

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German

GREETINGS

SCOUT RECOGNITION

INTROIT

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Henry Purcell

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

7th century, Latin

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

No. 414

DUKE STREET

*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

Forgive us, Lord, when we are so desperate to pin the blame for our failures on others, or even on you. Help us to be still under your truth, to accept our part of the situation, to finally be honest with ourselves and with you. Hear us now as we speak from that very place of honesty (time of silent prayer and confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the truth of Scripture:

Women: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Men: If we claim we have not sinned, we make God out to be a liar and His word is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-10)

ANTHEM

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

NA HU O HO

Gaelic folk melody

Larry Shackley

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All, Hear me, blest Savior, when I call;
Hear me, and from Your dwelling place, Pour down the riches of Your grace.
Jesus, my Lord, I do adore, O help me love You more and more.
Jesus, too late for You I've sought, How can I love You as I ought? And how to
praise Your matchless fame, The glorious beauty of Your name?
Jesus, my Lord, I do adore, O help me love You more and more.
Jesus, what did You find in me, That You have dealt so lovingly?
How great the joy that You have brought, So far exceeding hope of thought!
Jesus, of You shall be my song, To You my heart and soul belong,
All that I have is Yours alone, And You, blest Savior are my own.
Jesus, my Lord, I do adore, O help me love You more and more.

Henry Collins

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Nothing Can Trouble

NADA TE TURBE

Jacques Berthier

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

Teresa of Avila, 16th century

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

Elder Rufus Bratton

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

I will sing with the spirit: alleluia.
And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia.
I will sing with the spirit: alleluia.

I Corinthians 14:15

**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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

The Temptations

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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

We Will Walk with God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

Swaziland melody

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

Swaziland text

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor

Mr. Rufus Bratton, Elder

Mrs. Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries

Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir

Betsy Johnson, flute

Choir Ensemble

Sandra Anderson

Curt Boswell

Joyce Dalsbo

Jim Fincher

Marsha Fincher

Brandon Frost

Kristin Kiely

Fred Kunz

Emily Lake

Mary Ann Nash

Lee Nunn

Stuart Snow

David Spearman

Maymie Lou Spearman

Mary Lynn van Witzenburg

*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 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.

During the worship service 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.

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.

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. Please 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.

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.

Bible Drill “Boot Camp” for Adults: Join us and gain a better understanding of the books of the Bible, Key Passages, and memory verses. We 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.

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 closes 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:** We will meet after the 11 a.m. service until 2 p.m. today 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 Meetings; 5 p.m. Wheeldateens

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

11 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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