

August 10, 2025

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

*\*Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*On Eagle’s Wings*

Michael Joncas

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 395, v.1)

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 9 and Philippians 2

One: Let us worship the good name of our God!

**All: We glorify the One who is Wonderful, Counselor**

One: God’s name is above all names!

**All: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

One: Let us worship the good name of our God!

**All: One day, at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow and confess him Lord!**

\*OPENING PRAYER WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN 15 (vv. 1, 4, and 6)

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess that we have often failed to acknowledge your name and your mission. Forgive us when we have found it inconvenient to support justice, speak up for the needy, or go out of our way for a friend. We ask you to equip, empower, and enable us to be more complete stewards of your mercy and love. We pray in Christ’s holy name,**

*Silent Prayer - How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself?*

**AMEN.**

\*KYRIE ELEISON

KINGDOM

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (adapted from Psalm 145:13-14)

One: “The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.” Friends, believe the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, all of our sin has been forgiven and God has lifted us up to new life with him! Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal 581)

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

FIRST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rev. Kara Wheeler

Palmer Dellinger, Jase Johnson, Emma Kirksey

*(All children are welcome in Children’s Church with Ms. Kara.)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Proverbs 22:1-4; 18:10*

(Pew Bible p. 570, 567)

THE SERMON

Dr. Lee Zehmer

*Wisdom from the Proverbs: A Good Name Is to Be Chosen*

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*What is God saying to you through Scripture, sermon and song?*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN’ FESTE BURG

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (Contemporary)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please touch the plate as it is passed to offer your time, talents, and tithes to God.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*All Praise to Thee*

TALLIS' CANON/arr. Marie Pooler

All praise to thee, our God and King, for all the blessings thou dost bring, for loving care thou dost bestow on all thy creatures here below. We thank thee, Lord, for thy dear Son, for all the goodness he hath done, for all the sorrow he hath borne, for joy he brings to all forlorn. All this for us thy love hath done, by this to thee our love is won, for this thy loving children sing, our thanks and praise to thee we bring. Teach us to live that we might be most faithful followers of thee. Keep us, O keep us, King of Kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

**[Congregation stands when cued and joins in:]**

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Lord, we come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received. We give not because have to, but because we love you. We give in response to the life of Christ, given for us. We give in joy because of your love, overflowing and unconditional. Use our offering for the work of your kingdom, Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

\*CLOSING HYMN 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION (Hymnal 295, v. 1)

*Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Poco vivace*

Hermann Schroeder



*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Donna Martin’s birthday by her family.*

**Guests...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church!**

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God’s love for you today. Please sign the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you with more information about FPC.

**Nursery Care Today:** Megan Keener **August 17:** Mary Alice Owen  
**Elder/Deacon on Duty Today:** Elizabeth Owen, James Crean  
**Elder/Deacon on Duty August 17:** Mimi Goodner, Beth Janicke  
**Monitor/Greeter Today:** Bob Ballard **August 17:** Matt Goodner  
**Acolytes Today:** Cecily Zelinski, Penelope Zelinski  
**August 17:** Millie Goodner, Mason Goodner

**Remember the following in prayer:** Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Rev. Dr. Barry Lambert, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Jean Horton, Linda Bradshaw

**Help for HOPE:** During the month August, we are asking for **boxes of breakfast cereals**. All brands and kinds are welcome. Please place your donations in the bin in the Narthex by **Sunday, August 17**. Your donations make a difference and are very much appreciated.

**FPC Youth:** This afternoon we will welcome our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the youth group with a girls day/guys day from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Girls will meet at the church to paint and guys will meet at 19<sup>th</sup> at the Warehouses! After the activities, we will gather at church for pizza and talk about some dreams for the youth group this year.

**Ladies Nite Out:** On Tuesday, August 12, we will be going to Pier 51 Seafood at 3921 Mt. Gallant Rd. at 6:00 pm. If you wish to carpool, meet in the parking lot behind the Family Trust/Warren Norman building (in front of the Harris Teeter shopping center) at the corner of Celanese and India Hook Road by 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to Linder Tucker by Monday, August 11 at 6:00 pm.

**Church Library Update:** We are transitioning our library catalog to a new online database that we hope to release in September! If you have any library books at home, please return them to the baskets in either the upstairs or downstairs libraries so that we can get these books added to our new database.

**Women's Fall Bible Study:** Join us on Tuesdays, September 9 to October 21 at 10 am, for a study called *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life* by Melissa Spoelstra. In this study we will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth and growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God's Spirit, message, freedom, grace, mission, and direction. Study books are available in the Church Office. (Requested donation of \$10/book to help offset the cost.)

**Men's Fall Bible Study:** This study will meet on Wednesday evenings starting September 10. Please contact Terry Dodge for more information.

**The Rock Hill Music Club** presents the *Palmetto Voices Spiritual Ensemble* on Saturday, August 16, at 6:30 pm at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. Tickets: \$25 per person. Purchase tickets at [www.rockhillmusicclub.org](http://www.rockhillmusicclub.org) or at the door. Proceeds to benefit the Rock Hill Music Club scholarships. This program will feature African music, Negro Spirituals, and Gospel, all central parts of this unique American art form.

**Rise Against Hunger:** We will need close to 100 people to get our 15,000 meals packed on Sunday, August 17, beginning at 2:00 pm. This is a fun opportunity for children, youth, and adults to serve alongside each other. Sign up at: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstPresRockHill2025> or use the QR code.



**Mission Outreach Updates:** We help at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen at 902 Crawford Rd, Rock Hill, on Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 am. Please contact Wendy Blanchard to help. The HOP ministry will **not** meet in August.

**Save the Date for Rally Day:** On Sunday, September 7 we will have a breakfast potluck at 10:00 am. Bring a breakfast dish/item to share. Please join us as we kick off a new school year of study and faith formation at FPC!

**Our 2025 Montreat Weekend** will be Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5. Full payment is due by October 1. See Kara to register and for more info.

### This Week's Calendar

#### Sunday, August 10

9:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship with 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bible Presentation  
11:15 am Ladies Out to Lunch  
3:30 pm Youth Group Girls | Guys Fun

#### Tuesday, August 12

8:30 am Walking Group  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

#### Thursday, August 14

8:30 am Walking Group  
2:00 pm Yarns of Love  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class  
5:00 pm Pickleball Open Court Play

#### Sunday, August 17

9:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Mission and Outreach Meeting  
2:00 pm Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing  
4:00 pm Handbells

### Members of the Session

Susan Roberson, Clerk

#### Class of 2025

Butch Bailey  
Terry Dodge  
Mimi Goodner  
Mary Anne Sheppard  
Chris Wheeler

#### Class of 2026

John Abernathy  
Jimmy Campbell  
Scott Harris  
Elizabeth Owen  
Susan Roberson

#### Class of 2027

Paul Horne  
Ann Hunsucker  
Chip Hutchison  
Julia Nichols  
Sheryl Smith

### Members of the Diaconate

Christy Goodner, Moderator

#### Class of 2025

James Crean  
Vickey Dodge  
Christy Goodner  
Diane Hicks  
Sue Munn

#### Class of 2026

Jennifer Abernathy  
Heather Dellinger  
Kathy James  
Margaret Joiner  
Dave Keely

#### Class of 2027

Beth Janicke  
Allen Katz  
Joan Musselwhite  
Steve Roberts

### Deacons of the Month for August

Christy Goodner, Kathy James, Joan Musselwhite

#### Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday: Closed

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## First Presbyterian Church

234 East Main Street  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730  
Organized 1869

We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

*Worship* the living God with joy and thanksgiving

*Teach* the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ

*Serve* others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit

*Fellowship* with one another to energize our life together as a congregation

*Nurture and Embrace* all of God's children.

Dr. A. Lee Zehmer – Senior Pastor  
Rev. Kara Wheeler – Director of Family Ministries  
Dr. Donald M. Rogers – Director of Music  
M. L. Marley – Organist  
Angela Harris – Director of Cherub Choir  
Ashley Platts – Director of Handbell Choirs