

# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

September 14, 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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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Elder David Spivey

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

### *\*House Of The Lord*

Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

We worship the God who was,  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors,  
He parted the raging sea  
My God, He holds the victory, yeah

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals,  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross,  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

We were the beggars, now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners, now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

### *Build My Life/How Firm a Foundation*

Brett Younker | Karl Martin  
Kirby Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You


Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, We live for You

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

## 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 &amp; OUR OFFERINGS

***Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul***

Anne Steele | Matthew Merker

Dear refuge of my weary soul  
On Thee when sorrows rise  
On Thee when waves of trouble roll  
My fainting hope relies

To Thee I tell each rising grief  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief  
For every pain I feel

But oh when gloomy doubts prevail  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail  
And all my hopes decline

Yet gracious God where shall I flee  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face  
And shall I seek in vain  
And can the ear of sov'reign grace  
Be deaf when I complain

No still the ear of sov'reign grace  
Attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access to breathe  
My sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will  
And wait beneath Thy feet

## SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

**Rebuilding Our Broken World:**

True Leadership  
Nehemiah 5:14-19  
(Pew Bible page 476)

## SONG OF RESPONSE

***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*** Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below, Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine

## BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor  
Mr. Brandon Hylton, Elder  
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children's Ministry  
Praise Team  
Keith Hamrick (Drums)  
Curt Boswell (Bass)  
Jude Emert (Guitar/Vocals)  
Luke Matthews (Keys/Vocals)  
David Sanderson (Electric guitar)  
Megan Garrison (Vocals)  
Courtney Emert (Vocals)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lord, Hear Our Prayer.** Those in need of prayer include Bonnie Stuber, for the loss of her sister, Joyce Kirven; Clara Alexander; Aubrey Crawford; Steve Edwards; Frank Hodges; Barry Jenkins; Keith Jones; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Mary Ann Nash; Ginger Sullivan; and Clara Williamson.

**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.

**Missions Week:** From September 14 to September 21, First Presbyterian will be highlighting missions we support in the community and around the globe. Join us for our **Missions Fair on September 17** during our Wednesday night programming to learn more about the meaningful work we are involved with and how you may be included. Then on September 21, Actionnel Fleurisma with Operation Force for Christ Bayonnais in Haiti will lead a Combined Sunday School at 10 a.m. in the CLC.

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a Congregational Meeting at 10:40 a.m. Sunday, September 28, in the Sanctuary to receive the report of the Officer Nomination Committee for Elders and Deacons and to elect church officers for the class of 2028.

**Church Directory:** It's time for us to update our pictorial church directory, and it won't be complete without you. We will be photographing all families September 24-27. Schedule your photography session online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Log in after clicking Photography Session Sign-Up by using username **sc311** and **photos** as the password. You can call Kimberly Brauss or Emily Reed in the church office to set up an appointment or provide other assistance, as well, 843-662-2583.

**Wednesday Night Adult Classes:** Dr. Stuart Bond and Dr. Bill Cain will be offering two classes this fall. Join us at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, as Pastor Stuart will be leading a study of the book *Becoming a Healthy Disciple: 10 Traits of a Vital Christian*, where author Stephen Macchia explores the 10 traits of a healthy disciple, including a vital prayer life, evangelistic outreach, worship, servanthood, and stewardship.

Bill Cain also will be leading a 6-week class on "*Leaving a Legacy*." This class starting September 24, as well, is open to all parents, regardless of the age of your child(ren) to learn about the most important gift you can give your children. What's the most important gift you can give your children? It's a question that deserves our full attention. This is an issue essential to our child's well-being throughout their life. Their sense of identity and purpose is wrapped around this issue.



## Lord, Hear Our Prayer



*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

— Revelation 3:20

Pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee that they will not only hear God's voice but will act upon it and not dismiss the clear direction the Lord is leading them.

**Weekly family meals** are held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays before our educational programming. The cost of meals is \$7/person with a \$30 family maximum. Dinner on September 17 will be fried chicken, green beans, bread, and dessert.

**Help Us Get in Touch with Our College Students:** 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 Tara Newton, tarabecknewton@gmail.com.

**Increased Safety Presence, Protocols:** First Presbyterian Church has proactively formed a Safety Team to enhance security measures during worship services and the Sunday School hour. A Safety Team member will monitor the Welcome Center and Nursery/Preschool classroom areas to ensure only parents or guardians of children in those classes have access to those areas. This will free up the Florence County Sheriff's Deputy to focus more on the outside areas of campus. In order to assist the Safety Team in this effort, you are asked to:

- ♦ Register your children at the tower entrance when you arrive or online before arrival at the First Presbyterian Church campus.
- ♦ Retain the proper matching credential provided at KidsMin Check-in to facilitate a smooth pick up of your child when the service or Sunday School hour is over.
- ♦ Advise your relatives that without identification and matching credentials for each child they will not be allowed access to the Nursery/Preschool area.
- ♦ Cooperate with the Safety Team member(s) if asked for credentials and or ID.

The Safety Team will strive to provide a protective church environment for your children in the most unintrusive manner possible. Should you have any questions, please contact Elder David Spivey at 704-604-3644.

**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 Church!



**Mission Trip:** Covenant Partners Sasha Hall and Kimberly Packard have the opportunity to go to Southwest Asia. To contribute to the mission, please use the QR code and select *Southwest Asia Mission Trip* in the drop down.

**The Naomi Project Lunch:** Support The Naomi Project and its mission to help families recover from domestic abuse during this lunch event held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at St. John's Church. Lunch includes barbecue or baked chicken, chicken bog, corn, green beans, dinner roll, and dessert for \$15. Visit NaomiProject.com or call 843-615-1548 to order. Buy 10 lunches and it will be delivered to your location.

### Covenant Partner Magnetic Name Badges Order Form

If you would like a Covenant Partner name badge, please return this form to Emily Reed in the office with your check made payable to First Presbyterian.

Name *(exactly the way it should appear on your badge)* \_\_\_\_\_

Number of badges (\$7 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### Missions Week

- 8:30 AM Women's Retreat
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service: Moment for Mission (David Spivey)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service: Moment for Mission (David Spivey)
- 12:15 PM Mentor-Confirmant Lunch: JFH
- 2:00 PM WiM Sunday Salty Sisters: off campus
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 9:00 AM CDC Florence County Library Bookmobile
- 9:30 AM CDC Chapel
- 12:00 PM Weekly Prayer: Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 1:30 PM Evangelism & Discipleship Team Meeting: WOC
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting

### WEDSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

#### Missions Fair

- 8:15 AM Personnel Team Meeting
- 2:00 PM Staff Meeting: WOC
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Missions Fair (Food: fried chicken, green beans, bread, and dessert)
- 6:00 PM Children's Programs
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 10:45 AM CDC Grandparents Day
- 2:00 PM United Way set up for Day of Caring breakfast: CLC

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:00 AM United Way Day of Caring breakfast: CLC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Combined Adult Sunday School with Actionnel Fleurisma: CLC
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM First Connections: JFH
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth: Wheeldateens!
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC