bible, Key Passages, and memory verses. Bible Drill for Adults will meet on Wednesday nights from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The first night is May 29, then June 5, 12, 26. Please let Ellen Wilhoit, r4wilhoit@aol.com, or Alexis Morris, nnnminusone@gmail.com, know you plan on attending.

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.

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
- ♦ 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 Scout Sunday

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 9:30 AM Rehearsal: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
 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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 AM CDC Picture Day: JFH
 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
 5:00 PM Chancel Handbells Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: Lawson-Rain Chapel
 6:00 PM Confirmation Banquet: CLC, JFH
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
 8:00 AM CDC Picture Day: JFH
 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Chancel Handbells Rehearsal
 6:00 PM WiM Spring Celebration: CLC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

5:00 PM Chancel Handbells Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: lasagna, salad, dessert
 5:30 PM Youth Group
 6:30 PM Spring Handbell Concert: Sanctuary
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 2

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
 6:15 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 5 Confirmation Sunday

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 PM Church Picnic
 3:00 PM Children's Sunday Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Youth: Cinco de Mayo party

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

April 28, 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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