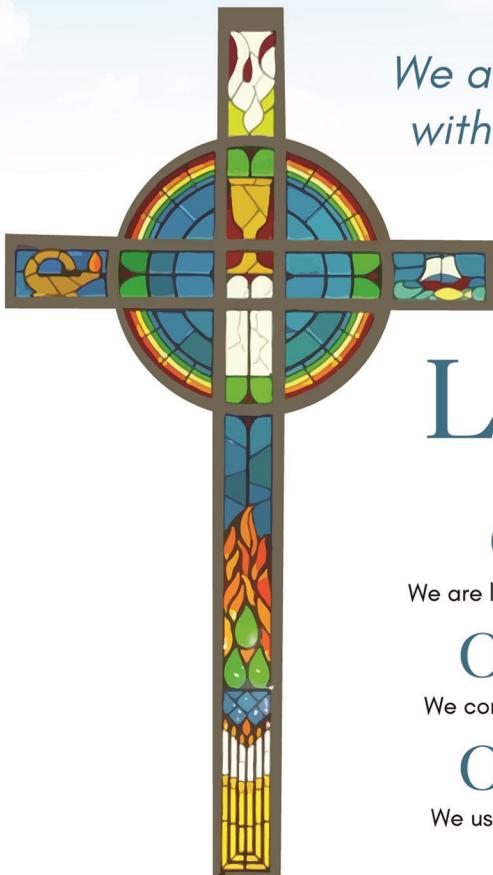


# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE • SOUTH CAROLINA

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

## *Order of Worship*

### **PRELUDE**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

MORNING STAR

James P. Harding, 1860-1911  
setting by Wilbur Held

### **GREETINGS**

### **INTROIT**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

African-American Spiritual  
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

My Lord, what a morning, Oh my Lord what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

I have quit all my worldly ways, and joined that heavenly band.

Oh! My Lord what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

Revelation 8:10

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 48

ST. DENIO

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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**

God, we forget all that You have done for us. From giving us Jesus to leading us to You, we should be grateful. Forgive our egos and our pride. We lay them down now as we remember Your hand on us. Thank You for Your grace in our lives. (Time of silent prayer and confession.) In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor:** Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.

**All:** **Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

**Pastor:** Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon. (Is. 55: 6-7)

# ANTHEM

*Keep God's Light*

Mark Patterson

Keep God's light before you; Keep God's truth beside you;  
Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere you go.  
Keep God's peace within you; Feel God's strength defend you;  
Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul.  
Hold on in times of sorrow; hold on through days of despair;  
Even in the darkest valley God will always be there.  
Keep God's light before you; Keep God's truth beside you;  
Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere you go.  
Keep God's peace within you; Feel God's strength defend you;  
Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul. Look now to days of gladness:  
God's light still shines the way never fading, never failing, teaching us as we pray.  
Keep God's light before you; Keep God's truth beside you;  
Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere you go.  
Keep God's peace within you; Feel God's strength defend you;  
Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul. Hold on; God will show you the way.

## 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.

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*My Soul Waits for the Lord*

K. Lee Scott

My soul waits for the Lord more than they that watch for morning.

Psalm 130:6

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Alice Caldwell

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*See, Amid the Winter's Snow*

HUMILITY

John Goss

arr. Dan Forrest

Alleluia. See, amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below,

See, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn,

Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,

He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Hail thou ever blessed morn, Hail, redemption's happy dawn,

Sing throughout Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem" Alleluia!

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine, Thus to come from highest bliss,

down to such a world as this. Hail thou ever blessed morn,

Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Edward Caswall

\*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.

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

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE***Lead On, O King Eternal*

No. 508

LANCASHIRE

**\*BENEDICTION****\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE***Gloria, Gloria*

No. 240

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*POSTLUDE***Trumpet Tune in F Major*

Scott M. Hyslop

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor  
Mrs. Alice Caldwell, Elder  
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist  
The Chancel Choir  
Dr. Fran Coleman, soprano  
Lily Green, flute  
Dr. Stuart Bond, conga drums

\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

**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.

**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 by scanning the QR code. For more information, contact Brittany Mimms at [brittany-mimms1@gmail.com](mailto:brittany-mimms1@gmail.com) or 843-496-7901.



**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. Educational classes for children follow at 6 p.m. and adults at 6:15 p.m. We are offering two classes this season. Pastor Stuart Bond will lead a study on the *Book of Luke* in the Lawson-Rain Chapel and Kelly Hickey, director of Children’s Ministries, will lead a class on parenting in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall.

**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.
- Coffee at F.E. Pop’s on Thursdays: 7 a.m.
- Sunday School: 10 a.m. Light breakfast served.
- Parent Meeting: 10 a.m. January 25
- Small Groups: 5 to 7 p.m. January 25
- Ski trip to Winterplace: February 5-8

**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. February 12 in the Christian Life Center for music, dancing, and an opportunity to celebrate love, family, and community. 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!



**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 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.



## 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  
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