

# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11 a.m.

October 4, 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**

*Christ for the World! We Sing*

ITALIAN HYMN  
Felice de Giardini  
arr. Jack W. Jones

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal.  
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.  
Samuel Wolcott

**GREETINGS**

**INTROIT**

*Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken*

RENDEZ À DIEU  
Louis Bourgeois  
arr. Carlton Young

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken. Look on the tears by sinners shed,  
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.  
Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed.  
Reginald Heber

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

No. 96  
AZMON

**\*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, Amen.  
second century Gloria Patri

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Oh Lord, we confess that we have moments that do not honor you. We've said something unkind, we've acted foolishly, we've failed to do what we should. Forgive us, Lord. We ask for your Spirit to interrupt our patterns so that we are more completely yours. (Time of silent prayer and confession). In Jesus' name, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the promise of Scripture:

All: Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Is. 35: 10)

Leader: Let us walk in faith that Christ's work on the cross  
is greater than our failures.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

## ANTHEM

*Come Before the Table*

Karen Marroli

ADORO TE DEVOTE, *Processionale*, 1697

Come before the table, O come before the Lord. Come with one spirit,  
come with one hope, come with one song, come and share the love.  
Come as you are, knowing we all belong. Come and share the blessing,  
O come and share the promise, O come and share the blessing,  
O come and share the love. Come with one mission, come with one love,  
come with one voice. Come all, all near and far, let all the world rejoice!

Come before the table, O come before the Lord.

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be.

O come and share the love that makes us one.

Thomas Aquinas

## MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kelly Hickey

 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.



## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*You Are Holy*

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Per Harling

(see insert)

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Alice Caldwell

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*The Beauty of This Sacred Place*

PROSPECT

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

setting by James Biery

The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow.  
We sing with love, bestowed by grace; from God all richest blessings flow.  
The meal, the word, the art, the song, are but a glimmer of the whole;  
with joyful hearts sing all day long, God's blessings satisfy the soul.  
We look into each person's eyes and see such longing hunger there.  
Respond with love to others' cries; our neighbors' burdens gladly bear.  
So many struggle and despair, we hear their silent voices plead;  
our actions show how much we care, extending help to those in need.  
The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow.  
We sing with love, bestowed by grace; from God all richest blessings flow.  
All blessings flow!

Marilyn Biery

\*The Doxology

PROSPECT

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.  
All blessings flow!

## SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

### Holy Ground: The Ark of the Covenant

Exodus 25: 10-12; 16-22

(Pew Bible pages 78-79)

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**  
*Go Into the World*

Dale Wood

Go into the world, and serve the Lord with joy!

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on Great Day*

African-American spiritual  
setting by Adolphus Hailstork

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor  
Alice Caldwell, Elder  
Kelly Hickey, Director of Children's Ministries  
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist  
The Chancel Choir  
Christa Godwin, soprano  
Kristin Kiely, soprano  
Betsy Johnson, flute  
Danielle Holland, clarinet  
Bruce Hubbs, guitar  
Dr. Stuart Bond, conga drums

\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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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 Mary Ann Nash, for the loss of her sister; Berta Allen; Aubrey Crawford; Evans Holland; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Linda Smiley; Ginger Sullivan; and Ronnie Welch.

**Calling all Men of the Church,** please join us at noon Wednesday, October 28, in the Fellowship Hall for the start of the monthly "Hey Buddy," a Men's Fellowship Group luncheon series. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5 to be paid at the door, and our guest speaker will be Rainey Josey. RSVP not required but requested to help us get a head count. If you have any questions, contact: Travis Blayton, 803-360-3796; Jason Coker, 843-260-4786; or Chris Scott, 803-606-2500.

**Wednesday Nights:** Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner on the menu for this week is German ham and noodle casserole, green beans, salad, and pretzel rolls. Educational programming begins at 6 p.m. for children and 6:15 p.m. for adults. Youth Group begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Trunk or Treat:** 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 28. Join us for an evening of food, candy, fun, and fellowship for our church family and community. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the CLC, followed by Trunk or Treat at 6 p.m.

**Help us reach 30 trunks!** Scan the Trunk Sign Up QR code to register as a trunk host and help us welcome the many children and families who join us!  
**Help stock the trunks** by donating candy by Sunday, October 25.  
Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex on Sundays, the CLC on Wednesdays, and the church office during the week.



# Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Prayer Request

*“When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” — Luke 5:4*

We seek prayer for and with the committee this week as we have made final preparations, mended our nets, and have “let down” our nets to catch our future Associate Pastor. Pray for the Lord’s guidance in these endeavors, just as Simon followed the Lord’s guidance and instruction, that we may be ready to haul in candidates for our Associate Pastor position! 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.



**Keenagers** kicks the 2026-2027 season with Oktoberfest at noon Tuesday, October 6, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Program will be a meet and greet, where you will have a chance to identify pictures of the coordinating team. Meal will be German charcuterie board, German-style meatballs, German potato salad, braised red cabbage, green beans, apple kuchen, and Black Forest brownies. Covenant partners 55 and older are welcome to join the fun and fellowship. Cost for lunch is \$7.

**Experience The Tabernacle:** The full-scale biblical replica of The Tabernacle on the front lawn will conclude its run today. Open from 12:30 to 7 p.m. today, this interactive experience invites visitors to step back in time to Israel during the Exodus, offering a profound exploration of biblical history, worship, sin atonement, and the holiness and grace of God.

### Youth Ministry

- Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Small Groups, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday: Coffee, 7 a.m. F.E. Pop’s

**American Red Cross blood drive October 13:** Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation today. When donors come to give blood, they’ll not only be supporting a Helping Florence Flourish’s ServeFLO project, but also they’ll get a \$15 e-gift card to the merchant of their choice.\* Use the QR code to schedule an appointment. \*Details at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).



**Reformation Sunday** celebration will be at 10 a.m. October 25 during worship and with a lunch following in the CLC. At 9:30 a.m., tartan donors and families who would like to process with tartans are to pick up their tartans in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall for the 10 a.m. Worship Service.

**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 September. In spite of a strong September, our average monthly giving is below our monthly budget need.

| Monthly Giving Need | September Giving | YTD Surplus/(Deficit) |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| \$163,667           | \$377,096        | (\$19,562)            |

# You Are Holy

## Eres santo

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (Dm) Gm (G7) C7

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways  
E - res san - to, e - res Dios por to - da la e -

(Cmaj7) Fmaj7 (F) Bb (Dm) Gm

ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are  
ter - ni - dad: siem - pre tú muy cer - ca es - tás de tu

(Esus) Asus (E7) A7 (Am) Dm (Dm) Cm

al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.  
pue - blo, buen Se - ñor. Te ga - la - ba - mos hoy a - quí,

(G7) C7 (Cmaj7) Fmaj7 (F) Bb

Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in  
te ga - do - ra - mos con fer - vor. A tu i - gle - sia en

(Dm) Gm (E7) A7 (Am) Dm

wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.  
vi - no y pan nue - va vi - da así le das.

(Am) Dm (Dm) Gm (G7) C7 (Cmaj7) Fmaj7

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are  
E - res san - to, e - res Di - os. Te sen -

(F) Bb (Dm) Gm (Esus) Asus (E7) A7

pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho -  
ti - mos. La cre - a - ción te dé loor. ¡Di ho -

(Am) Dm (Dm) Gm (G7) C7 (Cmaj7) Fmaj7

san - na in the high - est! Sing ho -  
san - na en el cie - lo! ¡Di ho -

(F) Bb (Dm) Gm (E7) A7 (Am) Dm

san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!  
san - na! ¡Di ho - san - na al Se - ñor!

\*May be sung as a canon.

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Irregular

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Confirmand and Mentor Lunch: CLC
- 12:30 PM The Tabernacle
- 12:30 PM WiM Salty Sunday Sisters: off campus
- 5:00 PM Youth: Small Groups
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9:30 AM CDC Chapel
- 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, OCTOBER 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting: Room 100
- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 12:00 PM Keenagers: JFH
- 2:00 PM Intergenerational Planning Committee: WOC

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: German ham and noodle casserole, green beans, salad, pretzel rolls
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM WiM Wednesday Night Women: parlor
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Electives
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission
- 9:00 AM WiM Bread and Fish: WOC

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth: Wheeldateens!
- 5:30 PM Embracing God's Word: CLC

