

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

#### *\*Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

Chris Tomlin

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

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Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

#### ***When I Think About The Lord***

When I think about the Lord  
How He saved me how He raised me  
How He filled me with the Holy Ghost  
How He healed me to the uttermost  
When I think about the Lord  
How He picked me up and turned me around  
How He set my feet on solid ground

James Huey

And it makes me wanna shout  
Hallelujah thank You Jesus  
Lord You're worthy of all the glory  
And all the honor and all the praise  
It makes me wanna shout  
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Lord You're worthy of all the glory  
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## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Jim Dameron

## 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.

## GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

### ***Love of God***

Benjamin Hastings | Brandon Lake  
Cody Carnes | Phil Wickham

It's so good I almost can't believe it  
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream  
The God who set the galaxies in motion  
Would descend to give His life for me

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners?  
What leads a King to pay so great a cost?  
All my life my heart will sing the answer  
Only the love of God

Singing, oh, how great is the love of God  
He paid our debt on that rugged cross  
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise  
How great is the love of God

It's so kind it leads us to repentance  
It's so bright the darkness has to flee  
Hallelujah it cleared my guilty sentence  
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed

For what could break the chains of any prison?  
What force could rob the power from the grave?  
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches?  
Only the love of God

Though I try my mind can't comprehend it  
It's so high too marvelous for words  
I could sing a million songs about it  
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth

This all my life the banner I'll be waving  
My anthem cry no matter what may come  
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven  
I'll still be singing this song (oh my song)  
For everything that You've done  
How great the love of God hey

Singing oh how great is the love of God  
He paid our debt on that rugged cross  
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise  
How great is the love of God  
How great is the love of God

## SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

### **Gathered to Grow**

Acts 11:1-18  
(Pew Bible pages 1089-1090)

## A MOMENT OF DEDICATION

### SONG OF RESPONSE

#### ***Thy Word***

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

Amy Grant | Michael W. Smith

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

## 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. Jim Dameron, Elder  
Ms. Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children's Ministry  
Praise Team  
Vic Rockhill, Leader  
Curt Boswell, Bass  
Ed Clements, Guitar  
Megan Garrison, Vocals  
Keith Hamrick, Drums  
Anthony McCullough, Vocals  
David Sanderson, Electric Guitar  
Carrigan Spearman, Vocals*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers** today are given for God's glory in memory and honor of all Veterans who served our country to defend freedom. They are given with love by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Whitesides.

**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: Cindy Johnson for the loss of her husband, Richard; Ashton Pennstrom for the loss of her aunt; Aubrey Crawford; Roger Gulick; Barbara Maffett; and Brittany Matthews.

**Welcome our new Covenant Partners:** Shawn and Morgan Armstrong, Marty and Bridgette Coates, and Dan and Amanda Dale.

**November is our Stewardship Emphasis month.** As part of our worship during November, we will hear how God is using the First Presbyterian Church to reach our community and the world through our giving to missions (local and global). This morning, we welcome **Jon Weiss, House of Hope's Chief Executive Officer**. Jon will share how your giving through First Presbyterian Church allows us to help them meet the needs of the homeless in our community. Welcome Jon.

**Commitment Sunday** on November 24 we will collect commitment cards for 2025. Please give prayerful consideration as to how God would have you give to support and expand the ministries of First Presbyterian in 2025. As our giving increases, so do the ministries of our church. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry and mission of our church.

**Wednesday Night Season Finale:** Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday night. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. is \$7 per person, with a cap at \$30. On the dinner menu is pizza, salad, and dessert. Educational classes for all ages follow at 6 and 6:15 p.m.

**Holiday Market:** The youth are gearing up for the Holiday Market, which will be held from 5 to 6:15 p.m. during Wednesday's dinner November 13. Proceeds help offset the cost of big summer trips. The youth have come up with even more creative and fun gift ideas for this year. They look forward to your support.

**Legacy of Faith Endowment** – In 2022, the Session established the Legacy of Faith Endowment fund. As part of our stewardship emphasis month, Stefanie Marsden with **Texas Presbyterian Foundation** will be with us in both morning services on **Sunday, November 17**. During the *“Minute for Stewardship”* she will introduce the idea of legacy giving, which helps ensure the future of the ministry of our church. Following the 11 a.m. service there will be a light lunch and workshop in the Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in knowing more about the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and how to participate in our Legacy of Faith Endowment fund. Please save the date and plan to join us.

**Living Nativity Angel Choir for ALL 3K-4<sup>th</sup> grade children:** Please plan to join Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Kaiti, and friends on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10 a.m. in the CLC/gym to practice songs for the Living Nativity. Practices will be held on Sunday, November 10, 17, 24, and December 1 and 8. We will also practice on Wednesday night from 6 to 6:25 p.m. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kelly.

**Thornwell Drive:** Every year, First Presbyterian Church supports Thornwell by collecting quarters in turkey banks. This year, we'd like to take it a step further by collecting items needed to support Thornwell's mission to see hopeful, healthy, and empowered children and families fulfilling their God-given potential. Throughout November, you can drop off donated items in the large boxes located in the Narthex, the Welcome Center, and the Tower. Scan the QR code to see a full list of items needed.



**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gift:** Gift-filled shoeboxes bring great joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available for packing in the Welcome Center and in the Women's Only Classroom through November 19. For more information, call or text Linda Smiley at 843-618-0324. Shoeboxes may also be built at samaritanpurse.org.

**A Taste of Alpha:** Please join us from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall for a dinner introducing Alpha, an evangelism program. Alpha talks are designed to connect and engage people and inspire conversation. Alpha explores the big issues of life and faith and unpacks the basics of Christian belief. RSVP for childcare, 843-662-2583.

**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 guests 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!



#### Youth Ministry

- ◆ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sundays
- ◆ Holiday Market, 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, in the CLC
- ◆ Coffee at F.E. Pop's: 7 a.m. Thursdays
- ◆ Paintball: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, November 16
- ◆ Small Groups: 5 p.m. Sunday, November 17

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

**Turkey Trot:** Join us for the 12th Annual Florence Turkey Trot 5K on November 28. Get the entire family involved with the free Gobbler Kids' Dash! Participants are encouraged to dress in costume to be eligible for additional prizes! Race starts at 8:30 a.m. at Briggs Elementary School, 1012 Congaree Drive. For more information and to register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Florence/FlorenceTurkeyTrot5K>.

**Handbell Concert:** Ring in the Advent season at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, with our talented Chancel Handbell Choir! This is a First Presbyterian tradition rich with Christmas melodies from around the globe.

Our **First Presbyterian Church Cookbook** made up of more than 200 recipes from covenant partners will be available soon for purchase. Cost will be \$20.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Called Session Meeting: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Lunch: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 PM WiM Salty Sisters: Off campus
- 3:00 PM Living Nativity Rehearsal: Sixth grade only
- 7:30 PM 17U-B Basketball Practice: CLC

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day

- 10:00 AM Florence Garden Club Council: Women's Only Classroom
- 12:30 PM Worship: WOC
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group Meeting: Price Classroom
- 4:00 PM CDC Advisory Team meeting
- 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting: Scout Room
- 5:30 PM Enabling Team Meeting
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203
- 7:00 PM 14U Basketball Practice: CLC

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM WiM Joyful Hearts: Room 100
- 10:00 AM WiM Sonflowers: LR
- 12:00 PM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM WiM Serenity: LR
- 6:00 PM WiM Fall Gathering: CLC
- 6:00 PM WiM Prayer Warriors: Fall Gathering
- 6:00 PM WiM Women of Grace: Fall Gathering

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 8:00 AM Veterans Brunch Meeting
- 12:15 PM Missions Team Meeting: Pilgrim
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Youth Holiday Market: CLC
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: pizza, salad, dessert
- 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Classes Finale
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 PM 17U-A Basketball Practice: CLC

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 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
- 5:00 PM Children's Ministry Team Meeting: WOC
- 5:30 PM 8U-A Basketball Practice: CLC
- 6:30 PM 8U-B Basketball Practice: CLC
- 7:30 PM 14U Basketball Practice: CLC

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 12:30 PM Youth: Paintball

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Legacy of Faith Endowment Workshop: JFH
- 3:00 PM Living Nativity Rehearsal: Sixth grade only
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 7:30 PM 17U-B Basketball Practice: CLC

# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

November 10, 2024



*We are called to love God  
with our head, our heart,  
and our hands*

LOVING  
*with*  
OUR HEAD

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OUR HEART

We commit to loving God and loving people

OUR HANDS

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