

Children's Sunday

11 a.m.

May 12, 2024



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON
Kathleen Thomerson
setting by John A. Behnke

GREETINGS

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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 471

As the Deer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Charlotte Tuttle
located in front of hymnal

The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Thatcher Jordan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ford Hofler

Loving God, We make a lot of mistakes. We do things that we shouldn't do, and don't do the things we should.

Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to follow you in all that we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Will Bratton

ANTHEM

We Are the Church

The Trees of the Field

Sing Rejoice, Clap Your Hands

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Bradford Brown and Collins Coker

*HYMN OF TRUST AND ASSURANCE

No. 437
JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus Loves Me

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

John Hofler

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Coleman Jeffords

What Does the Lord Require of You

**The Doxology*

Rollo Dilworth

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Anna Parsons Fast

Psalm 56:3-4

SERMON

I Am Not Afraid

The Story of David and Goliath

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| Narrator Avery Etheridge | Brothers Bradford Brown Reames Evans Anna Parsons Fast | Philistines Collins Coker Henry Fast Lena Foxworth Eiley Foxworth Gracie Hickey Coleman Jeffords Stanton Lake Katon Sanderson Murray Sanderson Abigail Tuttle Sterling Temple | King Saul's Army Harper Etheridge Crossland Lake Oliver Page Journey Perry Hattie Kaye Scott Liam Scott Sadie Sims Charlotte Tuttle |
| David Thatcher Jordan | Ethan Hall Ford Hofler John Hofler Lily Packard | | |
| Goliath Will Bratton | | | |
| King Saul James Genoble | | | |

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Trust and Obey

No. 443

TRUST AND OBEY

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE**

With High Delight

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566
setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

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
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
Bruce Hubbs, Co-director of Children's Choir
Stuart Snow, Co-director of Children's Choir

Ushers
Ford Hofler
Stanton Lake
Oliver Page
Katon Sanderson
Abigail Tuttle

*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.

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 Florence at 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>.

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.

Summer Worship: Starting Sunday, May 26, there will be one worship service at 10 a.m. on Sundays throughout the summer. The style of service will alternate weekly; the two services will return Sunday, September 8. 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.

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 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. Deadline to register is August 1.



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 to 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.

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 email dhebert@florencefirst.org.

Youth Ministry

- ◆ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sundays
- ◆ Confirmand Welcome Dinner: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. We will have dinner, play games, and enjoy a fun time of fellowship as we welcome the newest members of the youth group.
- ◆ 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.



**PRESBYTERIAN
COMMUNITIES
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**



WWW.PRESCOMMUNITIES.ORG/MOTHER-S-DAY-OFFERING

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 |
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| 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