

# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

November 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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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Compass Sunday School Class

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

### *\*So So Good*

Brandon Lake | Jonathan Smith  
Phil Wickham | Steven Furtick

This is my story I'll testify  
The blessings on blessings  
You've poured on my life  
When I start remembering  
How good You've been

Fear turns to worship, tears turn to praise  
Chains of depression broken by grace  
When I start remembering  
How good You've been

You've been so so so so so so good to me  
You've been so so so so so so good to me

The enemy's weapons fall to the ground  
Armies of heaven always surround  
When I start remembering  
How You carried my cross  
You called me by name Loved me like I was  
But You didn't leave me that way  
Was dead now I live yeah that's what You did

You've been so so so so so so good to me  
You've been so so so so so so good to me  
From morning to night the lows and the highs  
I look back on my life and all that I see  
That You've been so so so so so so good to me

When I say God is good you say all the time  
When I say all the time you say God is good

So so so so so so good to me  
You've been so so so so so so good to me  
From morning to night the lows and the highs  
I look back on my life and all that I see  
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I look back on my life and all that I see  
That You've been so so so so so so good to me

### ***Come Thou Fount***

John Wyeth | Robert Robinson | Shane Barnard

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, Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness Lord like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts

And I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
and it's all about you it's all about you Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the things I've made it  
It's all about you it's all about you Jesus

I'll bring you more than a song  
I'll bring you more than a song

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Jim Dameron

## 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

### *Good Good Father*

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father; it's who You are  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am  
It's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still as You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

## SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

### **Rebuilding Our Broken World: God Provides**

Nehemiah 8:13-18

(Pew Bible pages 479-480)

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Same God*

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Pat Barrett | Steven Furtick

I'm calling on the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant  
I'm calling on the God of Moses  
The one who opened up the ocean  
I need you now to do the same thing for me

Oh God my God I need You  
Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible  
I'm calling on the God of David,  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath but I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You  
Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You heard Your children then  
You hear Your children now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You answered prayers back then  
And You will answer now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You were providing then  
You are providing now  
You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You were a healer then You are a healer now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You were a Savior then You are a Savior now  
You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You  
Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit  
Almighty river come and fill me again  
Come and fill me again  
Come and fill me again

## BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor  
Mr. Jim Dameron, 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)  
Stuart Bond (Congas)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 Betty Bell, for the loss of her husband, Glenn; family and friends of Janie Ray; Kent Caudle; Aubrey Crawford; Rainey Josey; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witzenburg.



**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 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 make your pledge online from our website and on Realm. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry and mission of our church.

**Installation Service:** Please join us at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 23, for Dr. Stuart Bond's Installation Service as senior pastor. Prior to the service, at 2:30 p.m., we will gather in the Welcome Center and break into small groups for a time of corporate prayer, thanking God for the gracious gift of Stuart and Cindy Bond joining our covenant family. Those who are able can walk our campus acknowledging the growth we have experienced and praying for wisdom to follow the Lord's guidance in the months and years to come. A reception will follow the installation service.

**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.



**Holiday Market:** The youth are gearing up for Holiday Market, which will be held during dinner Wednesday, November 12, before and after worship services on Sunday, November 16 and 23. 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.

**CDC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** The annual CDC fundraiser will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 13, in the CLC/Gym. Supporters are welcome to eat in or take out. Tickets are available for \$15 a plate. The goal is to sell 350 tickets this year. We welcome your help with selling tickets. Please contact Kelly Hickey to sell or purchase tickets.

**Wednesday Nights at First Presbyterian:** Join us for our weekly family meal held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday 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. Our final Wednesday night dinner for the season is lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert.

### Children's Ministry

- ♦ **Living Nativity:** 6:30 p.m. December 9 and 10. The story of Christ's birth will be brought to life by our sixth-graders along with the 3K-fifth grade angel choir. Rehearsals will be held for the cast at 1:15 p.m. today and 1 p.m. Nov. 16.

### Youth Ministry

- ♦ **Sunday School:** 10 a.m. Sundays. Light breakfast served.
- ♦ **Youth Group:** 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays
- ♦ **Coffee at F.E. Pop's:** 7 a.m. Thursdays
- ♦ **Small Groups:** 5 p.m. November 16
- ♦ **Campfire and Outdoor Movie Night:** 5 p.m. November 23

**Women's Soup Social:** Please join the women of the church at 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 11, in the CLC for fellowship, food, and guest speaker Stewart Billingsley. For more information, contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.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, NOVEMBER 9

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Confirmant-Mentor Lunch: JFH
- 12:00 PM New elder and deacon training with lunch: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 1:15 PM Living Nativity Sixth Grade Cast Rehearsal
- 4:00 PM Basketball Practice: 8U
- 5:00 PM Basketball Practice: 10UA
- 6:00 PM Basketball Practice: 12U
- 7:00 PM Basketball Practice: 17UB

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:30 AM CDC Chapel
- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 4:30 PM Girl Scouts meeting
- 5:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Basketball Practice: 10UB
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203
- 8:00 PM Basketball Practice: 14U

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM Staff retreat
- 10:00 AM WiM Joyful Hearts, Sonflowers: Room 100
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM WiM Serenity: LR
- 5:00 PM Worship Team Meeting: Women's Only Classroom
- 5:30 PM Enabling Meeting
- 6:00 PM Women's Event: Soup dinner with speaker Stewart Billingsley: CLC

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 8:00 AM Veterans Brunch meeting: LR
- 10:00 AM Florence Garden Club Council: WOC
- 12:15 PM Missions Team Meeting: Pilgrim Classroom
- 4:45 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: lasagna, salad, bread, dessert
- 5:30 PM Youth Group: Holiday Market
- 6:15 PM WiM Wednesday Night Women: Parlor
- 6:30 PM WiM Prayer Warriors
- 7:30 PM Basketball Practice: 17UA
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 9:00 AM Spaghetti Dinner Prep
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 12:00 PM HFF workshop: LR
- 2:00 PM Good News Club: Royall Elementary
- 6:00 PM CDC Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service: Preschool Sunday
- 12:00 PM New elder and deacon training with lunch: LR
- 1:00 PM Living Nativity Sixth Grade Cast Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups