

# Children's Sunday

10 a.m.

May 10, 2026



Forgive

Katon. Sanderson



First Presbyterian  
FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*Gavotte*

F. J. Gossec

Eiley Foxworth, cello  
Jennifer Foxworth, piano

## GREETINGS

Dr. Stuart Bond and Reames Evans

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

Anna Parsons Fast and Chris Handley

## INTROIT

*We Are the Church*

Christopher Walker

Children's Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Fast

**Leader:** God loves us and calls us His own.

**All:** We come to worship with thankful hearts!

**Leader:** Be kind, patient, and forgiving to one another.

**All:** Just as the Lord forgives us.

**Leader:** Above all, put on love.

**All:** We will worship God with love and joy!

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 652

*This Is the Day*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Caroline Early  
front of hymnal

*The Apostles' Creed*

## \*THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

*Glory Be to the Father*

GREATOREX  
Henry W. Greatorex

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

Ford Hofler

Loving God, we don't always choose what is right. Sometimes we hurt others with our words and our actions. Sometimes we forget to forgive and choose anger instead of love. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to follow You and to show kindness, patience, and grace. Teach us to forgive just as You forgive us. Hear us now in our time of silent prayer ... Together we pray: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hattie Kaye Scott

**Leader:** God loves us deeply and forgives us when we turn to Him.

**All:** Thanks be to God for His mercy and love!

**Leader:** Because of Jesus, we are forgiven and can choose to extend forgiveness to others.

**All:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

## ANTHEM

*Song for Beginnings*

Kevin R. Riehle

## MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lily Packard and Abigail Tuttle

☞ *Children in Worship* will not meet today, but nurseries are available. Because it is Children's Sunday, we encourage all children to stay in worship.

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

No. 80  
WHOLE WORLD

**PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

John Hofler

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Anna Lee Pennstrom and Sullivyn Jackson

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*I Am A Child of God*

Henry Fast  
Douglas E. Wagner

*The Good Lord Made It All!*

John Carter

Children's Choir

**\*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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Harmony of the Angels, Opus 100, No. 21*

Johann Friedrich Burgmüller

Stanton Lake, piano

**SERMON**

**Forgiveness**

*The Story of Joseph and His Brothers*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*God Is So Good*

**God Is So Good**

" . . . they lifted up their voice . . . and praised the Lord, saying, 'For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.' "—II Chronicles 5:13

**GOD IS SO GOOD**  
Traditional

Traditional

1 God is so good, God is so good,  
2 He an - swers prayer, He an - swers prayer,  
3 He cares for me, He cares for me,  
4 I love Him so, I love Him so,

1 God is so good, He's so good to me!  
2 He an - swers prayer, He's so good to me!  
3 He cares for me, He's so good to me!  
4 I love Him so, He's so good to me!

**\*BENEDICTION**

John Hofler, Lily Packard, and Abigail Tuttle

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE**

*The Trees of the Field*

GOING FORTH  
William P. Rowan

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.  
Isaiah 55:12

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in C Major*

Gordon Young

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor  
Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries  
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children's Ministry  
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist  
Eiley Foxworth, cello  
Stanton Lake, piano  
Jennifer Foxworth, piano  
Margaret Jones, flute  
Bruce Hubbs, guitar  
The Children of First Presbyterian Church

\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

Cover Art: Joseph's story. Drawing by Katon Sanderson.

Harlan

**Joseph & His Brothers**

Children's Sunday  
Participants

Narrator: Lily Packard  
Joseph: John Hoffer  
Jacob: Reames Evans  
Brother: Hattie Kaye Scott  
Brother: John Early  
Judah: Crosland Lake  
Brother: Hunter Scott  
Brother: Caroline Early  
Brother: Susanna Lake  
Brother: Ethan Hall  
Benjamin: Elizabeth Fast  
Brother: Ameila Anne Brown  
Brother: Harlan Wyatt  
Brother: Hayes Hoffer  
Trader: Ford Hoffer  
Trader: Eiley Foxworth  
Guard: Abigail Tuttle  
Pharaoh: Henry Fast



Servants: Katon Sanderson, Sullivyn Jackson, Anna Lee Pennstrom, and Madison Williams  
Ushers: Stanton Lake, Ella Kate Pennstrom, Liza Tuttle, Ellie Blankenship, and Murray Sanderson



# Joseph's Story

Reanes Evans



People will be mean to you. The best thing you can do is forgive.

Ellie



FORgive  
hers



Caroline  
Early



Elizabeth  
Fast

# Forgive



The Lord turns bad things into good things!



God, forgive us like Joseph forgave his brothers.

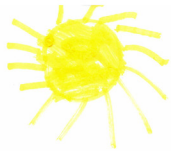


John



Liza Tuttle

# The Coat of Many Colors



# Always Forgive



Genesis 37-46

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## 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 Andrew Tolson and Alex Tolson and families in the loss of their grandmother Amelia Ann Hickson Tolson; Aubrey Crawford; Henry Jenkins; Rainey Josey; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Jim Moseley; George Stuber; and Ginger Sullivan.

**Cookies and Lemonade:** Please join us after the service for cookies and lemonade in the courtyard.

**Combined Services Schedule:** One worship service will be offered at 10 a.m. on Sundays through August. Two services will resume September 13.

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

**Vacation Bible School:** Registration is open for this summer's VBS, June 15-18. Join us on campus as children will step back in time to Rome with Paul to discover what it meant to follow Jesus. VBS is open to children who have completed 5K through fifth grade as of June. Children in 3K-4K may attend if a parent or grandparent is volunteering during the week. A nursery also will be available to children of parent volunteers.

**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 camp will run June 29-July 3. Cost for the camp is \$225. Register for the camp here: <https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/florence-sc-2/>.

As **WinShape Camps** returns to First Presbyterian, there are three 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 WinShape staff. If you are interested in assisting with any of these opportunities, please contact 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 (sbleton83@yahoo.com, 843-607-6905). Thank you for your support and willingness to serve.

**Officer Nominations:** The Officer Nomination Committee will be taking nominations from May 10 to May 31 for Officers (4 Elders & 8 Deacons) to serve in the Class of 2029. Officer Nomination Forms and collection boxes will be in the Narthex and the Welcome Center during this period.

The following individuals were selected to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee for 2026: Elders Billy McBride and Johnny Stoupenos; Deacons Mark Davis and John Etheridge; Women in Ministry Jill Cain and Casey Coker; Covenant Partners At Large: Jeff Collins, Jan Green, Jim Moseley, and Hunter Sims; and Ex officio Stuart Bond.

### Children's Ministry

- **Skate into Summer: Children's Family Event**

Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Skateland as we celebrate the beginning of summer with fun-filled family skating! We've reserved Skateland for a morning of fellowship & fun! We also will be providing pizza and drinks!

- **Summer Sunday School:** We'll have Summer Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the POD area for the Sunday School classes upstairs for all children continuing through June.

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**Adult Sunday School Summer Schedule:** With the change of the worship service schedule, some adult Sunday School classes take a summer hiatus and a few adjust their meeting times. The Compass Class will follow the children's Sunday School schedule. The Faith in Motion class will meet at 9 a.m. except for the month of July. The Discovery Class also will meet at 9 a.m. throughout the summer.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 10     **Mother's Day**

- 8:30 AM   Children's Sunday rehearsal
- 10:00 AM   Combined Worship Service: Children's Sunday
- 2:00 PM    WiM Sunday Salty Sisters

### MONDAY, MAY 11

- 9:00 AM    CDC Chapel
- 10:00 AM   Florence Garden Club Council: Women's Only Classroom
- 12:15 PM   CDC Bible Study
- 2:30 PM    Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 4:30 PM    Girl Scout Troop Meeting
- 5:15 PM    CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM    Enabling Team Meeting
- 5:30 PM    Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:30 PM    Eagle Scout Court of Honor: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM    Men's Bible Study: Room 203

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 7:00 AM    Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM   Staff meeting
- 12:00 PM   WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom
- 5:30 PM    WinShape Leadership Planning Meeting
- 6:00 PM    WiM Spring Celebration: CLC

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 8:00 AM    Veterans Brunch Meeting
- 12:15 PM   Missions Team Meeting
- 5:30 PM    Youth Group
- 6:00 PM    WiM Wednesday Night Women
- 6:00 PM    WiM Prayer Warriors
- 6:15 PM    Wednesday Night Parenting

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 7:00 AM    Men's Bible Study: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 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
- 6:00 PM    CDC 4K Graduation: JFH

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 6:00 PM    Men's Retreat Follow-Up Hang Out: off campus
- 7:00 PM    Charli Moore Piano Recital: JFH

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 10:30 AM   Skate into Summer: Skateland
- 11:00 AM   Charli Moore Piano Recital: JFH
- 3:00 PM    Charli Moore Piano Recital: JFH

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 9:00 AM    Sunday School
- 9:00 AM    Youth: Breakfast for Seniors: JFH
- 10:00 AM   Combined Worship Service: Senior Sunday
- 2:30 PM    Piano and Violin Recital: JFH
- 4:00 PM    Trinity Collegiate Baccalaureate: Sanctuary