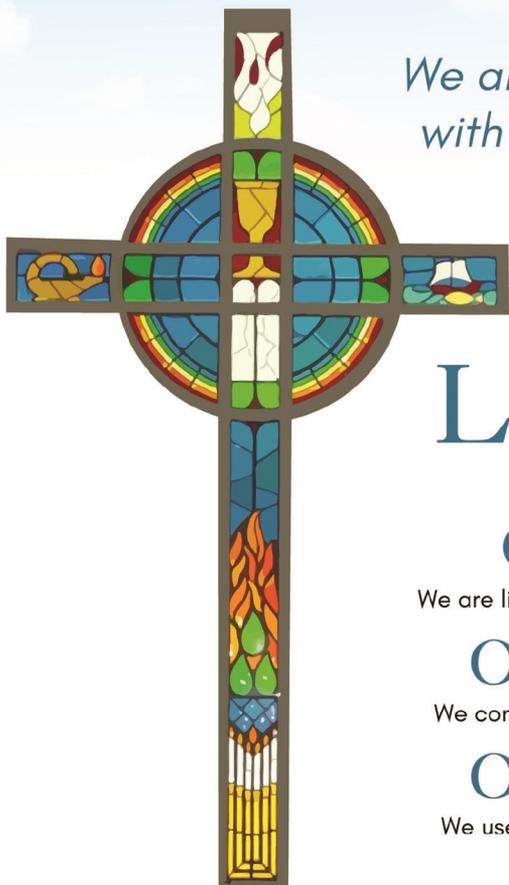


# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

March 1, 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

\****The Lion and the Lamb*** Brenton Brown | Brian Johnson | Leeland Mooring

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb,  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord? (Almighty)

### ***Lord I Need You***

Jessee Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher  
Christy Nockels/Daniel Carson

Lord I come, I confess bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You Oh I need You, Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more,  
where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus You're my hope and stay

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Alice Caldwell

## 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

### ***Tear Off the Roof***

Brandon Lake | Chris Davenport | Hank Bentley  
Jacob Sooter | Jordan Colle

Tear off the roof  
The King's in the house  
Just get me to Jesus  
I don't care how, I don't have to wait to get the healing  
I gotta faith without a ceiling, so tear off the roof  
'Cause the King's in the house

There's power in the presence  
Power in the blood, power in the name of Jesus  
There's power in the presence  
Power in the blood, power in the name of Jesus  
He has more in the hem of His garment  
Than the camp of the enemy  
There's power in the presence  
Power in the blood, power in the name of Jesus

I didn't come here to hide in the crowd  
I'm pressing through to You, I don't care how  
Reaching out my hand to get the healing  
I've got a faith beyond the bleeding  
'Cause I didn't come here to hide in the crowd

There's power in the name of Jesus

(There is a) life changing, grave shaking  
Dead raising power in the room  
Heart healing, hell stealing  
No ceiling power, so tear off the roof

Tear off the roof, Tear off the roof

Oh in the name of Jesus  
So much power in the name of Jesus

## SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

### The Power of Friendship

Luke 5: 17-26

(Pew Bible page 1019)

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### SONG OF RESPONSE

#### *I Thank God*

Aaron Moses | Chuck Butler | Dante Bowe  
Enrique Holmes | Jesse Cline | Maryanne J. George

Wandering into the night wanting a place to hide  
This weary soul this bag of bones  
I try with all of my might, but I just can't win the fight  
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

And just when I ran out of the road  
I met a man I didn't know  
And He told me that I was not alone

You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart You changed my name  
Forever free I'm not the same  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God

I cannot deny what I've seen, Got no choice but to believe  
My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind  
So, so long to my old friends burden and bitterness  
You can just keep them moving, Nah you ain't welcome here

From now till I walk streets of gold  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul  
This wayward son has found his way back home  
Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free (REPEAT)

Hell lost another one I am free I am free

## BENEDICTION

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 the family of Clariann Kellam; family of Phyllis Williams; Karen Silver, for the loss of her husband, Bob; Scarlett Sims, for the loss of her grandfather Phil Grant; Aubrey Crawford; Rainey Josey; Quincy Kennedy; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Lalla Saleeby; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witzenburg.

**Keenagers** will meet for lunch at noon March 3 in the fellowship hall. The program will feature Wilson High School Tiger Production accompanied by Betsy Johnson. Meal will include corned beef, boiled potatoes, glazed carrots, cabbage salad, Irish soda bread, and pistachio fluff. All covenant partners 55 and older are welcome to join for food, fun, and fellowship. Cost of meal is \$6.

**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 with the church office. If you have any questions, call Bill Cain at 407-473-0912. Don't forget.



**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 March 13. Register on Realm or by using the QR code. For more information, contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com.



**Family Prayer Blessing at Timrod Park** will be held at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, hosted by Helping Florence Flourish. This is a great opportunity to bring your family and spend some intentional time praying together, as well as having others pray over you.

### Children's Ministry

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, join us at the Whitehead's farm, 175 W. Pocket Road. Children and families are invited to join us for a joyful afternoon together. We need your help — please bring at least two dozen boiled and decorated eggs to church on Sunday morning, March 29. Our goal is 800 eggs!
- **Children's Sunday:** 10 a.m. Combined Worship Service on May 10. Our children will lead worship on Mother's Day! If your child would like to participate, please contact Kaiti Bryant as soon as possible to sign up.
  - **Third–5th Planning Dates:** March 15, March 22, April 12
  - **First–5th Rehearsals:** April 19, April 26, May 3All planning sessions and rehearsals take place on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service (10 a.m. service May 3) in the CLC until 1:30 p.m.

## Youth Ministry

- Wednesday Night Youth Group: 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: 7 a.m. coffee at F.E. Pop's
- Sunday School: 10 a.m. Light breakfast served.
- Small Groups: 5 p.m. today
- Spring Getaway: Dreher Island State Park in Chapin. We will spend time in God's word through quiet times, small groups, and worship. There will be team games, canoes, campfire, and more! Cost is \$85. If there are multiple siblings or friends that join, each will get \$25 off their trip. Youth will need money for two meals on the road. Please sign up and pay by March 7.

**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 [brittany mimms1@gmail.com](mailto:brittany mimms1@gmail.com) or 843-496-7901.



**Mission Trip:** Deacon Brandon Blankenship and Covenant Partners Kimberly and Pack Packard, and Jeremy Emert have the opportunity to go to Southwest Asia, where they will be working with professors and students at a university in the region. They will be part of a team leading an interactive English camp. If you would like to contribute to the mission, please use the QR code and select Southwest Asia Mission Trip in the Fund drop down.



**Lighthouse Ministries** annual barbecue fundraiser will be held 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, March 16-20, catered by Holt Brothers BBQ, 2087 W. Evans St. All proceeds benefit Lighthouse Ministries, a ministry centered around the prevention of homelessness, child abuse, and child neglect in Florence County. A \$12 plate includes barbecue, rice and gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and Texas toast. To purchase tickets, visit [www.lighthouseflorence.org/events](http://www.lighthouseflorence.org/events).

## WinShape Camps for Communities: Kick Off Week starts Monday!

Helping Florence Flourish is bringing WinShape to First Presbyterian Church for a day camp experience for those who have completed grades K-5. The program will run June 29-July 3. This is a next level summer camp experience, where kids can have fun and learn more about Jesus. Registration opens Monday, March 2. The cost for camp is \$225, and the first 50 families get \$50 off. Multi-sibling discounts are available. Register for the camp here: <https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/florence-sc-2/>.

There are opportunities to volunteer and give scholarships. Helping Florence Flourish as a goal of \$25,000 in scholarships (currently have raised \$3,000) and 40 volunteers. Register as a volunteer here: <https://camps.winshape.org/volunteer>. You also can donate online at [helpingflorenceflourish.org](http://helpingflorenceflourish.org) in the comments use *WinShape*.

## PALMS AND EASTER LILIES

Remember or honor a loved one this Easter as we herald the remembrance of our risen Lord with a profusion of lovely palms, lilies, and greenery to accompany our worship. Your gift of \$10 should be turned into the church office along with your loved one's name and your name and phone number by March 30.

### CIRCLE ONE:

In **memory** OR **honor** of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

Phone:



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

### Second Sunday in Lent

- 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
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

- 9:00 AM CDC Chapel
- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study: Youth Room
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:00 PM Worship Team Meeting
- 5:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM Keenagers: JFH
- 6:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Steak N Burger Dinner: CLC

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM WiM Bible Moderators Meeting: WOC
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: Barbecue/chicken bog, slaw, rolls, and peach cobbler
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Programs
- 6:00 PM WiM Coordinating Team: Room 203
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 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
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 2:00 PM Good News Club: Royall Elementary
- 5:00 PM Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper: CLC
- 5:15 PM Helping Florence Flourish Family Blessing Prayer
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting: Scout Room

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

### Daylight Saving Time begins

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Birds & Bees: Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word