

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE
Fantasia in D Minor Johann Pachelbel

GREETINGS

INTROIT
Laudate Dominum Jacques Berthier

Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 136
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
The Apostles' Creed located in front of hymnal

***THE GLORIA PATRI**
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD
Paul M. Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has
pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
Traditional liturgical

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
The strength to amend our actions,
And the hope that Your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you
are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven. We are free to love and
serve.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I See, I Hear, I Know Craig Courtney

Now I see, O Lord, I see the light inside eternity,
The tree, the bloom, the feast inside the upper room,
A whippoorwill, a mourning dove,
The song of wind, the hymn of love have called my soul
to see the light inside eternity. Now I see, O Lord.
Now I hear, O Lord, I hear one tune to drive away all fear.
I hear the sound of life in sea and air and ground;
I hear a river running through the sky,
while choirs of angels sing on high.
Be glad, my soul, and hear one tune to drive away all fear.
Now I hear, O Lord. Now I know, O Lord, I know why
every seed must die to grow. I know the tree of life inside eternity.
I know the throne, I know the Lamb, the Christ,
the Lord, the One, the great I AM.
I know, O Lord, I know why every seed must die to grow.
Now I know, O Lord.
Herbert Brokering

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Kaiti Bryant

☞ 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.

***HYMN OF DEVOTION** No. 437
Jesus Loves Me JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me, and some day His face I'll see.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
Anna Warner

**PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER** Elder Ryon Watkins

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Sing Ye a Joyful Song Antonín Dvořák

from Biblical Songs, op. 99, no. 10
Fred Kunz, tenor

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord, Who hath done marvelous things.
Praise the Lord all the earth! Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is therein, the round world and all they that dwell there.
Lift your voices floods and tempests. Mountains, clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,
and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!
Psalm 98

**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.

SERMON Dr. Stuart Bond

Shaped Like the Son
Romans 8:28-30
(Pew Bible page 1119)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** No. 580
We Are Called to Be God's People AUSTRIAN HYMN

***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**
Lord, Now Let Thy Servants Depart In Thy Peace Spanish-American Folk Song
arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Lord, now let Thy servants depart in Thy peace,
For our eyes have seen Thy salvation.
Now send us forth, O Lord, to be Thy witnesses;
Let us show Thy love to all people. Amen.
A.C.L.

***POSTLUDE**
Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mr. Ryon Watkins, Elder
Ms. Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children's Ministry
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel Choir
Emily Lake, soprano
Fred Kunz, tenor
Jennifer Foxworth, violin

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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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. Those in need of prayer include: Mark Davis, for the loss of
his father; Aubrey Crawford; Barbara Maffett; and Brittany Matthews.

New Discussion Groups: If your last name begins with A, B, or C, you are invited to
join Pastor Stuart for a conversation about the church after the 11 a.m. worship service
on September 29. Each group is positive and looking to the future. It takes about one
hour. Contact the church by emailing Emily at creed@florencefirst.org.

Keenagers: Please join us for the season's kickoff luncheon to be held at noon
Tuesday, October 1, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be state
Sen. Mike Reichenbach. Meal will be ham, pineapple and cheese casserole, copper
pennies, green beans with potatoes, rolls, and dessert. Cost for the meal is \$6.
All covenant partners 55 and older are invited to join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

Piano Recital: Paolo Gualdi, internationally recognized pianist, will be in recital at
First Presbyterian the evening of October 10 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for this night of
music.

Giving is an act of worship! Did you know that we offer **TEXT to Give** to our Covenant Partners and guests? It is simple and can be done any time and from anywhere. From your mobile device, simply text **Florencefirst** to **73256** and you will receive a link to our online giving site, where you can make a secure donation to support the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Additionally, our covenant partners and guest may **SCAN** this QR code from your mobile device and be directed to our online giving site. Thank you for your support of the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church!



Welcome Ministry: The Evangelism Team is launching a new welcoming ministry, where trained covenant partners and officers assist guests and visitors new to our church. Greeters will be at specific entry points to welcome and provide information and guidance to guests. Help make our first impressions a true reflection of who we are as God's people gathered together. Covenant partners will have training and ongoing support from leaders. To be a part of this critical ministry, Contact Steve Grady, wculbacker2000@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Night Dinners: Join us for our weekly family meals before our mid-week educational programming. The cost of meals is \$7/person with a \$30 family maximum. Dinner on Wednesday will be fried chicken, mac and cheese, rolls, and dessert.

Wednesday Night Elective: We often talk about Jesus being "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." But of that "trinity," one receives very little attention or respect. What is the WAY of Jesus? On a daily basis, how does Jesus call us to live? If we followed the "Way" of Jesus, what would our life look like? What would church be like? Adults are invited to join us at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday evenings for a look at the WAY of Jesus in His incomparable "Sermon on the Mount." Over 8 weeks, through teaching and small group interaction, we will dive into and be transformed by these truths of our Lord.

Children's Ministry

- ◆ **New Worship Bags for Older Children:** We're excited to introduce Worship Bags for our older children who can read! These blue bags are available at the entrances of the sanctuary, alongside the usual tan bags for younger children. Contents are designed to help our older readers be more engaged during the worship service and materials are related to the day's sermon. Please remember to return the bags and its contents to the bins after the service. We hope these bags enhance your child's worship experience!
- ◆ **Wednesday Nights:** Children from 3K through sixth grade are invited to join the **Children's Ministry program on Wednesday nights** starting at 6 p.m. September 18. Children from 3K to 5K will be exploring *The Fruit of the Spirit*. First- through third-graders will be learning about *The Beatitudes*. Fourth- and fifth-graders will be engaging in our exciting Bible Drill class. Sixth-graders will be in Catechism Class with Mike Lavespere.

Youth Ministry

- ◆ **Youth Group:** 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, dinner and Sermon on the Mount study
- ◆ **Coffee at F.E. Pop's:** 7 a.m. Thursdays
- ◆ **Small Groups:** 12:30 p.m. September 29

Community Communion: Don't miss Helping Florence Flourish's big ServeFLO kickoff at 4 p.m. September 29 at the YMCA soccer fields, where people from across the city will come to commune through worship, prayer, and Holy Communion. Learn more at serveflo.org. The fields are located at 1700 Rutherford Drive in Florence.

Help Us Get in Touch with Our College Students: The Women in Ministry would like to encourage our church's college students throughout the school year. If you have a child in college or graduate school, please send his or her name, address, and email address to Meredith Banner, meredithbanner@yahoo.com, or call 843-229-1010.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:40 AM Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 PM EGW Bible Study: CLC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:00 AM CDC Picture Day: Jenkins Fellowship Hall (JFH)
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group Meeting: Price Classroom
- 4:30 PM Girls Scouts Troop Meeting
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:00 PM CDC Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 8:00 AM CDC Picture Day: JFH
- 11:00 AM CDC Music: JFH
- 12:00 PM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Diaconate: JFH
- 6:30 PM Session: JFH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:00 AM CDC Bookmobile
- 1:00 PM Strategic Planning Meeting
- 5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: fried chicken, mac and cheese, rolls, dessert
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Classes (children at 6 p.m., adults at 6:15 p.m.)
- 6:10 PM Children's Choir
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 9:00 AM CDC CPR class: JFH
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:30 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 4:00 PM ServeFLO Community Communion: YMCA soccer fields
- 5:30 PM EGW Bible Study: CLC

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FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

September 22, 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

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