

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA/arr. Jason Krug
Cynthia Johnson, Gary Johnson, Marsha Roberts, Chandler Thomas
The Roy S. Hutchinson Handbell Quartet
M.L. Marley, piano
The Voluntary is dedicated to Ken and Karen Holt.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Handbell Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 681, v.1)

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made NUN DANKET ALL´UND BRINGET EHR´
This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God's own.
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In Jesus Christ, a light of hope shines brightly in all the world.
All: May the light of Jesus Christ shine brightly upon us.
One: May this light nourish and guide us.
All: May Christ’s light show us our pathway to new life.
One: Let us now worship in the joy of Christ’s light shining brightly for us.

*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 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you comfort, support and encourage us. Your goodness and kindness go beyond our understanding. Your grace is richer and deeper than we can begin to comprehend. Yet despite your gracious love and faithful care, we seek to go our own way and to trust our own resources. Time after time, we choose our plans over your will. Over and over again, our pride, self-reliance and self-centeredness lead us astray. We confess we are sinners in need of forgiveness. We admit we are flawed, broken people in need of mercy. Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, forgive us for all the times we have failed you. Cleanse our hearts and make them fresh and new. Renew our minds for your kingdom’s sake. Empower us to be your Son’s disciples for his glory. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 (Greatest)
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 2nd grade are welcome in Children’s Church with Ms. Kara).

ANTHEM

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said BOURBON/arr. Howard Helvey
Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart and humbly follow after me. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave. Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 4:1-4 (Pew Bible p. 431)
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 (Pew Bible p. 193)

THE SERMON

The Job 4:4 Test 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 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak CANONBURY

*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

Holy God, We Praise Your Name arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In response to your great love for us, gracious God, we joyfully and gratefully offer the fruits of our labor and our lives in these gifts. Bless and multiply them, we pray, that the transformative power of your love will be a reality in our neighborhood and community. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

*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

In Thee Is Gladness J. S. Bach

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: Wendy Blanchard **February 15:** Diane Hicks
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Jimmy Campbell, Margaret Joiner
Elder/Deacon on Duty February 15: Bo Redmond, Kathy James
Monitor/Greeter Today: Rod Hicks **February 15:** Jimmy Campbell
Acolytes Today: Penelope Zelinski, Cecily Zelinski
Acolytes February 15: Mason Goodner, Millie Goodner

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, Linder Tucker, Manfred Liewald

Souper Bowl of Caring: Join us after worship for the 2026 Souper Bowl! Let’s tackle hunger in Rock Hill! Bring your specialty chili, soup, or dessert to share. Beverages and condiments will be provided. Who will win our soup, chili, and dessert cook-off? Which team will we vote to win?

Youth Group Super Bowl Party is tonight at the church at 6:00 pm (until halftime.) Bring a snack or drink to share!

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 February 15. Your contributions are appreciated by the Mission Committee and more importantly, the recipients at HOPE House.

Ladies Night Out is Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 pm at Flipside Restaurant, 129 Caldwell St., Rock Hill. Notify Linder Tucker by Monday, February 9 at 6:00 pm to make reservations. We will not carpool.

The Retirees Lunch is Thursday, February 12 at noon at the Red Bowl Restaurant. Our speaker will be Sharon Floyd of the Better Bound Bookstore and Youth Development.

ALL Youth Group Mission Night will be held on Sunday, February 15 at the Oakland Baptist Ministry Center (across Charlotte Ave. from Earth Fare) from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

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 to join FPC.

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

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.**



A Spring Mission Trip for all Youth (Grades 6 - 12) will be Friday, March 20 (depart church at 3:30 pm) to Sunday, March 22 (return by 5:00 pm.) We will be serving with Charleston Youth Mission Co. and staying at the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery offices. There are only 24 spaces. Deposit \$25 - Total cost \$125 plus additional money for 2 meals on the road. Contact Kara to register!

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.



Church Office Hours

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

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, February 8

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Souper Bowl Luncheon
1:30 pm Christian Ed. Committee
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Children’s Choirs
6:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party (to halftime)

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

6:00 pm Yoga
6:30 pm Finance Committee
6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study

Thursday, February 12

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

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

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

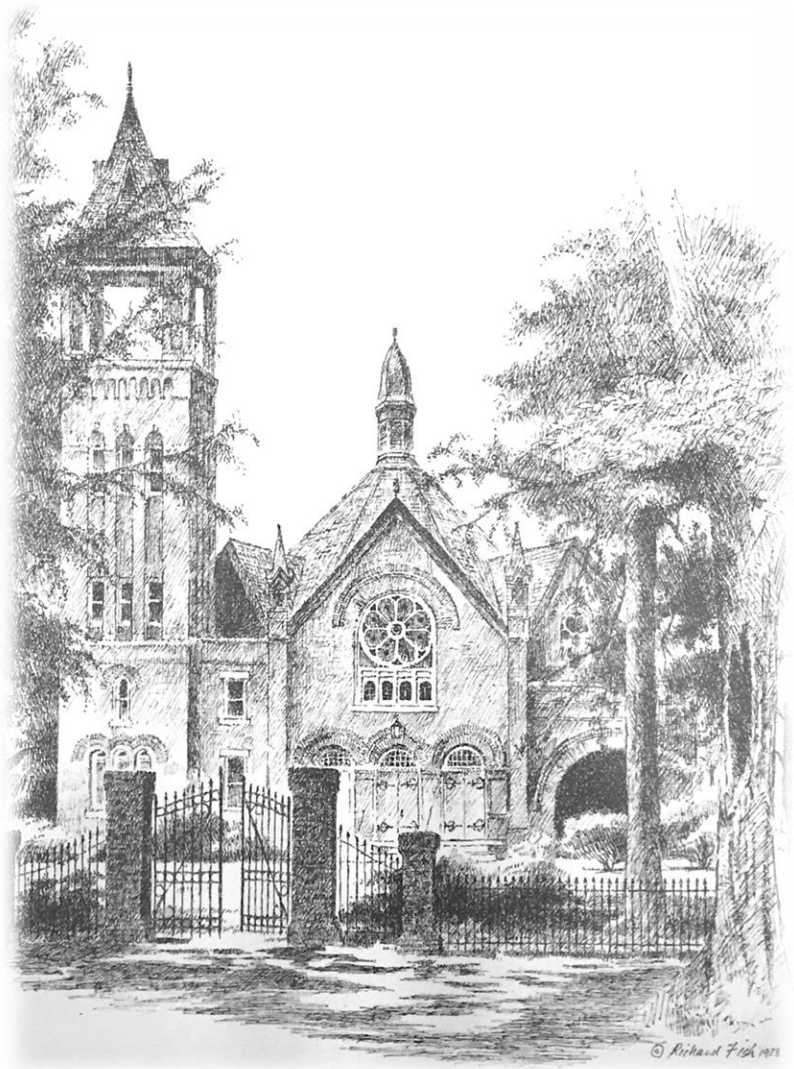
Cameron Lawson
Carolyn Johnson
Jonathan Nichols
Richard Quandt
Betsy Forrest

Deacons of the Month for February

Heather Dellinger, Allen Katz, Carolyn Johnson

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First Presbyterian Church

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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