

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

July 5, 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

Festival Prelude on THAXTED

Gustav Holst
arr. David Pettit

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end;
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
Michael Perry

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE**

God, Our Creator

No. 728
NATIONAL HYMN
George Warren
arr. Carlton Young

1. God, our creator, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before your throne arise.
2. Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
You are our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.
(Choir Only on verse 3)
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
your mighty arm our ever sure defense;
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen!
Daniel Roberts

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

front of hymnal

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE
Christopher 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.
second century Gloria Patri

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we have a long way to go. We fail, we fall short, we love poorly and complain loudly. We are sorry, Father. Remind us of the goodness that You have given us and give us that precious gift of grateful hearts for all we have. (Time of silent prayer and confession.) We pray as one: We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9)

Pastor: In Jesus Christ we are restored.

All: Praise God.

ANTHEM

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Thesaurus Musicus, 1740

arr. Mack Wilberg

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside Let freedom ring!
My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.
Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.
Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King!
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King! God, our King!
Samuel F. Smith

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 MEDITATION

A Prayer for Our Time

MELITA

John Bacchus Dykes

arr. Joseph Martin

Our God, to Thee we pray. Heal our nation, Lord, today.
God of mercy, grant us courage. Give us peace.
When evil draws its angry sword and seeks to sever freedom's cord,
When death and darkness shake our faith in God's unfailing power to save,
Eternal Father, ever be our courage in the time of need.
When war is waged by faceless foes who battle peace with fiery blows,
when storms of hate and fear assail, our Father's mighty arm prevails,
Eternal Father, ever be our refuge in the time of need.
There is no tyrant who can stand against our sure Defender's hand.
No threat or danger can defeat the strong and righteous Prince of Peace.
Eternal Father, forever be our fortress in the time.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Stuart Snow

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

America the Beautiful

Samuel Ward
arr. Don Wyrzten

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America!
God shed His grace on Thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears! America!
God shed His grace on Thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

Katharine Lee Bates

*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

The Day After

1 Peter 1:3-9; 13-24

(Pew Bible pages 1200-1201)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

No. 730
BATTLE HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

America the Beautiful

Samuel Ward
arr. Bob Walters

America! God shed His grace on Thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea. America!

Katharine Lee Bates

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune and Flourishes

David Maxwell

This morning's worship is led by

Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor

Stuart Snow, Elder

Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries

Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir

Christa Godwin, soprano

Emily Lake, soprano

Stuart Snow, tenor

Curt Boswell, bass

Lily Green, flute

Kelly Jokisch, trumpet

Randy Oswald, timpani and percussion

*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; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Linda Smiley; Ginger Sullivan; Peggy Swearingen; Ronnie Welch; and Debbie Wilson.

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

Nominations for Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: The ad hoc committee for selecting the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee welcomes and encourages your participation in the nominating process. If you have a name(s) of a covenant partner you would like the committee to consider for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, please use the form available in the Welcome Center and Sanctuary. Deadline for submissions is **July 12**.

There will be 7 people who will serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, as outlined below:

1. **2 of the 7** will be sitting elders (nominated by the Session)
2. **1 of the 7** will be a sitting deacon (nominated by the Diaconate)
3. **4 of the 7** will be at-large FPC members

The ad hoc committee would appreciate your help by submitting nominees for the at-large positions. Anyone submitting a nomination must first ask the prospective nominee for their approval before submitting their name. It is important to recognize that any name placed in the nomination box has a real possibility of being selected. Prayerfully consider each name placed on the ballot and be sure to give nominees sufficient time to consider their willingness to serve. To help the committee consider the person's qualifications, please comment on the candidate by using the general guidelines on the form, which the denomination suggests for your consideration of nominees. Nominations can be placed in the boxes in the Welcome Center or Sanctuary, mailed to the church or given to a member of the ad hoc committee, which includes Elders Alice Caldwell and Chris Scott; Deacons Cathy Lee and Ed Sprenger; and Women in Ministry's Jane Heath.

Children's Ministry

- **Sunday School:** After the July break, our Sunday School year will kick off at 9 a.m. August 9. Because the church will continue with one worship service in August, Sunday School will meet at 9 a.m., followed by worship at 10 a.m. Beginning September 13, Sunday School will return to its regular 10 a.m. Sunday School hour, which will continue through April.
- **Promotion Sunday:** Join us for a special Sunday on August 9 as our children move up to their new Sunday School classes! During the 10 a.m. worship service, we will:
 - Present Bibles to our 2K children as they move from the nursery into Sunday School.
 - Present Bibles to our first-graders.
 - Recognize and present Bibles to our new Sixth Grade Catechism and Confirmation Class as they begin this important step in their faith journey. We look forward to celebrating these milestones together as a church family!
- **Calling Sixth-graders: Confirmation is Coming!** If you have a rising sixth-grader who would like to participate in Confirmation but did not receive a registration packet, please contact Kaiti Bryant to receive the information, kbryant@florencefirst.org.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies

MONDAY, JULY 6

Church office closed

- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 2:00 PM Jobs for Life Graduation: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:00 PM Worship Team meeting
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts meeting
- 6:15 PM Ad hoc APNC meeting
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 8:00 AM Treasured Tuesdays: Dino Park (Myrtle Beach)
- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 11:00 AM Youth Prayer Retreat departure (Black Mountain, N.C.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Youth Prayer Retreat

- 8:00 AM Veterans Brunch Meeting
- 10:00 AM Small Group Bible Study: Women's Only Classroom
- 12:15 PM Missions Team meeting: LR
- 12:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays: Flip Factory Zone (Columbia)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:30 PM Men's Study *Practicing the Way*: LR

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Youth Prayer Retreat

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR
- 10:15 AM Thundering Thursdays: Frankie's Fun Park (Columbia)
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Youth Prayer Retreat return

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: HopeHealth
- 1:00 PM Flute recital

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 AM Meet-and-greet with Gray Scott: JFH
- 11:15 AM Children's Ministry Team meeting