

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

May 24, 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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Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.
Leave Gracefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA
Navy Hymn
setting by Sue Mitchell-Wallace

GREETINGS

INTROIT

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril Vincent Taylor
setting by John Ferguson

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into every mind and heart.
Fred Pratt Green

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 317
DIADEMATA

***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

Lord, we come before you today with gratitude for what we have received from your hand, including the legacy of this land. And we come sober-minded for the sacrifices others have made. And, of course, we are mindful of what Christ has done for each of us. Give us hearts filled with gratitude, O God, for all of it. (Time of silent prayer and confession). Hear us now: **We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Let these words from the Book of Hebrews be a guide for each of us:

All: **Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."** (Heb. 12:28-29)

Pastor: In Jesus Christ, that which we have done wrong has been consumed and the fire of God remains to burn within you.

All: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

I'll Sing

ELLACOMBE

Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wittenberg
arr. Molly Ijames

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day:
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I'll sing to the Lord while I live;

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food, I'll sing.
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;

And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.


While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, And everywhere that man can
be Thou God are present there. I'll sing to the Lord while I live, I'll sing!

Isaac Watts

Psalm 104:33

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

ADORO TE DEVOTE

Processionale, *Paris*, 1697

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be.

Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee.

And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal;

And with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be.

Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee.

And with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear.

And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be.

Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee.

Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,

And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me. I would mighty be.

Help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee.

'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield.

Let Thy Word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Thomas T. Lynch, St. 1-3; K. Lee Scott, St. 4

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Johnny Stoupenos

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
arr. Lloyd Larson

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.

Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.

Show you power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

*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.

HONORING THE FALLEN

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

The Basics of Great Faith

Luke 7:1-10

(Pew Bible page 1022)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 472

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE

America, the Beautiful

MATERNA

Samuel A. Ward

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from seas to shining sea!

Katharine L. Bates

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Major

Jeremy J. Bankson

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Johnny Stoupenos, Elder
Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel Choir
Christa Godwin, soprano
Kelly Jokisch, trumpet

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.



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 Aubrey Crawford; Rainey Josey; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Jim Moseley; George Stuber; and Ginger Sullivan.

Officer Nominations: The Officer Nomination Committee will be taking nominations until 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 serve on the ONC: Elders Billy McBride and Johnny Stoupenos; Deacons Mark Davis and John Etheridge; Women in Ministry's Jill Cain and Casey Coker; Covenant Partners At Large: Jeff Collins, Jan Green, Jim Moseley, and Hunter Sims; and Ex officio Stuart Bond.

Cookies and Lemonade: Join us after worship for lemonade and cookies.

Pizza with the Pastor: Pastor Stuart invites guests and visitors to First Presbyterian Church to have pizza with him at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, June 14, in the fellowship hall. The goal is for visitors to get to know Pastor Stuart and offer a better window into First Presbyterian. RSVP with the church office, 843-662-2583.

Children's Ministry

- **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 through June.

- **Vacation Bible School:** Registration is open for this summer's VBS, June 15-18. Join us 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. Scan QR code to register before June 1.



Adult Sunday Schools Summer Schedule: With the change of the worship service schedule, some adult Sunday School classes take a summer hiatus and a few adjust 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 in July. The Discovery Class also will meet at 9 a.m. throughout the summer in the Lawson-Rain Chapel, studying *Songs of God* (Psalms). Bible Drill for adults will meet at 9 a.m. May 24, 31, and June 7.

Batter Up: Come celebrate the culmination of Vacation Bible School with your church family at a night at the ballpark to cheer on the Florence Flamingos as they play the Tri-City Chili Peppers at 7 p.m. Friday, June 19. Children wishing to participate in the on-field games between innings should arrive early to sign up.

- Cost: Your \$17.50 ticket includes a Flamingos hat and all-you-can-eat dinner (unlimited burgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, chips, cookies, and Coca-Cola products/water).
- Purchase your ticket using the QR code and password fpc2026. Stop by the box office for your concessions wristband and hat.



WinShape Prayer Team volunteers needed. The WinShape Leadership team wants to emphasize prayer prior to and during camp this year and we would love for people to join us in this endeavor. For those interested, we will send you a prayer guide beginning this week and a guide to pray through the week of camp. Please contact Courtney Emert at courtneyemert@gmail.com/336-239-8323 or Jeremy Emert at jemert@helpingflorenceflourish.org/336-858-3329 for more information.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Music Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service: traditional
- 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies

MONDAY, MAY 25 Memorial Day

CDC, church office closed

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 6:30 PM Session: JFH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 10:00 AM Small Group Bible Study: WOC
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- 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
- 6:30 PM Piano Recital (Gigi Anderson): JFH

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service: Contemporary
- 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School Teachers Connection: LR
- 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies