



Reformation Sunday



First Presbyterian
FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

First Presbyterian Church
10 a.m. October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday

Kirkin' O' the Tartan

PRELUDE

Musique Royale

Michael Richard Delalande

GREETINGS

PROCESSION OF TARTANS

Highland Cathedral

Scottish Traditional

The Piper
The Beadle
The Minister
The Director of Music
The Chancel Choir
The Procession of Tartans

INTROIT

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Henry Purcell

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

7th century, Latin

CALL TO WORSHIP Q. 1&2 of the Heidelberg Catechism of 1563

Dr. Stuart Bond

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Leader: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People: Three things:

First, how great my sin and misery are;

Second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;

Third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

No. 507

EIN' FESTE BURG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *This Affirmation of Faith (with thanksgiving) is based on Scripture, the Belgic Confession, Heidelberg and Westminster Shorter Catechism. Let us read responsively.*

SCRIPTURE ALONE

Leader: God makes Himself known to us by His holy and divine Word; as much as we need in this life, for his glory and for the salvation of his own. (*Belgic Confession Art. 2*)

All: We receive all 66 books, and these only, as holy and authoritative, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith. (*Belgic Confession Art. 5*)

All: We thank God, for the Word, and the special care this shows He has for us and our salvation. (*Belgic Confession Art. 3*)



GRACE ALONE

Leader: Paul wrote, "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

All: So ... without us deserving it at all, God grants and credits to us the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. (Heidelberg Catechism A 60) And so... We thank God that He does not treat us as our sins deserve, that He does not repay us according to our sins. (Psalm 103:10)

FAITH ALONE

Leader: Again Paul wrote, It is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

All: All we need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart. (Heidelberg Catechism A 60) We thank God, for the gift of faith, that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes Him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from Him. (Belgic Confession Art. 22)

CHRIST ALONE

Leader: Scripture teaches that "the angel said to Joseph, 'Give him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.'" (Matthew 1:21)

All: Therefore, Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for salvation elsewhere. (Heidelberg Catechism A 29) And so we thank God, for Jesus, that in Him we have all that we need for our salvation. (Heidelberg Catechism A 30)

TO GOD ALONE ... BE THE GLORY

All: The chief end of man is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever. (Westminster Shorter Catechism 1) Therefore let us glorify God for Scripture, for grace, for faith, for Jesus.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Choir sings, then the Congregation

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Old Scottish chant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *(Adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church of Zurich, 1525)*

"Merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before Your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed Your commandments and are worthy of Your anger. But, Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased You. We pray that Your grace may bring help to our distress. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us. Forgive us our sins, through the holy sufferings of Your dear Son, Jesus, and grant us now the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND ABSOLUTION/PARDON

Adapted from Psalm 130 and Psalm 131

Leader: "Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption."

People: "Put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore."

All: "For He Himself will redeem His people from all their sins." Thanks be to God!



ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

The Southern Harmony
setting by Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease;

I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

John Newton

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Recognition of the Tradition

Mr. Porter Stewart

Presentation of the Tartans

On behalf of all the clans represented here today, we present these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our rich heritage and pray God's blessing on His servant people in all lands.

The Blessing (unison)

Almighty God, as these tartans remind us today of our family heritage and our Presbyterian history, remind us that we are all members of Your family. Might we love one another and in so doing, serve and honor You. Bless us, O God, as we seek to be faithful disciples of Your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kaiti Bryant

☞ Children in 3K-5K are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children's Church*. If this is your child's first visit, we encourage you to walk with them. Parents, pick up your children in Room 100 at the end of the service.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Fellowship of Believers

Jay Althouse

We're a fellowship of believers; we have come to God in prayer to renew the faith and Christian love we share.

We're a fellowship of believers; we are one great family. Let us join our hearts in peace and harmony.

Our trust in God almighty is the rock on which we stand. We congregate to worship hand in hand. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder David Spivey

THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS

In memory of our Covenant Partners who have joined the Church Triumphant since last year's Kirkin' O' the Tartan.

Fran Curtis
Roger Gulick
Judy Henegar
Marie Jordan
Clara Maxwell
Jay Reece
Peggy Taylor
Martha Tyson



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Louis Bourgeois
Genevan Psalter, 1551
setting Ralph Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him, and rejoice.
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

William Kethe

*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

REFORMED, AND ALWAYS BEING REFORMED

Revelation 2:1-5
(Pew Bible Page 1216)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 84

ST. ANNE

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL

Scotland, The Brave

Scottish Traditional

The Piper
The Beadle
The Chancel Choir
The Ministers
The Congregation

*POSTLUDE

Heroic Music
from *Musique héroïque*

Georg Philipp Telemann

*Congregation is invited to stand.

👉 Pastor will dismiss children to leave with their worship caregiver.

What is a Kirkin'?

The History and The Legend

The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. Prince Charles Edward Stewart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) and the Highland Clans fought to restore the throne to the Royal House of Stewart. They were defeated by the English at the battle of Culloden in 1746. To control the Scots, the Act of Proscription was enacted and forbade the carrying of arms, speaking in Gaelic and Scottish music, which included the pipes. Orders were given for the English troops to kill any person dressed in or displaying their Scottish tartan.

This act prompted the Scots to carry secretly with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the "Kirk" or church. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against the tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

The First Kirkin'

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, and pastor of the New York Presbyterian Church in Washington (and later Chaplain of the U.S. Senate), led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with the proceeds designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the DC Saint Andrew's Society continued to hold prayer services for the British subjects. These became known as Kirkins.

Martin Luther's A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Among his voluminous works, Luther wrote some 36 hymns. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," composed between 1527 and 1529, is by far the most well known. Based on Psalm 46, the hymn is a celebration of the sovereign power of God over all earthly and spiritual forces, and of the sure hope we have in him because of Christ. After its publication, it gained immense popularity throughout Reformed Europe. The hymn became closely associated with Luther himself, as it embodied in its words and melody so much of the character of its author — bold, confident, defiant in the face of opposition. This association is symbolized in the monument to Luther at Wittenberg, where the first line of the lyrics were engraved on the base.

Music

Our offertory anthem is a hymn tune from the Genevan Psalter, 1551. The Genevan Psalter was completed over a number of years in Geneva, a center of Protestant activity during the Reformation, in response to the teaching of John Calvin. OLD HUNDRETH receives its current name from Psalm 100 in a translation by William Kethe, a Scottish clergyman. This setting by Ralph Vaughan William was composed for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953. Our closing hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," published in 1719, is one of Isaac Watts' most splendid hymns. Based on Psalm 90, the hymnwriter put the text to the tune of ST. ANNE composed in 1708 by William Croft.

John Calvin and John Knox

John Calvin, born in France in 1509, intended to be a priest but entered the field of law. He encountered the writings of Martin Luther, broke from Catholicism, and he settled in Switzerland as an exile. He produced a major systemic theology, a clear articulation of Reformation teachings. John Knox (1513-1572), a Scottish minister, is credited with shaping Scottish Calvinism and Presbyterian tradition in parts of the world. Knox was influenced by the teaching of John Calvin, the father of Presbyterianism, in Geneva in the 1550s. From Scotland, the Church spread to Ireland, where immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought the Presbyterian Church and its form of government to America. In 1705, the Presbytery of Philadelphia was organized as the first Presbytery in the American colonies.

The Clans

Clans were a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. They were not necessarily related by blood. Clans used their tartans as a means of identification, thus the various clan names with their identifying tartan. We could say our way of speaking of ourselves as covenant partners mimics the idea behind clans.

The Tartans

For centuries the tartan formed part of the everyday garb of the Highland people and became identified with those who lived in the same district and subsequently with Clan kinship. The antiquity of the tartan has never been doubted, but the idea of a common “Clan” tartan may not have originated until the 18th century. Tartans are described according to the purpose for which they are named. Several terms are used to identify the tartan. “Old” denotes the original design of the clan tartan. “Ancient” is somewhat misleading and has nothing to do with the age of the tartan. It indicates the tartan has been woven in lighter colored shades. “Dress” tartans were originally worn by the ladies of the Clan who preferred lighter colored patterns. “Hunting” tartans are worn for sport and outdoor activities; therefore the primary colors are brown and dark hues to blend with the surroundings. “District” tartans are probably the oldest from which Clan tartans developed and are worn by people residing in a certain District. Several tartans developed a specific purpose, such as the “Royal” tartan which is worn only by members of the royal family, a “Military” tartan worn by members of the military, and a “Clergy” tartan worn by members of the clergy. The Tartan on the Pulpit was commissioned by the Montreat Scottish Society and is worn by the Montreat Pipe Band.

The Scottish Flags

Scottish Flags are placed on either side of the flag stand this morning.



The official Scottish flag is the cross of St. Andrew, also known as the Saltire. It is said to be one of the oldest flags of any country, dating back to the 12th century. Andrew, an apostle of Jesus, was said to have been put to death by the Romans in Greece by being pinned to a cross of this shape.



The yellow flag is referred to as the “Rampant Lion” or Royal flag of Scotland. It is based on a flag older than the St. Andrew’s Cross, but strictly speaking is only used today by the monarch in relation to her capacity as Queen in Scotland. It is widely used as a second national flag.

The Bagpipe

Perhaps no other instrument inspires more contradictory responses than the beloved and interesting bagpipe. It is a unique instrument, and because it has four sets of reeds, it is easy to play out of tune. It is the only musical instrument with its own English language verb to describe its sound — only a bagpipe “skirls” or “produces a high, shrill, wailing tone.” It is the only surviving European folk instrument without a “regular chair” in the symphonic orchestra. Unlike the early fiddles, flutes, horns, and keyboards, the bagpipe followed its own evolutionary path.

Roman soldiers occupying the Middle East adopted the bagpipe and likely brought it to Britain during the Roman occupation. Throughout most of its historic distribution and mutations, the bagpipe was known for its soft, sweet sound suited for dancing and festivals. Only in Scotland and Ireland did the instrument mutate into a weapon of war.

The Great Highland bagpipe and the Irish war pipe developed the volume to signal warriors and intimidate the enemy over the din of battle. It is the Highland bagpipe that has grown in popularity. Innovations continue, but the Scottish pipe has assumed its place on an international stage — a most noteworthy, if not peculiar, ambassador of Scotland.

The Kilt

The kilt, which is worn by the bagpiper, is one of the few European national costumes to survive as a practical everyday garment. In earlier times, the Highlander gathered a blanket about his waist with a leather belt and folded the sides over in the front to keep warm in the mountains. The top half could hang down in the back, be pinned at the shoulder, or in bad weather, pulled over the head. Since the kilt had no pockets, a leather purse, or sporran, was hung around the waist. Thick-knitted hose and heavy deerhide boots were worn to protect the legs and feet. An eating knife was stuck in the top of the hose, the skenedhus.

The Beadle

During the Middle Ages and through the Reformation, Bibles were rare among the common people. The value of the sacred Scriptures and the danger of theft led to the establishment of a special office within the Kirk (Church) known as the “Beadle.” The chief duty of the Beadle was always to guard and protect the Bible. The Beadle began the worship service by carrying the Bible ceremoniously into the sanctuary and opening it for the morning reading, and removed the Bible from the Kirk for safekeeping following the service. Dr. Weave Whitehead serves as the Beadle today.

Reformation Confessions

The Reformers (John Knox, John Calvin, Martin Luther, and others) faced a problem, namely, that it’s hard to guide a program of reform by reference to the whole Bible, which is very large, or by reference to a single verse from it, which is very small. To solve this problem they reached for a solution at least as old as the earliest forms of the Apostles’ Creed. They wrote medium-length catechisms and confessions of faith that summarized Scriptural teaching in a form handy enough to be learned, or even memorized, by believers. Expectably, these documents describe God, Christ, and the Spirit; they describe the Trinity, the Incarnation, and Jesus’ atonement for sin. They also describe the drama of the kingdom of God, including creation, fall, and redemption. These confessions include the Scots Confession, Westminster Confession and Westminster Shorter and Larger Catechism, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and others. This past January, the Synod of the ECO voted for our own Confessional Standards that include the Nicene and Apostles’ Creed, the Heidelberg and Westminster Catechism Shorter and Larger, and the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the more recent Declaration of Barmen.

Tartans of First Presbyterian Church - Florence

Clan and Tartan

Abercrombie Modern
Aberdeen District
Anderson Ancient
Anderson Modern
Angus District
Angus District
Angus District
Angus District
Angus District
Armstrong Ancient
Argyll District
Ayrshire District
Boyd Modern
Brodie Modern
Bruce Ancient
Bruce Ancient
Bruce Modern
Bruce Modern
Buchanan Ancient
Buchanan Hunting
Buchanan Modern
Buchanan Old Sett

Burnett Ancient
Cameron Modern
Campbell Argyll Ancient
Campbell Argyll Ancient
Campbell Argyll Modern
Campbell Argyll Weathered
Campbell Modern
Campbell Modern
Campbell of Cawdor Modern
Carolina
Citadel
Clan Cian
Clergy
Colquhoun Ancient
Colquhoun Ancient
Colquhoun Modern
Colquhoun Modern
Cooper Ancient
Craig Ancient
Craig Ancient
Crawford Modern
Davidson Modern
Davidson Modern

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Clan and Tartan

Douglas Modern

Douglas Modern
Dunbar Modern
Dunbar Modern
Dunbar Modern
Dundee District
Edinburgh District
Edinburgh District
Edinburgh District

Farquharson Modern
Ferguson Ancient
Ferguson Modern
Ferguson Modern
Fife District
Fraser Red shade Modern
Galloway District Red
Galloway District Hunting
Glasgow District
Glasgow District
Gordon
Gunn Modern
Gunn Modern
Hay Ancient
Hay Ancient
Hay Modern
Irvine Ancient
Irvine Ancient
Irvine Ancient
Johnston Modern
Jones
Jones
Keith Ancient
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MacArthur Ancient
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MacDonald Clan

MacDonald Dress Ancient
MacDonald Dress Modern

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David and Meredith Banner
Lillian Kunz

Tartans of First Presbyterian Church - Florence

Clan and Tartan

MacDonald Dress Modern
MacDonald of the Isles Green Modern
MacDonald Kingsburgh Modern
MacDonnell Glengarry Modern
MacDougall Modern
MacFarlane Black White
MacFarlane Modern
MacGill Modern
MacGregor Ancient
MacGregor Hunting Ancient
MacGregor Modern
MacInnes Modern
MacIver Modern
MacKay Blue Ancient
MacKay Modern
MacKay Modern
MacLachlan Modern
MacLaine Lochbuie Modern
MacLaren Ancient
MacLean Hunting Modern
MacLaren Hunting/Weathered
MacLaren Modern
MacLaren Modern
MacLean Hunting Modern
MacLean Hunting Modern
MacLean of Duart Ancient
MacLellan Ancient
MacLeod Harris Modern
MacLeod Harris Modern
MacLeod Lewis Modern
MacMillan Ancient
MacMillan Modern
MacNaughton
MacNeil Barra Ancient
MacNeil Barra Modern
MacNeil Colonsay Modern
MacQueen Modern
MacRae Modern
MacThomas Ancient
Malcolm Modern
Moffat
Moffat
Montgomerie Ancient
Montreat
Morgan Modern
Munro Modern
Nisbet Modern
Nisbet Modern
Oliphant Ancient
Robertson Modern
Rose Hunting Ancient
Roxburgh District
Scott Green Ancient
Scott Green Modern
Scott Modern
Scott Modern
Skene Modern
Stewart Dress
Stewart of Appin Hunting
Stewart of Appin Modern
Stewart of Atholl Modern
Stewart Royal
Stewart Royal
Stewart Royal
Stirling District
Stuart of Bute Modern
Stuart of Bute Modern
Thomson Hunting
Thomson Modern
Urquhart Modern
US Army
Wallace Hunting
Wallace Modern
Wallace Modern
Wallace Modern

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Cathy Kunkle Lee
Brian and Christy Wallace
Frances Wallace

Participants in this morning's worship service:

Dr. Stuart Bond, Transitional Pastor
Mr. David Spivey, Elder
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children's Ministry
Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
Dr. Weave Whitehead, Beadle
Mr. Porter Stewart, Scottish Flag Bearer
Dr. Alva Whitehead, Scottish Flag Bearer
The Chancel Choir
Dr. Fran Coleman, soprano
Jennifer Foxworth, violin
Justin Taylor, violin
Lily Green, flute
Betsy Johnson, flute
Kelly Jokisch, trumpet
Glen Adams, bagpipes
Michael Lloyd, timpani

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers for the service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Bruce White, Jr., by his family with love.

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 Peggy Swearingen, for the loss of her father; Glenn Bell; Kent Caudle; Aubrey Crawford; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Janie Ray; Ginger Sullivan; and Clara Williamson.

Reformation Sunday Lunch: Following the service today, we will gather in the CLC for a Reformation Lunch. Donations are being accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

November Keenagers will be held at noon Tuesday, November 4, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Come hear some fascinating stories of several of our veterans and beautiful patriotic music. Enjoy a delightful Thanksgiving feast and good company. All covenant partners 55+ are invited to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Cost of lunch is \$6.

Recital: Benjamin Woods, renowned concert pianist and professor emeritus at Francis Marion University, will be in concert, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 6, in the Sanctuary. He will present a recital of works of Beethoven and Brahms. Woods has given solo piano concerts across the country, including Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress, and Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City, where he made his debut in 1985. As pianist, he has presented many faculty recitals at Francis Marion University, chamber music and solo concerts at other colleges and universities, and performances at community concert series and festivals.

Thornwell Drive: Every year, First Presbyterian Church supports Thornwell by collecting quarters in turkey banks. Again this year, we are taking it a step further by collecting new items needed to support Thornwell's mission to see hopeful, healthy, and empowered children and families fulfilling their God-given potential. For a complete list of needed supplies, scan the QR code at right.



Trunk or Treat: Join us for our Trunk or Treat on Wednesday. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. includes hot dogs, chips, and dessert. There will be two opportunities to win a Golden Pumpkin. First, the Second Annual Costume Contest will be held during dinner. Register upon your arrival. No scary costumes, please. Second, host a trunk for the event to be in the best trunk contest. Sign up to host a trunk by using the QR code at right.



Children's Ministry

- ♦ **Mark Your Calendars:** Living Nativity will be held at 6:30 p.m. December 9 and 10. The Nativity is performed by our sixth-graders along with the Angel Choir, which includes 3K through fifth-grade classes. Sixth-grade rehearsals are most Sundays in November, starting November 2 after the 11 a.m. service with a sixth-grade students and parents meeting in the Lawson-Rain Chapel. For information, contact Kaiti Bryant at kbryant@florencefirst.org.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gift: Gift-filled shoeboxes bring great joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available for individual or small group packing in the Welcome Center through November 23. For more information or shoeboxes for a group, call or text Linda Smiley at 843-618-0324. Shoeboxes may also be built online at samaritanpurse.org.

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!



Help Us Get in Touch with Our College Students: The 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 by email, tarabecknewton@gmail.com.

Welcome Ministry: The Evangelism Team's welcoming ministry assists guests and visitors new to our church. Greeters serve at entry points to welcome and provide information and guidance to guests. Help make our first impressions a true reflection of who we are as God's people gathered together. Covenant partners will have training and support from leaders. To be part of this ministry, contact Steve Grady, wculbacker2000@yahoo.com.

CDC Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Eat in or Take Out) will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 13, in the CLC/Gym. Tickets are available for \$15 a plate, which includes spaghetti, Caesar salad, bread, and dessert. Our goal is to sell 350 tickets this year. We welcome your help with selling tickets. Please contact Kelly Hickey to sell or purchase tickets, khickey@florencefirst.org.

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
- ♦ Small Groups: 5 p.m. Sunday, October 26
- ♦ Fall Retreat

Holiday Market: The youth are gearing up for next month's Holiday Market, which will be held during dinner Wednesday, November 12, before and after worship services on Sunday, November 16. The proceeds help offset the cost of big summer trips. The youth have come up with even more creative and fun gift ideas for this year. They look forward to your support.

Turkey Trot: Join us for the 13th Annual Florence Turkey Trot 5K in historic Florence. Enjoy the 5K race that runs through the beautiful neighborhoods of Florence. Get the entire family involved with the free Gobbler Kids' Dash. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. at Briggs Elementary School, 1012 Congaree Drive. The race is under new ownership and benefits McLeod Health Guest House. For more information and to register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Florence/FlorenceTurkeyTrot5K>.

Handbell Concert: Ring in the Advent season at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, with our talented Chancel Handbell Choir! This is a First Presbyterian tradition rich with Christmas melodies from around the globe.

November is our annual emphasis on Stewardship. As part of our worship during the month of November, we will hear how God is using the First Presbyterian Church to reach our community and the world through our giving to missions and through various ministries of our church. The Bible teaches us that the call to follow Christ is a call to discipleship. During the month we will hear from Dr. Stuart Bond, members of the Session, and testimonies from some of our covenant partners on the importance of stewardship and our growth as disciples. The campaign will culminate with **Commitment Sunday** on November 23. Please give prayerful consideration as to how God would have you give to support and expand the ministries of First Presbyterian in 2026. In addition to our traditional paper commitment cards, you may now make your pledge online from our website and on REALM. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry and mission of our church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 9:30 AM Tartan pickup: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Reformation Sunday Service
- 11:00 AM Reformation Luncheon: CLC
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 9:30 AM CDC Chapel
- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 4:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop Meeting
- 5:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:00 PM CDC Staff Meeting: JFH
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 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: JFH
- 5:30 PM Diaconate
- 6:30 PM Session: JFH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 2:00 PM Staff Meeting: WOC
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Trunk or Treat
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: Women's Only Classroom
- 12:00 PM HFF workshop: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 2:00 PM Good News Club: Royall Elementary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 6:45 AM High School Boys Bible Study

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 Daylight Saving Time ends

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Living Nativity Meeting with Confirmands, Parents: LR