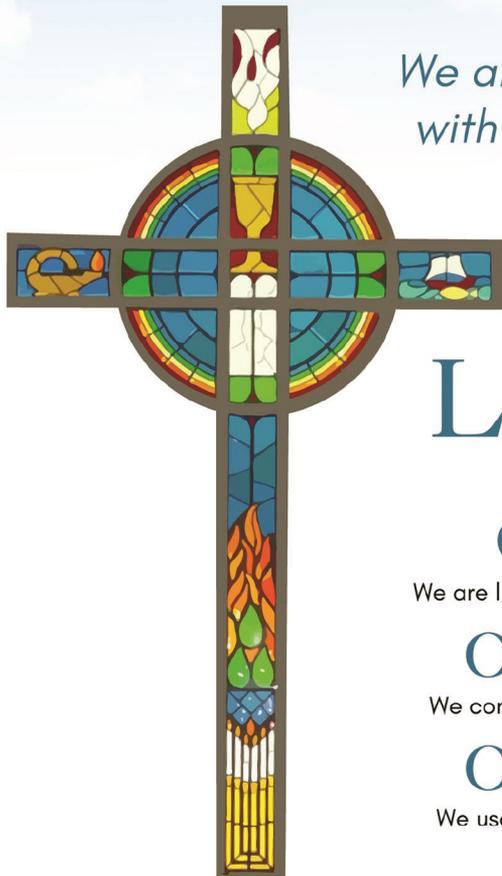


# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

March 15, 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

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**\*The Joy** Brian Cooney | Jane Cooney | Nancy Boyce | Ron Termale

This is the day You made  
So, I'll rejoice and be glad,  
rejoice and be glad in it  
This is where I believe that You are more than enough,  
more than enough for me

You are faithful to Your promise,  
You are strong when I am weak  
When I'm standing in Your presence, I have ev'rything I need

The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength  
The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength  
O my soul, bless His Name  
All that is within me say  
The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength

Jesus, come what may  
You are worthy of all, worthy of all my praise

Let it rise up like a river, overflowing, Holy Spirit  
Let it pour out with no limit, overflowing, Holy Spirit  
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**Yes I Will** Eddie Hoagland | Jonathan Smith | Mia Fieldes

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
You're working all things out

Yes I will lift You high  
In the lowest valley  
Yes I will bless Your name  
Yes I will sing for joy  
When my heart is heavy  
All my days yes I will

I choose to praise  
To glorify glorify  
The name of all names  
That nothing can stand against

For all my days, Yes I will

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  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah

**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.

**GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

***All Hail King Jesus***

Jeremy Riddle | Peter Mattis  
Ran Jackson | Steffany Gretzinger

There was a moment when the lights went out  
When death had claimed its victory  
The King of Love had given up His life  
The darkest day in history

There on a cross they made for sinners  
For every curse His blood atoned  
One final breath and it was finished  
But not the end we could have known

For the earth began to shake  
And the veil was torn  
What sacrifice was made  
As the heavens roared

All hail King Jesus  
All hail the Lord of Heaven and earth  
All hail King Jesus  
All hail the Savior of the world

There was a moment when the sky lit up  
A flash of light breaking through  
When all was lost He crossed eternity  
The King of life was on the move

For in a dark cold tomb  
Where our Lord was laid  
One miraculous breath  
And we're forever changed

Let ev'ry knee come bow before the King of Kings  
Let ev'ry tongue confess that He is Lord  
Lift up your shout let us join with all of Heaven  
Singing Holy, Singing Holy  
Cry out Holy, Singing Holy

**SERMON**

Dr. Stuart Bond

**Sacred Cows Make the Best Burgers**

Luke 6:1-11

(Pew Bible page 1020)

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

***'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Trust In Jesus)***

Louisa M. R. Stead  
William James Kirkpatrick

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end

## BENEDICTION

*This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor  
Rocky Pearce, Elder  
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

**The flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Silver by his family, Karen, Katrina and Rich Sorrentino, and Leah and Max and Brooks Harris.

**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 Jason Newton, for the loss of his mother, Deborah Newton; Sam Dozier, for the loss of his father, Larry Dozier; Karen Silver, for the loss of her husband, Bob; 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 retreat that will be held April 17-19 at Hickory Knob State Park. Cost is \$150. Sign up on Realm or with the church office by March 31. For info, call Bill Cain at 407-473-0912.



**Mission Trip:** Covenant Partners Brandon Blankenship, 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.



**Maunder Thursday service:** Join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the Sanctuary as we commemorate the meal Jesus shared with His disciples and center on His command to love one another in John 13:34.

## 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 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.

**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](http://helpingflorenceflourish.org).

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** We could really use your help as we prepare for our upcoming blood drive on March 24. There are open appointments between noon and 5 p.m., and here are two ways to help us meet our goal of 25 donations.

1. If you haven't scheduled your donation yet, please sign up! Make your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) using sponsor code *FirstPresFlorence* or download the Blood Donor App.
2. Invite a friend to our drive. Donating blood is always more fun with a friend, so bring one along or in place of your donation.

The community is invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation. Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card by email and successful donations get A1C testing.

**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, mac and cheese, green beans, and Texas toast. To purchase tickets, use QR code or visit [www.lighthouseflorence.org/events](http://www.lighthouseflorence.org/events). Sponsorships are available



## 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 15**                      **Fourth 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
- 12:00 PM Children's Sunday planning session: CLC
- 2:00 PM WiM Sunday Salty Sisters: off campus
- 5:00 PM Youth Spring Getaway (return)
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word

### **MONDAY, MARCH 16**

- 9:00 AM CDC Chapel
- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study: Youth Room
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:30 PM WiM Women of Grace: off campus
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM Evangelism & Discipleship Team Meeting
- 3:00 PM CDC Music Time: JFH
- 6:00 PM Diaconate meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: chicken tenders, mac and cheese, green beans, and chocolate cake squares
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Programs
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

- 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 20**

- 4:00 PM St. Anthony Catholic School: CLC

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

- 8:00 AM Florence Music Festival
- 2:00 PM Memorial Service: James Early Cook (Stephanie Spivey's father)
- 7:00 PM Youth: Hockey Game

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**                      **Fifth 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
- 12:00 PM Children's Sunday Planning: CLC
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups