

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

January 18, 2026

*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

**Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa
Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Here I Am To Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Alice Caldwell

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Stuart Bond

✎ 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

No Longer Slaves

Brian Johnson | Joel Case | Jonathan David Helser

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

I am surrounded by the arms of the Father
I am surrounded by the songs of deliverance
We've been liberated from our bondage
We're the sons and the daughters
Let us sing our freedom

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Keep Dreaming
Ephesians 2:11-20
(Pew Bible page 1157)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio
Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below, Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine

BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Mrs. Alice Caldwell, Elder
Praise Team
Vic Rockhill, leader
Curt Boswell, bass guitar
Keith Hamrick, drums
Jude Emert, guitar
Luke Matthews, piano
David Sanderson, electric guitar
Courtney Emert, vocals
Megan Garrison, vocals*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers today are given in loving memory of Georgia Eloise Emerson by her family, Gary and Mary Allyson Emerson and children.

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 Stephanie Spivey for the loss of her father, James E. Cook; Aubrey Crawford; Rainey Josey; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Lalla Saleeby; Bob Silver; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witenburg.

New Members Class: On Sundays between services in February, you are invited to join our New Members (New Covenant Partners) class at 10 a.m. in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Pastor Stuart will lead this class, culminating with an opportunity to meet the Elders of First Presbyterian. Simply contact Emily Reed at the church, ereed@florencefirst.org, or write New Members on the pew pad and we will get the information to you.

Wednesday Nights at First Presbyterian: Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights. Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. and is \$7 per person, with a family cap at \$30. Dinner this week will be pizza, salad, and dessert. Youth Group starts at 5:30 p.m. Educational classes for children follow at 6 p.m. and adults at 6:15 p.m. We offer two classes this season. Pastor Stuart Bond leads a study on the *Book of Luke* in the Lawson-Rain Chapel, and Kelly Hickey leads a parenting class in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. With Pastor Stuart, we dig through the text to enhance your Sunday morning experience, as he'll preach from Luke. Kelly, director of Children's Ministries, leads *Parenting One on One*, an interactive class digging through scripture, learning ways to parent differently, and engaging with one another.

God's Plan for Healthy Eating and a Healthy Life: Women of the church are invited to a nutritional lunch, snacks, and recipes following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 1. Guest speaker will be Christina O'Malley, Institute for Integrative Nutrition, Certified Coach and Christian Health Mentor. RSVP for child care by January 26. Register on Realm or by using the QR code. For more information, contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com.



Youth Ministry

- ♦ Wednesday Night Youth Group: 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays
- ♦ Coffee at F.E. Pop's on Thursdays: 7 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sundays. Light breakfast served.
- ♦ Parent Meeting: 10 a.m. January 25
- ♦ Small Groups: 5 to 7 p.m. January 25

Birds & Bees: Join us from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the sanctuary for a parent education talk with nationally known speaker Mary Flo Ridley, who will equip parents of young children to have successful dialogs about sex. This talk is for parents of children of all ages — from toddlers to teens — and focuses on simple, everyday conversations rather than “one big talk.” You'll leave feeling prepared, empowered, and relieved. Childcare will be provided for children from nursery to 2 years old, 3K–5K, and first–fifth grade during this event. The Birds & the Bees Family Ticket for \$20 admits two adults to the event and is perfect for parents or family members attending together. Tickets are available for purchase online by scanning the QR code. For more information, contact Brittany Mimms at brittanymimms1@gmail.com or 843-496-7901.



Save the Date: Mark your calendars for a fun evening of fellowship and celebration. First Presbyterian Church Children's Ministry is partnering with our Child Development Center to host a **Valentine's Family Dance** for families from both ministries. Join us at 5 p.m. Thursday, February 12, in the Christian Life Center (CLC) for music, dancing, and a special opportunity to celebrate love, family, and community together. More details coming soon!

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!



Just for Women Bible study: Just for Women meets to study *Reflections of Peter* at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays. They will focus on I and II Peter. The Florence meetings are held in the CLC at First Presbyterian Church. The study will wrap on April 28.

Embracing God's Word: Study on Timothy and Titus is at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays at First Presbyterian Church. Discover how to live and lead for Christ with wisdom, courage, and purpose — just as Paul challenged Timothy and Titus to do. Register at embracinggodsword.com.

Keenagers will meet at noon Tuesday, February 3, in Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Program will be presented by the CDC children, and Jane Heath will speak on “When Your Hearing Goes.” Meal will be Marry Me Chicken over pasta, roasted asparagus, Caesar salad, and red velvet cake. Cost of lunch is \$6. All covenant partners 55 and older are invited. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

Men's Retreat: Don't forget to sign up for the spring Men's Retreat that will be held from April 17-19 at Hickory Knob State Park. Cost is \$150 and you can sign up on Realm using the QR code or at the church office. If you have any questions, call Bill Cain at 407-473-0912. Don't forget. This retreat could be the best thing to happen to you THIS YEAR.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth: Campfire and movie
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word
- 7:15 PM Basketball Practice: 17UB

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 MLK JR. DAY

CDC and church office closed

- 7:45 AM Faith in Motion Men's Bible Study: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 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, JANUARY 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting: Women's Only Classroom
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 1:00 PM Evangelism and Discipleship Team Meeting: WOC
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM CDC Music Time: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Basketball Practice: 10UA
- 6:00 PM CDC Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Basketball Practice: 12U

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: pizza, salad, cake squares
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Children's Programs
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Adult Electives
- 7:30 PM Basketball Practice: 17UA
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice: 8U

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 9:00 AM Session Retreat: LR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Youth: Parent Meeting
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word
- 7:15 PM Basketball Practice: 17UB