

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

September 28, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**Goodbye Yesterday*

Gracie Binion | Joshua Holiday
Mitch Wong | Steven Furtick

Goodbye yesterday
I'm living in the light of a new day
I won't waste another minute in my old ways
Praise the Lord I've been born again

Again and again and again and again
You rescued me out of the mess I was in
You traded my sorrow for something to sing
Now I'm dancing on the grave that I once lived in

Goodbye yesterday
I'm living in the light of a new day
I won't waste another minute in my old ways
Praise the Lord I've been born again

Goodbye yesterday
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
I've got resurrection in my veins
Praise the Lord I've been born

Again and again and again and again
You rescued me out of the mess I was in
You traded my sorrow for something to sing
Now I'm dancing on the grave that I once lived in

I have decided To follow Jesus
The world behind
The cross before and I won't turn back

I won't turn back I won't turn back
The world behind
The cross before and I won't turn back

Again and again and again and again
You rescued me out of the mess I was in
You traded my sorrow for something to sing
Now I'm dancing on the grave that I once lived in

Praise the Lord I've been born again

The First Hymn

Ben Fielding | Chris Tomlin

Let all be silent
The shining stars not sound
Rushing rivers still
Let the mountains bow down
In awe and wonder
In reverence we come
Who is worthy of all worship
Who is seated on the throne

All powers cry out in answer
All glory and praise forever
To our God
The Father Son and Holy Spirit
Amen we sing amen

Who is worthy of all worship
Who is seated on the throne

To the only Giver of all good gifts
Amen
To the only One who forgives our sins
Amen
To the only God to the Risen King
To the One who died and rose again
Amen we sing amen

Amen we sing amen amen
We sing our hymn amen

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder John Scott

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

I Need Thee Every Hour

Annie Sherwood Hawks | Robert Lowry

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford

I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
Bless me now my Savior I come to Thee

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh

I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
Bless me now my Savior I come to Thee

In every moment for my next breath
From where I'm standing to my next step
I know You're with me my closest friend
From the beginning until the end

In every season through every storm
When chaos comes when oceans roar
You are my anchor my only hope
I place my trust in You alone

I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
Bless me now my Savior I come to Thee
Bless me now my Savior I come to Thee

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Rebuilding Our Broken World: With the Help of Our God

Nehemiah 6:15-19
(Pew Bible page 477)

SONG OF RESPONSE

I Surrender All

Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter | Winfield Scott Weeden

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name

BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mr. John Scott, Elder
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children's Ministry
Praise Team
Vic Rockhill (Leader)
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

The flowers this morning are being given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Maffett, beloved husband of Barbara Maffett.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer. Those in need of prayer include Bruce Hubbs, for the loss of his father; Clara Alexander; Aubrey Crawford; Steve Edwards; Frank Hodges; Barry Jenkins; Keith Jones; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Janie Ray; 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.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting at 10:40 a.m. today 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.

A Message to Elders — You should have each received an invitation for our Dinner Meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, September 29. We will meet in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall to enjoy a nice meal and time together. Please plan to be there! Even though we have "rolled off" of the Session, we are all still Elders. It is encouraging to see how so many of you have stayed involved in our church and the community. Let's come together for food and fellowship with our current Session and our Pastor.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer



If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

— Matthew 21:22

Through faith, we know that God has chosen the next Pastor for our congregation so continue to be in prayer for the one chosen by Him.

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 October 1 will be pizza, salad, and dessert.

Wednesday's Adult Electives: Dr. Stuart Bond and Dr. Bill Cain each offer classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays this fall. Pastor Stuart teaches *Becoming a Healthy Disciple: Ten Traits of a Vital Christian*. Bill Cain speaks to a question that deserves our full attention: What is the MOST IMPORTANT GIFT you can give to your child? His latest class is *Family Discipleship: Discovering and Developing Your Most Important Role as a Parent*.

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.

Recital: Join us as Violinist Qiao Chen Solomon and pianist Paolo André Gualdi present a captivating program at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, in the Sanctuary dedicated to women composers whose voices have profoundly shaped the landscape of classical music. This recital shines a light on the brilliance and resilience of women in music — composers who overcame societal limitations to create works of profound beauty and emotional depth.

Church League Basketball is right around the corner. Member registration will begin Monday, October 6. Members take priority for spots on each basketball team, but registration for non-members will begin Monday, October 13. All registration will end Friday, October 24, and we hope to start practices the week of November 3. No late registrations will be accepted. The league is planning to cap the number of teams in each league, so it is important for anyone looking to participate to sign up as quickly as possible to ensure a spot on a team. The leagues are based on your age as of September 1, 2025, and the age groups are 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 17U. No player who plays school ball at any level is eligible to play in 12U, 14U, or 17U. All leagues are co-ed. The fee per player to participate is \$35. If you have any questions or if any church members would like to volunteer to coach, please contact Jason Coker at 843-260-4786 or jason@cokerdirect.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 Church!



Youth Ministry

- ♦ Wednesday Night Youth Group: 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.
- ♦ Coffee at F.E. Pop's on Thursdays: 7 a.m. - until
- ♦ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Light breakfast served.
- ♦ Wheeldateens! 5 p.m. October 5
- ♦ Small Groups: 5 to 7 p.m. October 12 and 26
- ♦ Apple Picking Trip: October 17-19. Please sign up and pay by October 1.

The Tabernacle: Continue to lift this ministry and volunteers up as they are in Wilson, North Carolina, spreading His message.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM First Connections: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 10:40 AM Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 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
- 6:00 PM CDC Staff Meeting: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 6:00 PM Fellowship of Elders Dinner: JFH
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM CDC Music Time
- 7:30 PM Violin, Piano Recital (Qiao Solomon and Paolo Gualdi): Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 2:00 PM Staff Meeting: WOC
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM WiM Bible Moderators: WOC
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: Pizza, salad, dessert
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM WiM Coordinating Team: Room 203
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 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
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Service Team Meeting: Scout Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 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