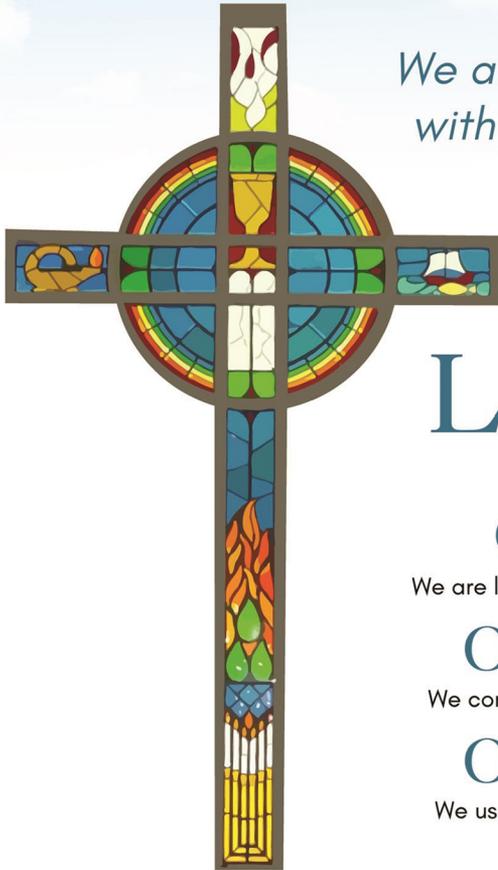


First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Be Still and Know

Steven Curtis Chapman
arr. Craig Adams

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 358
HYFRYDOL

***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

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your Name. (Time of silent prayer and confession). In Jesus' name, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

The Worship Book
arr. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: In Christ's work on the cross, we are forgiven and restored.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your Name,
Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of You,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.

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.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Alice Caldwell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Marianne Kim

*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.

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

The Power of Friendship

Luke 5: 17-26

(Pew Bible page 1019)

COMMUNION SONG

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Robert E. Kreutz

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to You our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.

The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

Omer Westendorf

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 568

People Need the Lord

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Marty Haugen

*POSTLUDE

Trusting Jesus

arr. Mary McDonald

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Alice Caldwell, Elder
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children's Ministry
The Chancel Choir
Christa Godwin, soprano
Margaret Jones, flute
Evelyn Childers, organ
Betsy Johnson, Music Assistant

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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; 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.

The **Faith in Motion** Sunday School Class is assembling Blessing Bags, gallon-sized plastic bags filled with personal hygiene products, nonperishable food, and other items such as socks and Band-Aids, to make them available to our church. Covenant Partners in turn can keep the Blessing Bags in their cars so they can bless someone in need. You can contribute to the purchase of the items in the bags using the Venmo QR code.



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. 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. Register by March 31.



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 focuses on everyday conversations rather than "one big talk." 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. Tickets are available for purchase by scanning the QR code. For more information, contact Brittany Mimms, brittanymimms1@gmail.com or 843-496-7901.



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.

God's Plan for Healthy Eating and a Healthy Life: Women of the church are invited to a nutritional lunch and workshop 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.



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 Sunday, 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.

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 top 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.



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.

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 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: Women's Only Classroom
- 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

