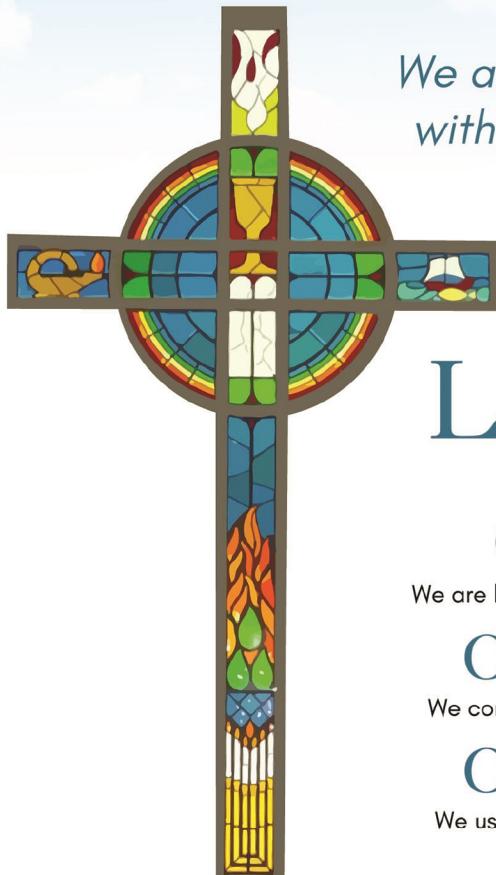


# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE • SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

February 8, 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

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jon Weiss Jr., House of Hope CEO

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**\*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

#### *Chorus*

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

### **Gratitude**

Benjamin Hastings | Brandon Lake | Dante Bowe

All my words fall short, I got nothing new  
How could I express all my gratitude

I could sing these songs as I often do  
But every song must end, and You never do

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again  
Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah  
And I know it's not much  
but I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah hallelujah

I've got one response, I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again  
Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah  
And I know it's not much  
but I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
Lord we thank you, Lord we thank you  
Lord we thank you, Lord we thank you  
How we love you, How we love you  
How we love you, How we love you

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Chris Scott

## 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

### Narrow Way

Aaron Williams | Camie Ringer | Dave Aubrey  
John Marc Kohl | Jon Azzarello | Matthew Freeman

Show me how to walk with You  
Guide my steps slow my pace  
Every day Your mercy's new  
Show me how to walk with You

Lead me down the narrow road  
Light the path as we go  
Through every high and every low  
Lead me down the narrow road

There's nothing greater  
Than knowing You Jesus  
There's nothing better  
Than going Your way  
I lay my life down  
God it's all Yours now  
I'll follow all my days

Teach me how to truly live  
To bear my cross die to self  
This is where new life begins  
Teach me how to truly live  
A buried seed will rise again  
For death in Christ is not the end

And keep me 'til that final day  
The dawn of all that is to come  
There I'll see You face to face  
Lord keep me 'til that final day  
When all I've lost will then be gain  
How sweet to follow Jesus' way

I'll follow all my days  
The narrow way

I lay my life down  
God it's all Yours now  
I lay my life down  
God it's all Yours now

## SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

### For Such a Time as This

Esther 4

(Pew Bible page 491)

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Promises*

Aaron Moses | Dante Bowe | Joe L. Barnes

Keila Alvarado | Lemuel Marin | Phillip Carrington Gaines

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant, of faithful promises

Time and time again You have proven You do just what You say

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow

I'll remain steadfast and let my heart learn when You speak a word

It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me

Great is Your faithfulness to me

From the rising sun to the setting same

I will praise Your name

Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age,

Though the earth may pass away

Your word remains the same

Your history can prove

There's nothing You can't do

You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus

My anchor to the ground

My hope and firm foundation

He'll never let me down

## BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by*

*Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor*

*Mr. Chris Scott, Elder*

*Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children's Ministry*

*Praise Team*

*Vic Rockhill, leader*

*Curt Boswell, bass guitar*

*Keith Hamrick, drums*

*Luke Matthews, piano*

*David Sanderson, electric guitar*

*Megan Garrison, vocals*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of C. Richmond Wilhoit, Sr., Aaron W. Leland and Daisy B. Leland by Richie and Ellen Wilhoit.

**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 Kathy Hatfield and Debbie Wilson, for the loss of their mother, Helen Brown; Melanie Neal, for the loss of her mother, Myrnith Noble; Aubrey Crawford; Rainey Josey; Clariann Kellam; Quincy Kennedy; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Lalla Saleeby; Bob Silver; Ginger Sullivan; Zack Turner; Phyllis Williams; 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 chicken tenders, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls, and banana pudding. 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.

**Valentine's Family Dance:** 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 for music, dancing, and a special opportunity to celebrate love, family, and community together. We hope you will join us. RSVP is required. Please email Kelly Hickey at khickey@florencefirst.org by Monday, February 9, with the number of people who will attend from your family. Any questions, please call 843-799-1263.



## Youth Ministry

- ◆ Wednesdays: Youth Group, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ Thursdays: Coffee at F.E. Pop's, 7 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sundays. Light breakfast served.

 **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!



**Mahjong Night:** Women of the church are invited to play Mahjong from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, February 23, in the Lawson-Rain Chapel. There will be tables for novices, intermediate and advanced players. For more info, contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com. Register by February 20 for the free event by using QR code or calling the church office, 843-662-2583.



**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.



**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.

**Rescheduled Event: 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, March 22**. 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.



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM First Connections: Jenkins Fellowship Hall  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service: Scout Sunday  
12:00 PM Confirmand Mentor Lunch: JFH  
2:00 PM WiM Salty Sisters: off campus  
5:00 PM Youth ski trip returns

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30 AM CDC Chapel  
12:15 PM CDC Bible Study: Youth Room  
2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom  
4:00 PM CDC Advisory Team Meeting: Women's Only Classroom  
4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting  
5:00 PM Worship Team Meeting  
5:15 PM CDC Bible Study  
5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC  
5:30 PM WinShape Planning Leadership Meeting  
6:30 PM WiM Women of Grace  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting  
10:00 AM WiM Joyful Hearts: Room 100  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting: WOC  
11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC  
12:00 PM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom  
1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal  
3:00 PM WiM Serenity: Lawson-Rain Chapel  
5:30 PM Enabling Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM Veterans Brunch  
9:00 AM CDC CPR Training  
5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 PM Dinner: chicken tenders, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls, and banana pudding  
5:30 PM Youth Group  
6:00 PM Wednesday Children's Programs  
6:00 PM WiM Wednesday Night Women: Parlor  
6:15 PM Wednesday Adult Electives  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR  
7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's  
7:45 AM Faith in Motion Men's Bible Study  
9:00 AM CDC CPR Training  
10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC  
5:00 PM Family Valentine Dance: CLC

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission  
9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Room 100

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM First Connections: JFH  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service