

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

March 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

We use our God-given gifts to serve others

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Cecilia Meggs, Lighthouse Ministries

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**The King Is In The Room*

Ethan Hulse | Josh Farro | Phil Danyew
Phil Wickham | Taylor Johnson | Tommy Iceland

Come open the doors and make way
The King is in the room, the King is in the room
Expectant for strongholds to break
'Cause we know what You can do
We know what You can do

We're gonna see lives changed
Souls saved
Broken hearts made new

The King is in the room
Lord we enthrone You upon our praise
The King is in the room
There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You
We're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room

The King is in the room

Come see all the captives run free
He's tearing down the walls
He's tearing down the walls
There's grave shaking power when we sing
The Name above them all
Your Name above them all

Fear has to flee, shame has to leave
Before the King, before the King
Chains have to break, dry bones awake
Prepare the way

The King is in the room
Lord we enthrone You upon our praise
The King is in the room
There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You
We're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room
The King is in the room

Abide

Aaron Keyes | Aaron Williams | Jake Fauber

For my waking breath, for my daily bread
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the victories, still in front of me Jesus
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine, draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength, my song in the night, be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours, forever You're mine, draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death, as I enter rest, I depend on You, I depend on You
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ, I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine, draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength, my song in the night, Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours, forever You're mine, draw me close and teach me to abide
I depend on You, I depend on You

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Janet Brand

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kelly Hickey

👏 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

I've Got Joy

Kyle Lee | Phil Wickham

I've got joy in the struggle, I've got peace in the storm
I've got strength in the battle, I don't fear anymore
I'm a child of heaven, And my hope is secure
I've got joy 'cause I've got Jesus

He gave me beauty for ashes, turned my life around
He broke my chains and now I dance on solid ground
For all He's done to save me, I will raise my voice
I've got Jesus, so I've got joy

He bore all of my burdens, yeah, my debt has been paid
Then He said to my dry bones, rise up out of that grave
He has all of my worship, all the honor and praise
I've got joy 'cause I've got Jesus

He gave me beauty for ashes, turned my life around
He broke my chains and now I dance on solid ground
For all He's done to save me, I will raise my voice
I've got Jesus, so I've got joy

Joy like a river running through my soul
Joy all around me everywhere I go
Even in the desert, still it overflows
Oh, I've got joy, yeah, I've got
Joy never-ending 'cause He called my name
Every breath I breathe, a testament of amazing grace
Oh, hallelujah, everything has changed
Oh, I've got joy, yeah, I've got joy

He gave me beauty for ashes, turned my life around
He broke my chains and now I dance on solid ground
For all He's done to save me, I will raise my voice
I've got Jesus, so I've got joy, I've got Jesus, so I've got joy

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Should We Keep Some Bad Company?

Luke 5:27-39

(Pew Bible page 1020)

SONG OF RESPONSE

King Of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood | Jason Ingram | Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory majesty, praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings

BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Janet Brand, Elder
Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries
Praise Team
Curt Boswell, bass guitar
Jude Emert, guitar
David Sanderson, electric guitar
Caleb Allen, guitar
Keith Hamrick, drums
Luke Matthews, piano
Courtney Emert, vocals
Megan Garrison, vocals*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jay Pearson by his family.

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 Sam Dozier, for the loss of his father, Larry Dozier; Aubrey Crawford; Rainey Josey; Quincy Kennedy; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Lalla Saleeby; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witzenburg.

Men's Retreat: The deadline approaches for the Men's Retreat that will be held April 17-19 at Hickory Knob State Park. Cost is \$150. Sign up on Realm or at the church office by March 31. For info, call Bill Cain at 407-473-0912.



Moment for Mission: Today we welcome Lighthouse Ministries Executive Director Cecilia Meggs. The local ministry centers on the prevention of homelessness, child abuse, and child neglect in Florence County. The nonprofit's 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' programs and services, helping our neighbors find stability in a time of crisis. A \$12 plate includes barbecue, rice and gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and Texas toast. To purchase tickets, visit lighthouseflorence.org/events.

Children's Ministry

- **Palm Sunday Procession:** Children are invited to participate in the 11 a.m. worship service procession as we celebrate Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem. Children should gather with Ms. Kaiti outside the church steps by 10:50 a.m. March 29 to receive a palm and prepare for the procession.
- **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.
- **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-fifth Planning Dates:** March 15, March 22, April 12
 - » **First-fifth Rehearsals:** April 19, April 26, May 3

All 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.

Masterworks Winter Concert will be at 4 p.m. today at Central United Methodist Church. Join the Masterworks Choir, including Chancel Choir members Sandra Anderson, Curt Boswell, Amelia Carter, Evelyn Childers, Jennifer Foxworth, Brandon Frost, Elizabeth Frost, Megan Garrison, Don Hebert, Laura Anne Hofler, Danielle Holland, Kristin Kiely, Mary Ann Nash, as well as guest soloists, and orchestra as they present French composer Maurice Durufle's *Requiem*, the North American premiere of *Seven Last Words* by British composer Jonathan Rutherford, along with other works. The concert is underwritten in honor of Mrs. Lalla Saleeby by her family and friends and McLeod Health in honor of its 120th anniversary.

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.



WinShape Camps for Communities: Helping Florence Flourish is bringing the faith-based day camp to First Presbyterian Church for those who have completed grades K-5. The camp will run June 29-July 3. The cost for camp is \$225, and the first 50 families get \$50 off. Register for the camp here: <https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/florence-sc-2/>. There are opportunities to volunteer and give scholarships. HFF has a goal to raise \$25,000 in scholarships and 40 volunteers. Register as a volunteer here: <https://camps.winshape.org/volunteer>. Donate online at helpingflorenceflourish.org.

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 8 Third Sunday of Lent

- 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

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:00 AM CDC Chapel
- 10:00 AM Florence Garden Club Council: Women's Only Classroom
- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study: Youth Room
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 4:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop Meeting: Scout room
- 5:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM WiM Joyful Hearts: Room 100
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom
- 3:00 PM WiM Serenity: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 5:30 PM Enabling Team Meeting
- 5:30 PM WinShape Camps leadership planning meeting: WOC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:00 AM Veterans Brunch meeting: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 12:15 PM Missions Team Meeting
- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: pancakes/grits, scrambled eggs, bacon, and fruit
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Programs
- 6:00 PM WiM Prayer Warriors: WOC
- 6:00 PM WiM Wednesday Night Women: Parlor
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:00 AM Donuts for Dads: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- Youth Spring Getaway
- 10:00 AM InterVarsity Team Meeting: LR

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- Youth Spring Getaway
- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission
- 9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Room 100
- 1:00 PM Memorial Service for Bob Silver

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Youth Spring Getaway
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service:
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 2:00 PM WiM Sunday Salty Sisters: off campus
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word