

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

November 23, 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

***The Joy** Brian Cooney | Jane Cooney | Nancy Boyce | Ron Termale

This is the day You made
So, I'll rejoice and be glad, rejoice and be glad in it
This is where I believe that You are more than enough,
more than enough for me

You are faithful to Your promise,
You are strong when I am weak
When I'm standing in Your presence, I have ev'rything I need

The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength
O my soul, bless His Name
All that is within me say
The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength

Jesus, come what may
You are worthy of all, worthy of all my praise

Let it rise up like a river, overflowing, Holy Spirit
Let it pour out with no limit, overflowing, Holy Spirit
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Winkworth | Neander | Nockels

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
Come all who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord above all things
So wondrously reigning
Sheltering under His wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by His gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper
Your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever we adore Him

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood | Jason Ingram | Scott Ligertwood

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory

Majesty

Praise forever to the King of kings

O Praise the Name

Dean Ussher | Marty Sampson | Benjamin Hastings

O praise the Name of the Lord our God

O praise His Name forevermore

For endless days we will sing Your praise

Oh Lord oh Lord our God

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Johnny Stoupenos

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

Rejoice Ben Shive | Bryan Fowler | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Skye Peterson

Rejoice in the Lord now and always

Sing it again we rejoice

Delight in the love He has shown us

Gratefully lift up your voice

His gentleness among us

Will join our hearts with praise

We gather in His goodness

A family of grace

With each breath He's given, praise the Lord

In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord

Throughout every season I am sure

We have every reason to praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing

Praying for all that you need

Come with a song of thanksgiving

Lay your requests at His feet

His peace will fall upon us

To guard our hearts and minds

In Christ who reigns eternal

Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always

Tell of the good He has done

Worship the Lord to remember

All of the joy yet to come

The hope that burns within us

The dark cannot destroy

With praise that's never ending

We say again rejoice

We have every reason to praise the Lord

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Rebuilding Our Broken World: The Sound of Rejoicing

Nehemiah 12:27-37

(Pew Bible page 485)

MOMENT OF DEDICATION

SONG OF RESPONSE

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 (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

BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Mr. Johnny Stoupenos, 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 harvest arrangement is given by Laura and Erik Marechal this morning to the glory of God and with thanksgiving for this new season in the life of our church under the pastoral leadership of Cindy and Stuart Bond.

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 Bob and Melba Whitesides in the loss of his sister, Clara Williamson; Kent Caudle; Aubrey Crawford; Rainey Josey; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Lalla Saleeby; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witenburg.

Today is Commitment Sunday! As part of worship services today all Covenant Partners will have the opportunity to come forward and place a stewardship commitment card on the Communion Table as a sign of our commitment to Christ and what He is doing through First Presbyterian Church. This act is about far more than collecting “pledge” cards, it is our opportunity to recommit our lives to Christ and be a part of what He is doing in our community and the world. Commitment cards and envelopes are at the end of each pew. Please prayerfully consider how God is leading you to financially support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian.

Installation Service: Please join us at 4 p.m. today 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. Child care is available for the 4 p.m. service.

Hanging of the Greens: Women in Ministry members will decorate the church from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, December 1. Volunteers are needed and welcomed! Contact Beverly Everton at 919-741-2747 or Dottie Hail at 302-841-8781.

Keenagers will be at noon Tuesday, December 2, in Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Come see what the staff has in store for us as we celebrate the holiday season. It is always fun. Meal will be ham, sweet potato casserole, pole beans, ambrosia salad with mint, and Merry Berry Cake. All those 55 and older are welcome. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Cost of meal is \$6.

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.

Thornwell Drive: Every year, First Presbyterian Church supports Thornwell by collecting quarters in turkey banks. Again this year, we are 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 have come up with even more creative and fun gift ideas for Holiday Market, which will be held today before and after worship services. Proceeds help offset the cost of big summer trips. They look forward to your support.

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.

Women’s Christmas Wreaths Workshop: Join us from 3 to 5 p.m. December 7 in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Wreath Workshop led by Maddelle Christian. 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.



CHRISTMAS GREENERY



As we prepare to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent Season, consider sponsoring our Christmas Greenery to honor loved ones or in memory of loved ones. The form is needed so acknowledgement can be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

In honor / memory of: _____

Given by: _____

The cost is \$12 per designated name or couple and should accompany your order.

Amount included: \$_____ **Return form to the church office by Monday, Dec. 15**

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 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
- 2:30 PM Prayer walk
- 4:00 PM Installation Service of Dr. Stuart Bond and Reception
- 5:30 PM Youth: Small Groups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 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
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM CDC Music Time: JFH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 2:00 PM CDC closes early
- 4:45 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving

CDC, church office closed
Selah Yoga

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

CDC, church office closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal: JFH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00 PM Living Nativity Rehearsal for Angel Choir and Cast
- 5:00 PM Youth: Outdoor Movie Night