

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

## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

setting: John Carter

### GREETINGS

### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Jon Weiss

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

K. Lee Scott

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels 'round the throne.  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
The whole creation joins in one to bless the holy name of Him  
Who sits upon the throne and to adore the Lamb!

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

No. 87

MARDRID

Chancel Choir Interlude between verses 2 and 3

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

located in front of hymnal

### \*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

**Lord, we confess that we live too much by this world and not enough by your Word. We treat the news as if it were the Gospel and your Gospel as if it were yesterday's news. Remind us that you are Lord of all, and that you are our Lord each and every day. Help us to focus more on glorifying you and less on the preoccupations of the day. Hear us now as we pray in silence.** (Time of silent prayer and confession). **We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear these words from the Prophet Jeremiah:

**All: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.** (Lamentations 3: 22-23)

Pastor: God's love is never finished.

**All: Praise God!**

### ANTHEM

*Give Me Jesus*

setting: Mark Hayes

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.  
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, with its troubles and cares,  
For of this I am sure: give me Jesus.

### 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.

### PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Jim Dameron

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*In Christ Alone*

setting: David Angerman

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this Solid Rock, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears and stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

\**The Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*(Sung to the tune of All Creatures of our God and King.)*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
O praise Him, Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

### Gathered to Grow

Acts 11:1-18

(Pew Bible pages 1089-1090)

### MOMENT OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

No. 590

ST. THOMAS

### \*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

*Seven Fold Amen* from "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin

### \*POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

setting: Mark Hayes

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor  
Mr. Jim Dameron, Elder  
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children's Ministry  
The Chancel Choir  
Jim Fincher, Director  
Megerlyn Davis, Soloist and Director  
Betsy Johnson, Music Assistant

\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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

Please 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 the month of 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, 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 p.m.

**Holiday Market:** The youth are gearing up for the Holiday Market, 5 to 6:15 p.m. November 13, which will be held during Wednesday's dinner in the CLC. 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.

**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.

**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!

**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.



**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, khickey@florencefirst.org or 843-662-2583.

**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 “*Moment 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.

**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.

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. After covering the printing cost, proceeds will benefit the church benevolence program and provide scholarship assistance in the Child Development Center.

#### Youth Ministry

- ◆ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sundays
- ◆ Holiday Market, 5 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, November 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

**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 individual or small group packing in the Welcome Center and also in the Women’s Only Classroom through November 19. For more information or shoeboxes for a group, call or text Linda Smiley at 843-618-0324. Shoeboxes may also be built online at samaritanpurse.org.

**Turkey Trot:** Join us for the 12th Annual Florence Turkey Trot 5K on November 28. Get the entire family involved with our 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>. Proceeds likely will benefit Helping Florence Flourish.

**Welcome Ministry:** The Evangelism Team is launching a welcoming ministry, where trained covenant partners and officers assist guests and visitors new to our church. Greeters will be at 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 support from leaders. To be part of this ministry, contact Steve Grady, wculbacker2000@yahoo.com.



## 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 Sunflowers: 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

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FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

November 10, 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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