

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

July 26, 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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WELCOME

MOMENT FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**Rejoice* Ben Shive | Bryan Fowler | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Skye Peterson

**The Apostles’ Creed* front of hymnal

**This I Believe* Ben Fielding | Matt Crocker

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE Elder Mike Lavespere

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.

PRAYER OF BLESSING OF TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS

GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Abide Aaron Keyes | Aaron Williams | Jake Fauber

SERMON Dr. Stuart Bond

My Name is Legion
Luke 8: 26-39
(Pew Bible pages 1024-1025)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Who You Say I Am Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

BENEDICTION

This morning’s worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children’s Ministry
Mike Lavespere, Elder
Praise Team
Vic Rockhill, leader
Curt Boswell, bass guitar
Keith Hamrick, drums
Jude Emert, guitar
David Sanderson, electric guitar
Max Keefe, keyboard
Kadryn Davis, vocals
Courtney Emert, vocals

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers for the service this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tommy Howard by his wife, Marian, and their family.

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 Emily McLean and family for the loss of her husband, Bob; Aubrey Crawford; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Linda Smiley; Ginger Sullivan; Ronnie Welch; and Debbie Wilson.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held after today's worship service to act upon the ad hoc committee report for the election of the at-large FPC individuals to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Cookies and lemonade will follow the meeting.

Mission Trip: Covenant Partners Brandon Blankenship, and Kimberly and Pack Packard, are planning to go in October 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.



Children's Ministry

- **New Children's Ministry Check-In Procedures:** To help provide a safe and secure environment for every child, we'll be implementing new check-in procedures beginning **Sunday, August 9.**

Nursery

- Member families will have pre-printed name stickers available each Sunday — one for your child's back and one for their diaper bag (if needed).
- First-time visitors will complete a sticker with their child's name and parent/guardian information for both the child and diaper bag.

Sunday School (2K–First Grade)

- Teachers will use class rosters and attendance sheets to check children into class each Sunday.
- If a visitor attends, parents will be asked to complete a Visitor Card with their contact information and their child's information.
- For the safety of our youngest children, if a teacher does not personally know the adult picking up a child, they may ask to see a photo ID and verify it matches the parent or guardian listed on the class roster or Visitor Card before releasing the child.

Children in Worship (3K–First Grade)

- Parents will check their child in by scanning a QR code located throughout the Sanctuary and Sanctuary entrances before Children in Worship begins.
- The digital check-in form provides teachers with an up-to-date attendance list, emergency contact information, allergies, and any special notes.
- If a teacher does not know the adult picking up a child, they may ask to see a photo ID to verify it matches the name used during the digital check-in before releasing the child.

- **Confirmation** season is here! If you have a rising sixth-grader who would like to participate in Confirmation, contact Kaiti Bryant, kbryant@florencefirst.org.
- **Sunday School** kicks off a little earlier this year on Sunday, 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, class will return to its regular 10 a.m. hour, which will continue through April.
- **Promotion Sunday:** Join us for a special Sunday at 10 a.m. 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!

Youth Ministry

- Thursday: Coffee at F.E. Pop’s, 7 a.m.
- Saturday: Whitewater Rafting, 8 a.m.

Tiles for Tots: Join us for an evening of mahjong, fellowship, and fun while supporting the children of First Presbyterian Church Child Development Center. The fundraiser will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 27, in the Lawson-Rain Chapel. Individual tickets will be \$30 and \$110 to reserve a table. Email Kim Brauss to reserve your space, kbrauss@florencefirst.org, or register with the QR code.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Congregational meeting
- 11:15 AM Lemonade and Cookies
- 4:00 PM Children’s Sunday School teachers meeting

MONDAY, JULY 27

- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 6:00 PM CDC staff meeting: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- 10:00 AM Small Group Bible Study: Women’s Only Classroom
- 5:30 PM Youth Group: El Dos Agave
- 6:30 PM Safety Team meeting: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop’s
- 7:30 AM Men’s Book Study
- 10:30 AM Women’s Bible Study: WOC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

- 8:00 AM Youth: Whitewater Rafting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

Rejoice

Ben Shive | Bryan Fowler | Keith Getty
Kristyn Getty | Skye Peterson

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again, we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

With each breath He's given, praise the Lord
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
Shepherd of our lives

With each breath He's given, praise the Lord
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice

We have every reason to praise the Lord

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

This I Believe (The Creed)

Ben Fielding | Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For my waking breath, for my daily bread
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following
I depend on You, I depend on You
For the victories, still in front of me Jesus
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength, my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours, forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death, as I enter rest
I depend on You, I depend on You
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength, my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours, forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

I depend on You, I depend on You

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

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In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God yes I am

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A **Congregational Meeting** has been called for 11 a.m. Sunday, July 26, following the 10 a.m. worship service. The following item will be on the agenda:

- 1) To act upon the ad hoc committee report for the election of the at-large FPC individuals to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Chris Canfield has been a covenant partner for 20 years. He and his wife, Charissa, joined in 2006. He is active in the church, serving as an elder, Sunday School teacher and participant, Small Group leader and volunteering with the Youth Ministry Team, the Missions Team, the Parking Lot Ministry and the Haiti and Peru Mission Teams. Charissa and Chris have a daughter, Catherine, in college at N.C. State.

Karen Jordan joined First Presbyterian Church in 1987 along with her husband, Frank, and two sons. She has been active in the church throughout the years by serving as a preschool teacher for 30+ years, two terms as a deacon, and serving on officer nominating committees. She also volunteered with VBS and Family Promise. Both of her sons, Daniel and Hunter, developed a solid biblical foundation by being involved in the children and youth ministries, as well as the scouting program. Karen actively supports all aspects of First Presbyterian Church and currently serves on the Children's Ministry Team.

Mike Lavespere and his wife, Jean, have been covenant partners since 1992. He has served as moderator of the board of deacons and as clerk of Session. Mike has taught the catechism to sixth graders for 25 years and has been involved in the confirmation process as a mentor and teacher. He currently teaches the Faith in Motion Sunday school class and has led several small groups.

Caroline Toniolo has attended First Presbyterian since she was a baby with her parents Wendell and Margaret Jones. Caroline joined as a confirmand in 2004. She and her husband, Steven, were married in the church, and their children Grier and Tripp were baptized in the church. She serves on the Church Endowment Committee with Buddy Brand and on the Child Development Center's Advisory Committee. She's also a member of the Wednesday Night Women circle and Faith in Motion class. Caroline is a Financial Advisor and Partner at Ensemble Wealth Planning.

Seven people will serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, as outlined below:

1. **2 of the 7** will be sitting elders (nominated by the Session):
Janet Brand and Porter Stewart
2. **1 of the 7** will be a sitting deacon (nominated by the Diaconate):
Brandon Blankenship
3. **4 of the 7** will be at-large FPC members.