

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

***The Joy** Brian Cooney | Jane Cooney | Nancy Boyce | Ron Termale

This is the day You made
So, I'll rejoice and be glad,
rejoice and be glad in it
This is where I believe that You are more than enough,
more than enough for me

You are faithful to Your promise,
You are strong when I am weak
When I'm standing in Your presence, I have ev'rything I need

The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength
O my soul, bless His Name
All that is within me say
The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength

Jesus, come what may
You are worthy of all, worthy of all my praise

Let it rise up like a river, overflowing, Holy Spirit
Let it pour out with no limit, overflowing, Holy Spirit
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Only A Holy God

Dustin Smith | Jonny Robinson
Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God Only my Holy God

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

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 in Worship at the end of the service.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Psalm 90

You have been our dwelling place
Oh, everlasting God
Before You formed the mountain tops,
You were before it all
And soon our lives turn back to dust

When the sun comes up, satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget
All Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love

The wrath of God poured out for sin
On Jesus crucified
Consider Him our hiding place,
Our shelter is alive
Because He lived and died for us

When the sun comes up, satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget
All Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Giving Up Control

Matthew 4:1-11
(Pew Bible page 957)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin | Daniel Carson | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God The Light of the world
Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rose on the chancel this morning is in honor of Harrison Allen Lewis, born February 12, son of Weston and Carli Lewis.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Robert Louis Ray, by Janie Ray.

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 Tallon Temple, for the loss of his mother, Frances; Aubrey Crawford; Steve Edwards; Bob McLean; and Peggy Taylor.

Nominations for Pastor Nominating Committee:

The ad hoc committee for selecting the Pastor Nominating Committee welcomes and encourages your participation in the nominating process.

If you have a name(s) of a covenant partner you would like the committee to consider for the Pastor Nominating Committee, please use the form available in the Welcome Center and Sanctuary. Deadline for submissions is **today**.

There will be **7 people** who will serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee, as outlined below:

- ◆ **2 of the 7** will be sitting elders (nominated by the Session)
- ◆ **1 of the 7** will be a sitting deacon (nominated by the Diaconate)
- ◆ **4 of the 7** will be at-large FPC members (nominated by the congregation)

Anyone submitting a nomination must first ask the prospective nominee for their approval before submitting their name. It is important to recognize that any name placed in the nomination box has a real possibility of being selected.

Prayerfully consider each name placed on the ballot and be sure to give nominees sufficient time to consider their willingness to serve.

To help the committee consider the person's qualifications, please comment on the candidate by using the general guidelines on the form, which the denomination suggests for your consideration of nominees. Nominations can be placed in the boxes in the Welcome Center or Sanctuary, mailed to the church or given to a member of the ad hoc committee, which includes: Jayne Boswell, Johnny Stoupenos, Merrette Dowdell, Cille Scott, and Betsey Moore.

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held at 10:40 a.m. on March 23, 2025, in the sanctuary for the purpose of receiving a report from the ad hoc nominating team for the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect a slate of representatives who will serve on our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Members of that PNC will be charged with the task of conducting the search for our next Pastor/Head of Staff for First Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC. The names of nominees proposed by the ad hoc team to serve on the PNC will be published the week of March 16 prior to that congregational meeting.

Welcome Ministry Meeting: Following the 11 a.m. worship today, there will be a Welcome Ministry Meeting in the Lawson-Rain Chapel. Be a part of the welcoming ministry, where trained covenant partners and officers assist guests and visitors new to our church. Join us today. Contact Steve Grady, wculbacker2000@yahoo.com.

Giving is an act of worship! Did you know you can **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!



Chili Cook-off: Men vs Women edition. Calling all cooks! Show us your culinary skills by submitting an entry to the Wednesday Night Chili Cook-off that will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. All Covenant Partners are invited to participate. Deadline to enter is March 10; please contact Elder Brandon Hylton at 843-319-1937 or bhylton76@gmail.com by then. The intent of the cook-off is to have fun but also provide a meal for the families attending Wednesday night's programs.

Adult Combined Sunday School: Please join us at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 16, in the fellowship hall for an Adult Combined Sunday School with guest speaker Sasha Tsutserov. First Presbyterian supports the ministry at the Moscow Seminary, where Sasha trains nearly 600 full-time student-ministers studying to spread the Word in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, and the rest of the former Soviet Union.

Men's Ministry Wild Game Dinner: All men are invited to participate in a wild game dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, in the CLC. Men are asked, but not required, to bring a wild game dish to share with others. Please let Brandon Hylton know if you plan to attend (bhylton76@gmail.com or 843-319-1937).

Children's Ministry

♦ **Planning for Children's Sunday** will start on Sunday, March 9, after the 11 a.m. service. Third- through fifth-graders' planning sessions are on March 9, 16, and 23 with Miss Kaiti and Mrs. Kelly in the fourth-grade classroom. Lunch will be provided. *Children's Sunday will be held at 10 a.m. May 11.*

WinShape KickOff Week is March 10. Helping Florence Flourish is excited to offer a registration discount for the first 50 families to register. The first camper from each family will receive a \$40 discount for the camp held June 30-July 4 on the campus of First Presbyterian. WinShape then offers its own discount for each sibling that registers. Starting March 10, use the QR code at right to register. *The total cost does not have to be paid in full at time of registration. Families can make payments up until June 26.*



Youth Ministry

- ♦ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sundays
- ♦ Small Groups: 5 p.m. March 9
- ♦ Youth Group: 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays
- ♦ Coffee at F.E. Pop's: 7 a.m. Thursdays

Masterworks Choir and Children's Choir will be in concert at 4 p.m. today at Central United Methodist Church in Florence. Come support our choir members in this musical event. Admission is free.

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.

Special Prayer Needs: We encourage you to note your prayer requests on the *Request for Prayer* cards and then place them in the offering plate. Your requests are referred to the Pastor.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 Daylight Saving Time

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Children's Sunday Planning
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Lunch
- 12:00 PM Welcome Ministry Meeting: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 12:15 PM WiM Salty Sisters: off campus
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups

MONDAY, MARCH 10

- 9:00 AM CDC Bookmobile: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Florence Garden Club Council: Women's Only Classroom
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting: Scout Room
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:30 PM WiM Women of Grace: off campus
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM WiM Joyful Hearts: Room 100
- 10:00 AM WiM Sonflowers: LR
- 10:30 AM CDC Music: JFH
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 AM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble
- 3:00 PM WiM Serenity: LR
- 5:30 PM Enabling Meeting
- 6:00 PM WiM Prayer Warriors: LR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00 AM Veterans Brunch meeting
- 9:45 AM CDC Chapel
- 12:15 PM Missions Team meeting: Pilgrim
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: Chili Cook-off, cornbread muffins, brownies
- 6:00 PM Alpha: JFH
- 6:00 PM Children's Programs
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- 7:00 AM CDC Doughnuts for Dad: JFH
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

CDC closed for cleaning
Youth: Spring Getaway

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- 2:00 PM Jay Reece memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Adult Combined Sunday School with Sasha Tsutserov
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

March 9, 2025



*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

We use our God-given gifts to serve others

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