

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Praise to God the Father

LIMBURG GESANGBUCH, 1838

arr. Robert J. Powell

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Sing Out a Joyful Song

Dale Wood

Sing out a joyful song in praise, and come to celebrate!

With cheerful heart, give thanks to God for goodness ever great. Sing new songs of joy,
to God life your voice! Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!

Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise:

And with the builders of this house, your alleluias raise!

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 71

LOBE DEN HERREN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

in front of hymnal

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

No. 733

MEINEKE

Christoph Meineke

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.

second century Gloria Patri

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting love,

we confess that we have been unfaithful

to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest

instead of serving you.

We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded.

Forgive us, gracious God,

and bring us back into the fullness

of our covenant with you and one another.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— from The Worship Sourcebook, ©2004, Faith Alive Christian Resources

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God's love is greater than our sin and deeper than our failures. Brothers and sisters, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Amen.

ANTHEM

And The Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting over you in song!
And He will joy over you in song; And He will joy over you in song!
My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries.
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
Awake my soul! Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice,
Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And He will joy over you in song!
And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves!
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting over you in song!
God rejoices over you. God rejoices over you in song!
Zephaniah 3:14, 16, Psalm 34:2, 4

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Teach Me the Songs of Your Truth

David Haas

Teach me the songs of your truth, O Lord, that I may bear fruit in you.
Open to me the music of your spirit, that with every note I sing, I may praise you.
Out of your kindness grant me this. For you are the answer to all our needs.
Odes of Solomon, second century

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder John Scott

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

American Folk Tune
John Wyeth, 1813
arr. by Richard Walters

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson

**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.

**Rebuilding Our Broken World:
With the Help of Our God**

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

No. 405
SOLID ROCK

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

John Weaver

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665
setting by J. Wayne Kerr

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mr. John Scott, Elder
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children's Ministry
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel Choir
Emily Lake, soprano
Laura Anne Hofler, alto
Margaret Jones, flute
Lily Green, flute
Danielle Holland, clarinet

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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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.

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 Bruce Hubbs, 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.

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

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. Let us consider how we may spur one another on ... encouraging one another. Hebrews 10:23-25. Contact Debbie Jackson or Janet Brand with any questions or suggestions.



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.

Wednesday Nights at First Presbyterian: Join us for weekly family meals held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays before our educational programming for all ages that begins at 6 p.m. The cost of meals is \$7/person with a \$30 family maximum. Dinner on October 1 is 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*.

Keenagers' season kicks off at noon Tuesday, October 7, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. All 55 and older are welcome to join this group for food, fun, and fellowship. Program will be music from our past with special guests. Meal will be \$6: barbecue, slaw, baked beans, tossed green salad, rolls, and banana pudding. Come and join us!

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 will 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!



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM First Connections: JFH
- 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 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