

# Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

## February 15, 2026

### WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Partita on ‘Fairest Lord Jesus’*

arr. Richard Peek

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 681, v.2)

*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* NUN DANKET ALL´UND BRINGET EHR´  
Hosanna to the anointed King, to David’s holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 121

One: We lift up our eyes to the mountains. From where does our help come?

**All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let our feet stumble. Indeed, the One who watches over Israel will never slumber nor sleep.**

One: Who is our Protector?

**All: God is our Protector; God is our shade at our right hand.**

One: From what will God protect us?

**All: The sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon by night. God will protect us from all evil; He will watch over our life.**

One: For how long will God protect us?

**All: The Lord will watch over our going out and our coming in from now to eternity.**

One: Let us, then, worship God who is our help and our protection.

#### \*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 63

*The Lord Is God*

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### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we are amazed at your love for us, and yet we often wonder why you love us. We are sinful, broken people. We know all too well our shortcomings, and we know we hurt others. We sometimes feel unlovable and can’t comprehend the sacrificial love shown to us in Christ. Remind us that you created each of us because you love us; and you love us because you created us. Forgive us when we are unloving to others and to ourselves. Help us to love ourselves as you love us – with grace, understanding, and forgiveness. We pray this in Jesus’ name,**  
*Silent Prayer -How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself? AMEN.*

#### \*KYRIE ELEISON

*O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

**O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God of creation is a God of mercy who is quick to forgive all who come in repentance.

**All: We believe the Good News that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

#### \*RESPONSE (Hymnal 581)

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

**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

#### CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Kara Wheeler

*(Children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome in Children’s Church with Ms. Kara).*

#### ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Derek Hakes/arr. Craig Courtney

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine! Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Mark 12:28-34*

(Pew Bible p. 46)

*Galatians 5:13-15*

(Pew Bible p. 179)

#### THE SERMON

*Good News for Those Who Do Not Love Themselves*

Dr. Lee Zehmer

#### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

#### \*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE – A Declaration of Faith 4:4

**We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins.**

**Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.**

**He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness.**

#### In his lonely agony on the cross

**Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us.**

**Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father’s will.**

**He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness.**

**In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us.**

**Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him.**

**In him is our only hope of salvation.**

#### 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

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

Johann Walther

#### \*RESPONSE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Great God, we present now our gifts to you for the work and ministry of Christ’s church. As we offer these our financial resources, may we anew offer our lives. Take and utilize all that we are so that in our lives others will know love; in Jesus name. Amen.**

### WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

#### \*CLOSING HYMN 816

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

#### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 541, v. 1)

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

**God, be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fanfare*

Mark Otterstadt

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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Fred and Phyllis Faircloth.*

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:** Diane Hicks   **February 22:** Joanne Edwards  
**Elder/Deacon on Duty Today:** Bo Redmond, Kathy James  
**Elder/Deacon on Duty February 22:** John Blackwelder, Jennifer Abernathy  
**Monitor/Greeter Today:** Jimmy Campbell   **February 22: Needed**  
**Acolytes Today:** Mason Goodner, Millie Goodner  
**Acolytes February 22:** Taylor Chubb, Alexander Roberson

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

**ALL Youth Group Mission Night** We will meet at 5:00 pm at the Oakland Baptist Ministry Center, 1021 Charlotte Ave. across from Earth Fare. Pickup is 6:00 pm.

**Souper Bowl Report:** \$1,246.88 was given to the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen!

**Help for HOPE:** We are collecting bags of dried beans for February. No need to buy name brand; store brand is fine. All varieties are needed: pinto, black-eyed peas, navy, red, kidney beans, etc. Please leave your contributions in the narthex by **TODAY**. Your contributions are appreciated by the Mission Committee and more importantly, the recipients at HOPE House.

**The Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on February 18 at 6:00 pm.

**A Reception of New Members** will be held on Sunday, February 22 at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Contact Pastor Lee or Kara if you wish to join FPC.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 22 immediately following the 11:00 am service.

**Gospel of Matthew- Chapter 25 Lenten Study:** Join us for this in-depth study on Mondays, February 23 to March 30, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. In-person is preferred, but Zoom-hybrid will also be available. Join us however you prefer! The study is for adults and older youth. As Pastor Lee has directed us all “Reflecting the light of Jesus into our community and beyond.” Contact Dave Keely to participate.

**Mission & Outreach Opportunities:** The HOP (Hunger Outreach Program) Ministry will meet on February 24 at 2:30 pm in Hopkins Hall! Join us at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen on Thursday, February 26 at 10:00 am. Reach out to Wendy Blanchard for info!

**Family Promise:** Thanks for all the wonderful volunteers at FPC who host families experiencing homelessness. FPC will host again the week of March 8 -14. We will need overnight hosts, dinner providers, and greeters to open the building, visit with our guests, and help other volunteers. **Use the QR code to sign up for March.**



**Save the Date for Plentiful Harvest Kitchen for Sunday, March 22:** Shifts are from 2:00-4:00 pm to cook and 4:00-6:00 pm to serve and clean-up. Three to four volunteers are needed per shift. Covenant PC handles the menu and we provide the workers. This is a service that is not only a blessing to those the meals are served to but also through the time of fellowship with FPC folks that you may not get to know otherwise. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Jennifer Abernathy.

This QR Code may be used for all online contributions to the church. There is a 1% processing fee for Checking/ACH transfers and 3% fee for Credit Card transaction.



**This Week’s Calendar**

**Sunday, February 15**

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
12:15 pm Worship Committee  
3:30 pm Handbells  
5:00 pm Children’s Choirs  
5:00 pm Youth at Oakland Ministry Center

**Tuesday, February 17**

8:30 am Walking Group  
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class  
6:00 pm Session

**Wednesday, February 18**

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
*NO Yoga or Men’s Bible Study*

**Thursday, February 19**

8:30 am Walking Group  
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class  
5:00 pm Pickleball Play

**Sunday, February 22**

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Sunday School (*Children, Youth, and Crossroads will not meet.*)  
10:30 am Reception of New Members-Chapel  
11:00 am Worship and Annual Cong. Meeting  
3:30 pm Handbells  
5:00 pm Children’s Choirs

**Members of the Session**

Susan Roberson, Clerk

**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

**Class of 2028**

Clair Roberts  
Bo Redmond  
John Blackwelder  
Cynthia Johnson  
Rob Joiner

**Members of the Diaconate**

Beth Janicke, Moderator

**Class of 2026**

Jennifer Abernathy  
Heather Dellinger  
Kathy James  
Margaret Joiner  
Dave Keely

**Class of 2027**

Beth Janicke  
Allen Katz  
Joan Musselwhite  
Steve Roberts  
Sherry Hutchison

**Class of 2028**

Cameron Lawson  
Carolyn Johnson  
Jonathan Nichols  
Richard Quandt  
Betsy Forrest

**Deacons of the Month for February**

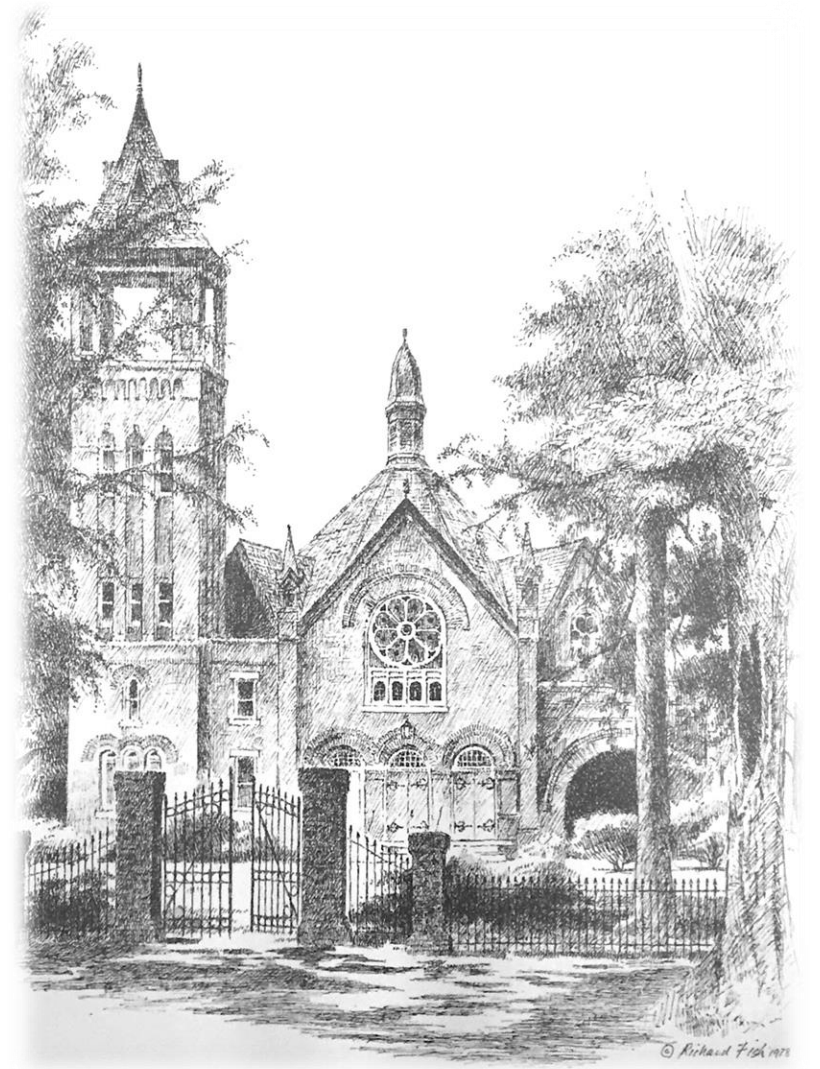
Heather Dellinger, Allen Katz, Carolyn Johnson

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Friday: Closed



## 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 – Associate Pastor 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