

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

September 6, 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

**Promises* Aaron Moses | Dante Bowe | Joe L. Barnes
Keila Alvarado | Lemuel Marin | Phillip Carrington Gaines

**Way Maker* Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE Elder Jim Dameron

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

Narrow Way Aaron Williams | Camie Risinger | Dave Aubrey
John Marc Kohl | Jon Azzarello | Matthew Freeman

SERMON Dr. Stuart Bond

Holy Ground: The Door
John 10:1-18
(Pew Bible page 1062)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Narrow Way Aaron Williams | Camie Risinger | Dave Aubrey
John Marc Kohl | Jon Azzarello | Matthew Freeman

BENEDICTION

This morning’s worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Jim Dameron, Elder
Kaiti Bryant, Program Director for Children’s Ministry
Praise Team
Vic Rockhill, leader
Curt Boswell, bass guitar
Keith Hamrick, drums
David Sanderson, electric guitar
Luke Matthews, keyboard
Courtney Emert, vocals
Jude 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 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** will return to its regular 10 a.m. hour Sunday, September 13.
- **Children in 3K through sixth grade** are invited to join us for Wednesday nights beginning September 16 for age-appropriate opportunities to learn, grow in faith, and have fun together.

Women in Ministry’s Circles of Friends provide a wonderful opportunity for women to connect and support each other. Circles meet monthly, and the new season starts Tuesday. For more information, contact co-moderators Janet Brand or Kimberly Packard, or the church office, 843-662-2583.

Wednesday Night Kickoff Carnival will be held from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 9. Come celebrate a new season of Wednesday nights at FPC! The evening will be full of fun with inflatables, games, barbecue, corn dogs, and more. It’s the perfect way to reconnect and get excited for all that’s ahead in Ministry this fall! Wednesday evening dinner and programs will start September 16.

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 more information on joining a Sunday School class, please speak with a deacon or an elder (with name tags on).

Church Potluck: With the return of two Sunday services, we will have a Church Potluck lunch following the 11 a.m. service September 13 in the CLC. The church will provide the meat and drinks for the lunch. Please bring your favorite salad, vegetable, starch, or dessert.

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 Lawson-Rain Chapel.

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 August. Currently our average monthly giving is below our monthly budget needs.

Monthly Budget Need	August Receipts	YTD Monthly Avg
\$163,667	\$155,040	\$146,885

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Prayer Request

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver."
— Proverbs 25:11

We seek prayer for and with the committee this week in honing the clarity of message to our future Associate Pastor and how to best represent FPC and its covenant partners and ministries to whom God is grooming for serving with us.

Continuing this week we also request a focused effort to corporally pray together for the APNC and their efforts. Mondays at noon, please pause and send up prayers for the committee and their work, should your schedule allow. If not at this designated time, please include the APNC in your regular prayer time. Thank you.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 Labor Day

CDC and church office closed

- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:00 PM Worship Team Meeting: Women's Only Classroom
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 10:00 AM WiM Joyful Hearts: Room 100
- 12:00 PM WiM Soul Sisters: Price Classroom
- 3:00 PM WiM Serenity: Lawson-Rain Chapel
- 5:00 PM Youth Ministry Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 8:00 AM Veterans Brunch Meeting: LR
- 12:15 PM Missions Team Meeting: LR
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Kick Off Carnival
- 6:00 PM WiM Wednesday Night Women: Parlor
- 6:00 PM WiM Prayer Warriors: WOC
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 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: WOC
- 8:00 AM Faith in Motion Men's Bible Study: Room 106
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: HopeHealth parking lot
- 9:00 AM WiM Bread & Fish: Room 100

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Church Potluck: CLC
- 12:30 PM WiM Salty Sisters
- 4:00 PM Informational Meeting for 2027 Reformation Tour: LR
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC

Promises

Aaron Moses | Dante Bowe | Joe L. Barnes
Keila Alvarado | Lemuel Marin | Phillip Carrington Gaines

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant
Of faithful promises
Time and time again You have proven
You do just what You say

Though the storms may come
And the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age,
Though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same
Your history can prove
There's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Narrow Way

Aaron Williams | Camie Risinger | Dave Aubrey
John Marc Kohl | Jon Azzarello | Matthew Freeman

Show me how to walk with You
Guide my steps slow my pace
Every day Your mercy's new
Show me how to walk with You

Lead me down the narrow road
Light the path as we go
Through every high and every low
Lead me down the narrow road

There's nothing greater
Than knowing You Jesus
There's nothing better
Than going Your way
I lay my life down
God it's all Yours now
I'll follow all my days the narrow way

Teach me how to truly live
To bear my cross die to self
This is where new life begins
Teach me how to truly live
A buried seed will rise again
For death in Christ is not the end

And keep me 'til that final day
The dawn of all that is to come
There I'll see You face to face
Lord keep me 'til that final day
When all I've lost will then be gain
How sweet to follow Jesus' way

I'll follow all my days
The narrow way

I lay my life down
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