

Children's Sunday

9 a.m.

May 12, 2024



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Reames Evans and Lily Packard

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Gracie Hickey

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Crosland Lake

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

People: Worship God with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

People: for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

*SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

Battle Belongs

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

(An) Almighty Fortress, You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle
Nothing can stand against The power of our God

O God, the battle belongs to You

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Harper Etheridge

Goodness of God

Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson

I love You Lord oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Bradford Brown and Collins Coker

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Coleman Jeffords

Jesus Strong and Kind

Colin Buchanan | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him

No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said If I am weak, I should come to him

No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night

We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him

No one else can be my shield, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me

And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me

SCRIPTURE READING

Anna Parsons Fast

Psalm 56:3-4

SERMON

I Am Not Afraid

The Story of David and Goliath

Narrator
Avery Etheridge

Brothers
Bradford Brown
Reames Evans

Philistines
Collins Coker
Henry Fast

King Saul's Army
Harper Etheridge
Crossland Lake

David
Thatcher Jordan

Anna Parsons Fast
Ethan Hall
Ford Hofler

Lena Foxworth
Eiley Foxworth
Gracie Hickey

Oliver Page
Journey Perry
Hattie Kaye Scott

Goliath
Will Bratton

John Hofler
Lily Packard

Coleman Jeffords
Stanton Lake
Katon Sanderson

Liam Scott
Sadie Sims
Charlotte Tuttle

King Saul
James Genoble

Murray Sanderson
Abigail Tuttle
Sterling Temple

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

Trust in God

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Mitch Wong | Steven Furtick

I trust in God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire
Time after time
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary
Is more than enough

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Lena Foxworth, Gracie Hickey, Hattie Kay Scott,
Sadie Sims, and Sterling Temple

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mrs. Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries
Ms. Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children's Ministry

Ushers
Ford Hofler
Stanton Lake
Oliver Page
Katon Sanderson
Abigail Tuttle

Praise Team
Vic Rockhill, Leader
Curt Boswell, Bass
Ed Clements, Guitar
Sallyann Frost, Vocals
Megan Garrison, Vocals
Keith Hamrick, Drums
David Sanderson, Electric guitar

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

Cover Art: The drawing of David and Goliath is by Ford Hofler, son of Jack and Laura Anne Hofler.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are in honor of Mrs. Martha Tyson, in memory of Mrs. Joyce Haizlip, and in honor of all mothers today given by Genia and Duncan Tyson.

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: Aubrey Crawford; Gwen DuRant; Barbara Maffett; and Todd Moseley.

Summer Worship: Starting Sunday, May 26, through September 1, there will be one worship service starting at 10 a.m. on Sundays. The style of service will alternate weekly. Children in 3K through fifth grade will have Sunday School at 9 a.m. during June and August; some adult classes will meet, as well.

Congregational Meeting to be held

A congregational meeting will be held on May 19, 2024, at 10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing four Covenant Partners to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC). Members of the ONC will decide who might be the Lord's persons for the respective roles of deacon and elder. They then prayerfully ask these people to consider serving and bring that slate for the Congregation to affirm.

Prior to nominating a Covenant Partner, please confirm his/her willingness to serve on the ONC. Please review ECO Polity regarding the roles of Deacons and Elders. Here are the roles for each as described in our Constitution:

- ◆ 2.02 Elders are given authority and responsibility, along with pastors, to oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission. Elders may also be asked to preach and teach. Elders shall be elected by the congregation.
- ◆ 2.03 The Ministry of Deacons Ordinarily, the biblical office of deacon shall be utilized by the congregation. Deacons lead ministries that nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation. Deacons may also be asked to preach and teach. The congregation shall determine the manner in which they are selected for service. The session shall oversee and direct the ministry of the deacons.

Mother's Day Offering: Today we will collect the annual Mother's Day Offering for the benefit of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC). Since the first Mother's Day Offering in 1954, your generosity has enabled PCSC to provide care for residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their life's savings. This commitment, made 70 years ago, required tremendous faith, courage, and vision. During the past decade, your generosity has allowed PCSC to provide an average of \$1.2 million in charitable care each year. Your gift, whether large or small, is vital for the success of this ministry. By honoring our fathers and mothers in this way, you help ensure that those with need can continue to call Presbyterian Communities "home." Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are available. To make a gift online, you can use the QR code at right.



Children's Ministry

- ◆ **Children in Worship:** There will be no Children in Worship today; nurseries, however, are available.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Register for VBS 2024:** Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 17, through Thursday, June 20, for completed 5K through fifth grade. Preschool VBS is only available for children of VBS volunteers. Join us for VBS as we embark on a journey to Hometown Nazareth, where Jesus spent his childhood! Please visit www.myvbs.org/florencefirstVBS to register. Registration will close May 31.

Winshape Camps is returning to First Presbyterian Church the week of July 1-5. This is a next-level summer camp experience, where kids can have fun and learn more about Jesus. Multi-sibling discounts are available. Use the QR code to register or visit: <https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/florence-sc-2/>. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Lake, 803-837-1432, or Alexis Morris, 843-813-5202.



Volunteer at WinShape: There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer during the week at WinShape — from licensed nurses to recreation crew to Bible Study & Skills Assistants. Sign up here: <https://campregistration.winshape.org/wscvolunteer/volunteer>.

Missions Team Survey: Please take a moment to fill out the survey in this bulletin, tear it out and place at the end of the pew or fill it out online through the Google Form by scanning the QR code at right.



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 using the QR code or contact Kim Brauss in the church office, kbrauss@florencefirst.org. 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 (QR code at right) 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, use the QR code, visit florencefirst.org, or contact Kim Brauss in the church office, 843-662-2583. Deadline to register is August 1.



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 Wednesday, 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.

Youth Ministry

- ◆ Sunday School, 10 a.m. Sundays
- ◆ Confirmand Welcome Dinner, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.
- ◆ Coffee at F.E. Pop's, 7 a.m. Thursday, May 16; 9 a.m. May 23 and 30
- ◆ Sunday, May 19: 10 a.m. Graduating Seniors Brunch; Graduation Sunday during 11 a.m. worship service

The Mother's Day Offering



Celebrating 70 Years

It all began in 1954. Members of the Synod of South Carolina recognized the need to care for senior adults in South Carolina, and the Mother's Day Offering was established. The deep commitment, sacrifices and prayers of these pioneers were the foundation of what would become Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

Seventy years later, generous Presbyterians and friends from across the state and beyond continue to support this ministry to residents who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their savings and need assistance to remain in the place they call home.

Because of your generous gifts, a resident who sees a growing gulf between monthly income and monthly expenses can take comfort in the knowledge that charitable care funds are available to help close the gap.

Thank you for joining those who have gone before and continuing the legacy as we celebrate the 70th year of the Mother's Day Offering.

Thank you for your generosity.



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MISSIONS TEAM SURVEY

Please take a minute to fill out the below survey. These are current ministry partners of First Presbyterian Church. Kindly indicate which of the following ministries you have supported in the last year and place a check under how you have participated.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Organization Name	Physical Participation	Financial Participation	Regular Communication
Local Ministries			
Helping Florence Flourish*			
House of Hope			
Tenacious Grace			
Naomi Project			
Thornwell Home			
Presbyterian Home			
Resurrection Restoration Center for Homelessness			
Fellowship of Christian Athletes			
Child Evangelism Fellowship - Good News Club			
Christian Learning Center - Middle School elective			
Child Development Center - First Presbyterian CDC			
Jobs for Life			
East Florence Mission			
Tabernacle Experience			
Engaging God's Word			
Whosoever Outreach Communities			
My Brother's Keeper			
Parking Lot Ministry			
Lighthouse Ministries			
Manna House			
Mercy Medical Clinics			
A Choice to Make			
iHope Christian Counseling			
Global Ministry Partners			
Poetice International — Courtney and Jeremy Emert			
OFCB - Actionnel Fleurisma			
International Justice Mission			
Entrust - Carol Crom			
Burn Care International - Cindy and Wick Jackson			
Bridge to Rwanda (Drs. Caleb and Louise King) — Educational Foundation			
OC International — Tim and Annette Gulick			
Presbyterian World Mission — Kristi and Bob Rice			
Antioch Partners — Gray Scott			
Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship — Chandon Sah and MK Bharti - India			

*HFF also participates in house projects/repairs, Citywide prayer gatherings, Racial Bridging Initiative, WinShape, ServeFLO, Global Leadership Summit (GLS), & Christian Leadership in the Marketplace.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 12 Children's Sunday

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 13

- 12:30 PM Worship Team Meeting: WOC
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:30 PM Enabling Meeting
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
- 6:30 PM WiM Women of Grace: Off Campus
- 7:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM WiM Sonflowers: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 10:45 AM CDC Music: JFH
- 11:30 AM WiM Joyful Hearts: Off Campus
- 12:00 PM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM WiM Serenity: LR
- 5:00 PM CDC Advisory Committee
- 6:00 PM Violin and Piano Recital: JFH
- 6:30 PM WiM Prayer Warriors: LR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 8:15 AM Personnel Team Meeting
- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 11:00 AM House of Hope Volunteer Luncheon
- 5:00 PM Children's Ministry Team
- 6:00 PM Youth Group: Confirmand Welcome Dinner
- 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 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
- 6:00 PM CDC 4K Graduation: JFH

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 5:30 PM Piano Recital: JFH
- 6:00 PM World View and the Kingdom of God: LR

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 8:30 AM World View and the Kingdom of God: LR
- 9:30 AM Piano Recital: JFH

SUNDAY, MAY 19 High School Seniors Sunday

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM End-of-year Talent Show: CLC
- 10:00 AM Youth: Graduating Seniors Brunch: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:40 AM Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 3:00 PM WiM Salty Sisters: Off campus
- 4:00 PM Trinity Collegiate Baccalaureate Service: Sanctuary and Welcome Center
- 5:00 PM Youth: Wheeldateens