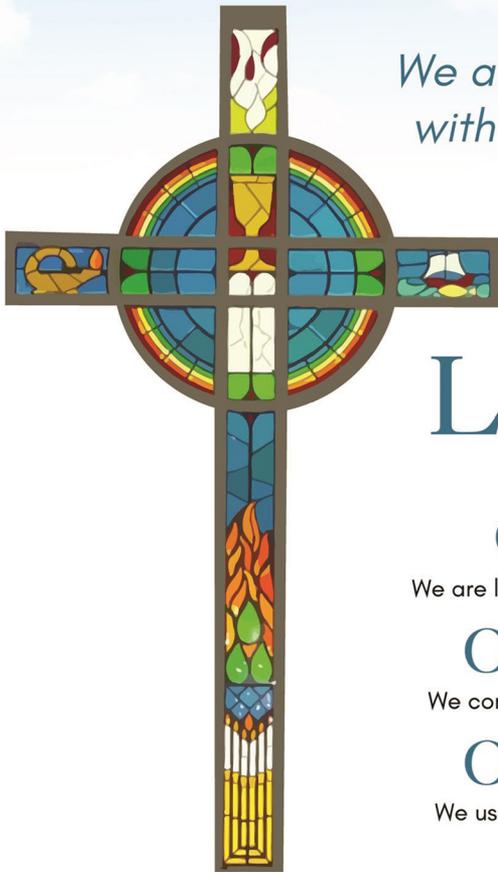


# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 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

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We commit to loving God and loving people

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*Order of Worship*

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude on ABERYSTWYTH*

Joseph Parry  
setting by Gordon Young

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley

**GREETINGS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

No. 356  
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**

O Lord, our failure is something You know all about. In Your mercy, gently remind us of where we stepped away from You, where we failed to heed Your word, where we acted out of our need to be right instead of doing what was right. Set our feet on a better path for the sake of Your son, Jesus. (Time of silent prayer and reflection.) We pray this in Christ's 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:** Hear the word of God through the Prophet Isaiah:

**All:** They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.

Sing a song of redemption! (Is. 35:10)

**Pastor:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lowell Mason  
setting by Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast. Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.  
See, from his head, his hands, his feet. Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

Isaac Watts

## 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.

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Johann Crüger  
setting by Gary Matheny

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended, that man to judge Thee  
hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.  
For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, for my salvation.  
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee,  
and will ever pray Thee, Think on Thy pity  
and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

Johann Heermann

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Rocky Pearce

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Pie Jesu*

Malcolm Archer

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem.  
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem, dona eis requiem.  
Merciful Jesus, Grant them rest.  
Merciful Jesus, Grant them eternal rest.  
from the Requiem Mass

\*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

### Sacred Cows Make the Best Burgers

Luke 6:1-11  
(Pew Bible page 1020)

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

No. 569  
CWM RHONDDA

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Marty Haugen

## \*POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in A Minor*

Jan Pieter Sweelinck

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor  
Rocky Pearce, Elder  
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist  
The Chancel Choir  
Emily Lake, soprano  
Jennifer Foxworth, violin

\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.



## 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 Saleeb; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witzenburg.

**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 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. This retreat could be the best thing to happen to you THIS YEAR. Deadline to register is March 31.



**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. Sponsorships are available. To purchase tickets, use QR code or visit [www.lighthouseflorence.org/events](http://www.lighthouseflorence.org/events).



**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 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.



**Maundy 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 into worship.
- **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:** Today, March 22, and April 12
  - **First–5th Rehearsals:** April 19, April 26, and 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 back WinShape Camps for Communities to First Presbyterian for a day camp experience for those who have completed grades K-5. The program will run June 29-July 3. Cost for the 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. Helping Florence Flourish has a goal of raising \$25,000 in scholarships and 40 volunteers. Register as a volunteer at <https://camps.winshape.org/volunteer>. You also can donate online at [helpingflorenceflourish.org](https://helpingflorenceflourish.org) and in the comments use WinShape.

**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!



**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](https://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. Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card by email and successful donations get A1C testing.

The community is invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation.

## 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
- 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
- 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
- 12:15 PM Children's Sunday Planning: CLC
- 12:15 PM Women's Healthy Lunch: JFH
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups

