

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

August 23, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

*Forever

Chris Tomlin

*Same God

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Pat Barrett | Steven Furtick

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

Elder Ryon Watkins

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kaiti Bryant

Children in 3K-first grade are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children in Worship*. Children who attend Children in Worship must check in prior to dismissal from worship by using the QR code. Parents, please pick up your children at *Children in Worship* at the end of the service.



GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Firm Foundation

Austin Davis | Chandler Moore | Cody Carnes

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Holy Ground: The Brazen Altar of Sacrifice
Exodus 26:30 - 27:8
(Pew Bible pages 80-81)

SONG OF RESPONSE

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

James River Worship

BENEDICTION

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

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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 Dan Jackson for the loss of his sister, Mary Janice Deaton; Allen McCall for the loss of his sister, Ann McCall Buie; Aubrey Crawford; Evans Holland; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Ginger Owen; Linda Smiley; Ginger Sullivan; and Ronnie Welch.

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

- **Children’s Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m., followed by worship at 10 a.m. Beginning September 13, class will return to its regular 10 a.m. hour.
- **Children in Worship** is for children in 3K-first grade. Children entering second-fifth grade will remain in worship with their families, while students entering sixth grade and above are invited to serve as helpers alongside our adult leaders. These updated guidelines help us provide the best experience for our youngest children while encouraging our older children to continue growing through participation in worship. Thank you for your support as we continue to strengthen this ministry!

Women in Ministry Ice Cream Social will be held at 4 p.m. August 30 in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. All the women of the church are invited to celebrate the new season with us. We’ll have Circle, Bible study, and event information, and more!

Youth Parent Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. August 30. Parents, please meet in the youth area. We will be going over the year’s events. Contact Youth Director Christina “Taiter” Garrett for more information, tgarrett@florencefirst.org.

Wednesday Night Kickoff Carnival will be held from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 9. Join us as we celebrate a new season of Wednesday nights at FPC! The evening will be full of fun with inflatables, carnival games, hamburgers, and more. It’s the perfect way to reconnect and get excited for all that’s ahead in Ministry this fall!

Sunday Worship will return to two services on September 13. The Contemporary service with the Praise Team will be held at 9 a.m., and the Traditional service with the Chancel Choir will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday School classes will meet at 10 a.m. If you would like to learn more information on joining a Sunday School class, please speak with a deacon or an elder (with name tags on).

The Tabernacle: We’re reaching out to invite you to become a volunteer at The Tabernacle! Your help can make a significant impact for this ministry of First Presbyterian Church, and we would love to have you on board. Whether you have a few hours to spare or are looking for a more involved role, there are many opportunities to lend a hand. If you’re interested in volunteering, please send an email to Tabernacle@florencefirst.org for more details.

Reformation Tour: Pastor Stuart teams up with Dr. Barry Jenkins for a Reformation Tour through France, Switzerland, and Germany in fall 2027. To learn more about it, please join us for an informational meeting at 4 p.m. September 13 in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship Update

First Presbyterian Church relies on the generosity of our covenant partners to fund our ministry activities. The information below is a snapshot of our giving through the end of July. Currently our average monthly giving is below our monthly budget needs.

Monthly Budget Need	July Receipts	YTD Monthly Avg
\$163,667	\$131,265	\$145,719

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King
 His love endures forever
 For He is good He is above all things
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
 His love endures forever
 For the life that's been reborn
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise

Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
 Forever God is strong
 Forever God is with us, forever

From the rising to the setting sun
 His love endures forever
 And by the grace of God we will carry on
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise

Same God

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Pat Barrett | Steven Furtick

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
 Whose love endures through generations
 I know that You will keep Your covenant
 I'm calling on the God of Moses
 The one who opened up the ocean
 I need you now to do the same thing for me

Oh God my God I need You
 Oh God my God I need You now
 How I need You now
 Oh Rock oh Rock of ages
 I'm standing on Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary
 Whose favor rests upon the lowly
 I know with You all things are possible
 I'm calling on the God of David
 Who made a shepherd boy courageous
 I may not face Goliath
 but I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You
 Oh God my God I need You now
 How I need You now
 Oh Rock oh Rock of ages
 I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now
 You are the same God You are the same God
 You answered prayers back then And You will answer now
 You are the same God You are the same God
 You were providing then You are providing now
 You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were a healer then You are a healer now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were a Savior then You are a Savior now
You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You
Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again
Come and fill me again

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Austin Davis | Chandler Moore | Cody Carnes

Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now

He won't He won't

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now

He won't He won't He won't fail
He won't fail (no)

(Oh) Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
(And) I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through

Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause my house is built on You

He won't He won't
He won't fail He won't fail no He won't

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

James River Worship

We are standing on holy ground

And I know that there are angels all around

Let us praise Jesus now

We are standing in His presence on holy ground

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 4:30 PM Girls Scouts Meeting: Scout Room
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Session: Jenkins Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 12:00 PM HFF Flourishing Families Lunch and Learn: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 5:30 PM Youth Group Kick Off
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 7:30 AM Men's Book Study: Women's Only Classroom
- 8:00 AM Faith in Motion Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM CDC Fundraiser Prep: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 6:00 PM CDC's Tiles for Tots fundraiser: JFH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Youth: Parent Meeting
- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 4:00 PM WiM Ice Cream Social: JFH
- 6:00 PM WiM Coordinating Team Meeting