



# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 a.m.

April 26, 2026

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

*\*Goodbye Yesterday*

Gracie Binion | Joshua Holiday  
Mitch Wong | Steven Furtick

*\*Abide*


Aaron Keyes | Aaron Williams | Jake Fauber

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Jayne Boswell

## 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

*No Greater Love*

Audrey Assad | Chris Tomlin | Matt Maher

## SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

### **The Hardest Command**

Luke 6:27-36

(Pew Bible page 1021)

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*Build My Life*

Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Kaple  
Matt Redman | Pat Barrett

## BENEDICTION

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor  
Jayne Boswell, Elder  
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children's Ministry  
Praise Team  
Vic Rockhill, leader  
Curt Boswell, bass guitar  
Jude Emert, guitar  
Keith Hamrick, drums  
Luke Matthews, piano  
Steve Mount, electric guitar  
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 our son, Robert, by Bob and Betsy Olsen.

**The rose** on the chancel this morning is in honor of Laney Frances Spearman, born Tuesday, April 21, daughter of Bryan and Madisen Spearman.

**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 Pam Morgan for the loss of her brother John R. Hastings; Marie O'Harra for the loss of her husband, Bob; Aubrey Crawford; Christa Godwin's sister-in-law; Henry Jenkins; Rainey Josey; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Jim Moseley; George Stuber; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witzenburg.

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held at 10:40 a.m. April 26 in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing four Covenant Partners to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. Nominations will be taken from the floor during the meeting. The ONC consist of 10 members (2 Elders, 2 Deacons, 2 Women in Ministry (WIM) representatives and 4 Covenant partners). The ONC reviews nominees made by the Congregation and asks these people to prayerfully consider serving as future Elders and Deacons. A final slate of 12 officers (4 Elders and 8 Deacons) will be presented to the congregation for affirmation. Prior to nominating a Covenant Partner to serve on the ONC, please confirm his/her willingness to serve on the committee. Please note per ONC bylaws, individuals serving on the ONC will not be considered for service as an Elder or Deacon during the period in which they are committee members. Childcare will be available for 3K and older in the CLC.

**Sunday School & Congregational Meeting:** Children's Sunday School will end early at 10:35 a.m. April 26 to allow families time to attend the Congregational Meeting. Ms. Kelly and Ms. Kaiti will be available in the CLC to care for any children whose parents would like to drop them off during the meeting.

**Chancel Handbell Choir Spring Concert** will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. Come hear the sounds of the season with our talented musicians.

**Rummage Sale:** The Youth Group will be having a Rummage Sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, with an exclusive first look for \$10 at 5 p.m. Friday.

**Florence Symphony Orchestra:** Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. Free concert celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary at the Performing Arts Center.

**Combined Services:** Starting May 3, we will offer one Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. The style of worship will alternate, and May 3 will be contemporary.

**Church picnic:** Please join us for the spring church picnic that will be held following the 10 a.m. Combined Worship on Sunday, May 3. Bring your favorite salad, vegetable, starch, or dessert. Bring blankets and chairs, if desired, for seating.

**WiM Spring Celebration:** All women are invited to the Women in Ministry Annual Spring Celebration to be held at 6 p.m. May 12, in the CLC with the presentation of the Life Service Award. Bring a salad to share. RSVP by calling the church office or on Realm. Nursery will be provided with RSVP, 843-662-2583, by May 6.



**WinShape Camps** returns to First Pres, June 29 - July 3. There are 3 valuable ways to help support the mission of the camp. Volunteers are needed to prepare snack bags before the start of camp, assemble lunch bags for the volunteers during camp, and to wash laundry for the dedicated WinShape staffers. If you are interested in assisting with any of these opportunities, please reach out to the covenant partner coordinating: Snack Coordinator Sandra Davidson (85davidson@gmail.com, 704-785-1756); Lunch Coordinator Lynette Gaddy (lynetteTGaddy@gmail.com, 843-409-3903); and Laundry Coordinator Becka Tuttle (sbletson83@yahoo.com, 843-607-6905). Thank you for your support and willingness to serve.

