

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Prelude on Netherlands

Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626
setting by Beatrice Hatton Fisk

GREETINGS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Compass Sunday School Class

INTROIT

Praise We Sing to Thee

St. Anthony Choral
Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. Morten J. Luvaas

Praise we sing to Thee, Thou mighty Ruler King forever,
Praise we sing to Thee dear Father, we will fail Thee never.
All the joys of nature tell us ever of Thy wondrous power.
Still Thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour,
Praise we sing to Thee most Holy, Praise forever more!
Hymns of thanks for all Thou dost ordain.
Lord of Hosts who over the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign.
Praise we sing to Thee most Holy, Praise forever more!
Jane Lewis McKnight

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Praise You, O God

No. 726
KREMSER

*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

Lord, we are so scared that we won't have enough. We imagine the worst.
We focus on fear, on loss, on failure. Remind us, once again, that You are our
God. As the man said, speaking for all of us, "I believe, Lord. Help my
unbelief." (Time of silent prayer and reflection). In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Join me in reading the promise of God:

All: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Pastor: Friends, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Deo Dicamus Gratias

Gottfried August Homilius, 1714-1785

Sing to the Lord our grateful thanks; now sing praise.

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 OFFERING

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Even with the darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.
Michael Dennis Browne

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Jim Dameron

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Sing Ye a Joyful Song
from Biblical Songs

Antonín Dvořák

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord, who hath done marvelous things.
Praise the Lord all the earth! Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is there-in, the round world and all they that dwell there.
Lift your voices floods and tempests. Mountains, clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,
and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

**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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Rebuilding Our Broken World: God Provides

Nehemiah 8:13-18
(Pew Bible pages 479-480)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

When Peace Like a River

No. 428

VILLE DU HAVRE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living unite in thanksgiving
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!
Katherine Davis

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Louis Bourgeois

arr. Alice Jordan

This morning's worship is led by

Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor

Mr. Jim Dameron, Elder

Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children's Ministry

Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir

Fred Kunz, tenor

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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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 Witenburg.

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.

Wednesday Night 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 dinner for the season is lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert.

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 supplies, scan the QR code at right.



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!




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.

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

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. November 16.
- ♦ **Parents Night Out:** 5:45 to 9 p.m. Friday, December 12. Parents, enjoy a relaxing evening while your kids have a Christmas adventure at church. Children from nursery to fifth grade will experience their very own drive-in movie night complete with building a cardboard car to sit in, as well as pizza, crafts, games, and Bible lesson. Registration closes December 9. Secure your spot on Realm using with the QR code. 
- ♦ **Christmas Caroling:** 4 p.m. December 17. Children in 3K-sixth grade, parents, and youth are invited to join Ms. Kaiti, Taiter, and friends for an afternoon of caroling. Sign up by contacting Kaiti Bryant, kbryant@florencefirst.org

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. 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, khickey@florencefirst.org.

CDC Moms and Staff Bible Study: The CDC has two groups that meet on Mondays. One meets from 12:15 to 1 p.m. and the other meets from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Each group meets in the youth room, Room 207. The goal of this ministry is to provide time for moms and staff to be in the Word, to breathe, to laugh, and to grow together as we grow with the Lord. If you are interested in meeting amazing, godly women, who are hungry for the Lord, come join us. Please contact Kelly Hickey for more information, khickey@florencefirst.org.

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.

Women's Christmas Wreaths Workshop: Join us from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 7, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Wreath Workshop led by Maddelle Christian. The event is open to the first 25 registrants. Cost* to be paid at time of registration is \$15, which includes wreath wire, greenery, accessories, bow, light snacks, and fun! Register on Realm using QR code at right. *Cost of wreath is nonrefundable, but it is transferable to a friend. 

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 Confirmand-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
- 3:00 PM WiM Serenity: LR
- 5:00 PM Worship Team Meeting: Women's Only Classroom
- 5:30 PM Enabling Team 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
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 12:00 PM HFF workshop: LR
- 6:00 PM CDC Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 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