

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

9 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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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

**I Believe* Chris Davenport | Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

**Holy Is the Lord* Louie Giglio | Chris Tomlin

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE Elder Alice Caldwell

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.



GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Power of the Cross Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Who Else Abbie Gamboa | Josiah Funderburk | Zac Rowe

BENEDICTION

This morning’s worship is led by
Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor
Alice Caldwell, Elder
Kelly Hickey, Director of Children’s Ministries
Praise Team
Vic Rockhill, leader
Curt Boswell, bass guitar
Keith Hamrick, drums
David Sanderson, electric guitar
Max Keefe, 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 Mary Ann Nash, for the loss of her sister; Berta Allen; Aubrey Crawford; Evans Holland; Mary Kirkpatrick; Dave and Linda Lawson; Ginger Owen; Linda Smiley; Ginger Sullivan; and Ronnie Welch.

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.

Keenagers will kick off 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.

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.

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.



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.



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.

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
- October 11: Wheeldateens! 5 p.m.
- Save the Date for the Fall Retreat, November 13-15, Montreat, N.C.

Operation Christmas Child: Pack a Box. Spread His Love! Let's bless children around the world this season by filling a simple shoebox with fun toys, school supplies, personal care items, and special surprises. Please stop by the display table in the Welcome Center to pick up information about the shoeboxes. This is a wonderful mission project for Sunday school classes, circles, Bible studies, and families. All packed shoeboxes MUST be returned to the church by November 12. Contact Kelly Hickey at 843-662-2583 for more information.

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)

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.



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: Jenkins Fellowship Hall
- 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

I Believe

Chris Davenport | Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption, one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God our Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

No, I'll never be ashamed
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away
From the One who saved my life

All praise to God our Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

Holy Is The Lord

Chris Tomlin | Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

Power Of The Cross

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven

We stand forgiven We stand forgiven
We stand forgiven We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

Who Else

Abbie Gamboa | Josiah Funderburk | Zac Rowe

I am an instrument of exaltation
And I was born to lift Your name above all names
You hear the melody of all creation
But there's a song of praise that only I can bring

Who else is worthy who else is worthy
There is no one only You Jesus
Who else is worthy who else is worthy
There is no one only You Jesus

You are the infinite God of the ages
Yet You chose to make my heart Your dwelling place
You healed my brokenness showed me Your glory
So I have songs of thanks not even angels sing

Lamb of God anointed one
Who was and is and is to come
Seated on the throne above
Holy holy
Righteous One who shed His blood
You proved to us the Father's love
Jesus Christ be lifted up
Holy, holy

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There is no one only You Jesus
There is no one only You Jesus

There is none like you
No one else can touch my heart like you do
I could search for all eternity long
And find there is none like you