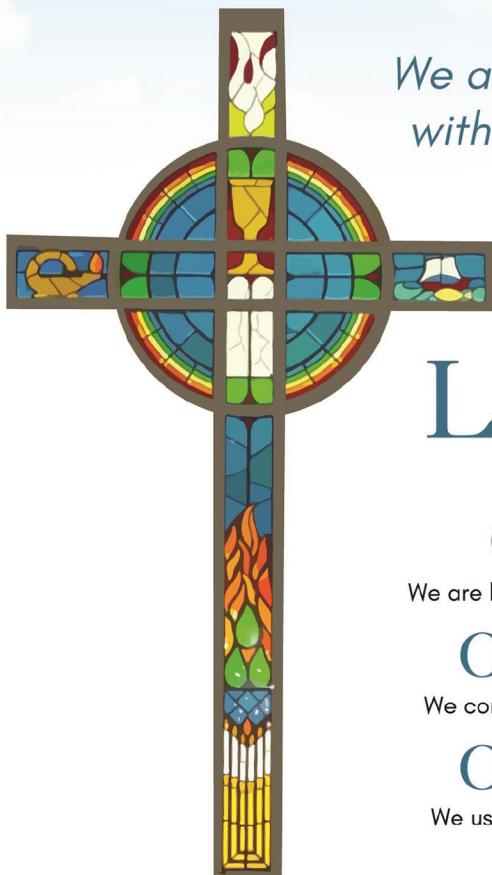


# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

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*We are called to love God  
with our head, our heart,  
and our hands*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

#### *\*Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

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

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa  
Michael Bleecker

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*

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

Tim Hughes

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 Witzenburg.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [brittanyimms1@gmail.com](mailto:brittanyimms1@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](http://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