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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Präludium Johann Krieger

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

RENDEZ À DIEU Louis Bourgeois arr. Carlton Young

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed, By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken. Look on the tears by sinners shed, And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed. Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed. Reginald Heber

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 544 AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

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

*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

Loving Father, we admit that we often fail you. Our love is conditional, we judge and condemn, we cast the first stone, we keep the log in our own eye. Forgive us and empower us to be imitators of Christ in our love and service. (Time of silent prayer and reflection.) In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, know that the mercy of God is greater than our sin. We read in Scripture that his mercies are new every morning. All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ANTHEM

Day of Arising

David M. Cherwien

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part. Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, There Christ is with us in bread and wine. Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise. Susan Palo Cherwien

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kelly Hickey 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 in Worship at the end of the service.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

You Are Holv

DU ÄR HELIG Per Harling

(see insert)

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Rocky Pearce

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

An Offering

Dan Forrest

Christ, Who spared not any cost, Nor any grace withheld, But poured forth Your redeeming blood In love unparalleled; What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss That I may taste the fellowship That brings me near the cross? Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride What You who gave Yourself for me Now bid me lav aside? To know You is my highest gain, Worth any sacrifice, A treasure worthy to possess At any earthly price. Yet if behind my open hands, My heart shrinks from the cost, Teach me that nothing offered You Is ever truly lost. A hundred-fold reward awaits In one glimpse of Your face, My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace. Eileen Berry

*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

The Questions Jesus Asked: A Question about Worship

Mark 14:1-9 (Pew Bible page 1007)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 740

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

*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

Amen

John Weaver

Amen, Amen, Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Major

Jon Roberts

This morning's worship is led by Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor Mr. Rocky Pearce, Elder Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist The Chancel Choir Jim Fincher, baritone Danielle Holland, clarinet Bruce Hubbs, guitar

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.



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 Bobby Henegar for the loss of his wife, Judy; the family of Clara Maxwell; Christy Wallace for the loss of her nephew; Beth Brown; Aubrey Crawford; Billy Daniel; Steve Edwards; Roger Gulick; Barbara Maffett; Bob McLean; and Peggy Taylor.

Wednesday Night Study: Adults are invited to join us at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays for a study titled "Fully Devoted." This video-based series from the creators of The Force, Courageous, and War Room will challenge us to be all in for Jesus. Study guides are available for \$10.

Wednesday Night Life: Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. is \$7 per person, with a cap at \$30. On the menu for Wednesday is pancakes, bacon, and fruit. Educational classes for children follow at 6 p.m. and youth and adults at 6:15 p.m.

A Taste of Alpha: Alpha is one of the most effective tools for evangelism in the world. Since Alpha began in the 1970s, it has been used in 169 countries and reached over 29 million people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. You are invited to EXPERIENCE Alpha for yourself through A TASTE OF ALPHA. On Sunday, February 23, after the 11 a.m. worship service, you are invited to sample a typical Alpha evening — a meal, a video, and small group discussion — in the CLC. For more information, visit florencefirst.org/alpha. RSVP with OR code or call the church office, 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!

Howdy, Partner! In our church a member is called a Covenant Partner. On the first three Sundays in February, Pastor Stuart will lead a new members class between services. We invite you to take your next step forward in faith here by attending our First Connections. The introductory classes will meet from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Sundays, February 9 and 16, in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided or your child(ren) will be invited to a Sunday School class. If you have questions, please give Pastor Stuart a call at 518-321-8055.

Keenagers will meet at noon Tuesday, February 4, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Program will be provided by the children of the Child Development Center. There also will be a musical program by Julian Young. The meal will be caprese-stuffed chicken breast, twice baked potato, stuffed red apples, roasted Brussel sprouts, roll, and red velvet cake. Everyone 55 and older is welcome. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Meal is \$6.

WiM Mid-Winter Gathering: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, in the fellowship hall. Women in Ministry invites all the women of the church to their event, where community Bible study Just for Women's Yvonne Rhodes will be speaking. Our Youth will be cooking and serving as part of their group fundraising initiative. Come connect, learn and strengthen your relationships with God and with each other.

Parents Night Out: Looking for a fun way to enjoy Valentine's Day while your kids have a blast? Bring them to Parents Night Out from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, February 14, hosted by our amazing youth as a fundraiser for their upcoming trips. Infants through fifth grade children will enjoy games, crafts, snacks, dinner, and a movie while you enjoy an evening to yourselves. This event is donation-based; all proceeds will support our youth programs. Registration is required by February 10. Register using the QR code at right or call the church office, 843-662-2583, or email kbryant@florencefirst.org.

Calling all aspiring COOKS! We are looking for covenant partners to join our Wednesday night cooking/serving teams! No experience necessary. Just need your love of food, fun, and fellowship! Contact Jayne Boswell, 843-229-7790, if you are willing to serve.

Youth Ministry

- ◆ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sundays ◆ Youth Group: 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays
- ◆ Coffee at F.E. Pop's: 7 a.m. Thursdays

Just for Women Bible study: Just for Women's weekly study meets at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays in the CLC. It will focus on I and II Kings, and I and II Chronicles. Please note the new time. The study will conclude April 15.

Our **First Presbyterian Church Cookbook** featuring over 200 recipes from covenant partners and staff is available for purchase in the church office. Cost is \$20. After covering the printing cost, proceeds will benefit the church benevolence program and provide scholarship assistance in the Child Development Center.

Memorial Flowers: To place memorial flowers on the pulpit in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Genia Tyson, Genia_Tyson@hotmail.com.

Heartbeat Gala: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 13, at Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology, 1951 Pisgah Road, Florence. Special guest speaker is Pam Tebow, mother of Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow. Funds received at the nonprofit's event support A Choice to Make's mission to empower women and men in unplanned pregnancies. Register at achoicetomake.org/gala.

Jenkins to lead Egypt tour: Join former pastor Dr. Barry Jenkins for an informational session at 4 p.m. February 16 in the fellowship hall regarding an upcoming faith-based Egypt tour he is leading in October. For more information, contact Barry at barryljenkins@gmail.com.

Grandparenting summit: 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, February 22, at First Presbyterian hosted by Helping Florence Flourish. Knowledgeable speakers ranging from Larry Fowler to Harvey Carey will offer advice, purpose, and wisdom. Register at https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/593557/register. For more information, email Chris Handley at chandley@helpingflorenceflourish.org.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM First Connections: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth Small Groups
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word Bible study
- 7:30 PM 17U-B Basketball Practice: CLC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 4:00 PM CDC Advisory Committee: Women's Only Classroom
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM 10U-C Basketball Practice: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203
- 8:00 PM 17U-A Basketball Practice: CLC

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:30 AM CDC Music: JFH
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM Keenagers: JFH
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble
- 5:00 PM 10U-B Basketball Practice: CLC
- 6:00 PM WiM Mid-winter Gathering: IFH
- 6:15 PM 10U-A Basketball Practice: CLC
- 7:15 PM 12U Basketball Practice: CLC
- 8:30 PM 17U-B Basketball Practice: CLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9:45 AM CDC Chapel
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir
- 5:00 PM WiM Bible Moderators Meeting: WOC
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Children Programs
- 6:00 PM WiM Coordinating Team: Room 203
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Adult Elective 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM 17U-A Basketball Practice: CLC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 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
- 12:00 PM Youth: Ski trip
- 5:30 PM 8U-A Basketball Practice: CLC
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM 8U-B Basketball Practice: CLC
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM 14U Basketball Practice: CLC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: Hope Health parking lot
- 9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Room 100

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9Scout Sunday

10:00 AM First Connections: JFH

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Alpha Leadership training: LR
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Lunch: JFH
- 12:15 PM WiM Salty Sisters: Off campus
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word Bible study
- 6:00 PM Youth: Super Bowl party



FIRST Presbyterian FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

February 2, 2025

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LOVING

OUR HEAD

We are lifelong learners shaped by God's Word

OUR HEART

We commit to loving God and loving people

OUR HANDS

We use our God-given gifts to serve others

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