

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

My Song Is Love Unknown arr. Cathy Moglebust
The Roy S. Hutchinson Joyful Ringers

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 395, v.2)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word LIEBSTER JESU
All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded. All
good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**All: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**All: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

One: Let us worship the God of Wonders!

*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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sometimes when we reflect on your law, O God, we have the
tendency to think of you as a cosmic "killjoy" - a God who does not
want his creatures to have fun. Forgive us and remind us that your
law is gift and protects us from our waywardness. Help us to live in
the disciplined freedom that Christ brings,**

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: Hear this good news. Our Lord, who walked this earth and faced
temptation, understands our struggles and temptations. Jesus stands
ready to listen, to forgive, and call us to new life.

**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 (Greatorex)
**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

BASKETBALL TEAMS RECOGNITION

Rev. Kara Wheeler

(Children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children's Church with Ms. Kara).

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross L. Mason/arr. Gilbert M. Martin
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my
pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ,
my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to
his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow
mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns
compose so rich a crown! Were the whole realm of nature mine, that
were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my
soul, my life, my all! Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17 (Pew Bible p. 63)
Psalm 19 (Pew Bible p. 472)

THE SERMON

God's Covenant with Israel 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 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life NOEL

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE – from A Declaration of Faith 9:2

Jesus came to set people free by the power of the gospel.

In so doing he did not abolish,

but fulfilled the law and the prophets.

Through his teaching and the teaching of the apostles

he showed what it is to be free and obedient.

We declare Christ has freed us

from trying to save ourselves by obeying the law.

He restores to us God's law as a gift and delight.

The law describes concretely the shape of our freedom.

When we accept its discipline,

it keeps our personal lives from being chaotic

and increases our effectiveness in the church's mission

calling us to worship and honor him.

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

There Is a Balm in Gilead arr. Jason W. Krug

The Roy S. Hutchinson Joyful Ringers Quartet

Cynthia Johnson, Gary Johnson, Marsha Roberts and Chandler Thomas

M.L. Marley, piano

*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

**We offer our gifts with gratitude that we are able to give. As we
dedicate our gifts to you, gracious God, let us also dedicate our lives
to making your kingdom come in all that we do. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

*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

Lift High the Cross arr. Paul Manz

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Bonnie Alexander
by Keith, Susan, Kate, Anna, Elizabeth, and Alexander Roberson.*

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: Janelle Chubb **March 22:** Natalie Harper
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Scott Harris, Allen Katz
Elder/Deacon on Duty March 22: Clair Roberts, Richard Quandt
Monitor/Greeter Today: Barry Goodner **March 22:** Matt Goodner
Acolytes Today: Keaton Esposito, Amelia Skinner
Acolytes March 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, Manfred Liewald, Donna Martin

Rock Hill Music Club presents Tomoko and Friends today at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The program has two pianists, a saxophonist, and a trombonist.

Help for HOPE March collection is GRITS. Any brand and any variety (long-cooking, quick cooking, or instant) are needed. Leave your contributions in the Narthex by **TODAY**. The Mission and Outreach Committee and the clients of HOPE of Rock Hill thank you.

Easter Lilies: Order forms are in the Narthex. The lilies are \$12.00 each. Submit payment when you place your order. Place your orders by **March 22** in the offering plate OR in Jonna's box (#33) by the Church Office.

The Nominating Committee will be preparing a slate of nominees for election to serve as 2027-2029 members of the Session and the Board of Deacons. Nominating forms are in the Narthex and Sanctuary doors. Place your completed forms by **March 22** in the offering plate or in Box #15 outside the Church Office. The committee will meet Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm in the Session Room.

Please pray for our Youth Mission Team as they head to Charleston March 20-22 to serve with Charleston Youth Mission Co.

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen is Sunday, March 22: Shifts are from 2-4 pm to cook and 4-6 pm to serve & clean-up. Contact Jennifer Abernathy to volunteer.

Let's Light It Up Blue on Sunday, March 29 by wearing **BLUE** in celebration of people with autism and those who love and support them. World Autism Acceptance Week is March 30 to April 6. Let's stand together and pledge our support by helping people with autism reach their full potential.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, March 29: Lunch will be at noon in Hopkins Hall. The Egg Hunt will be held outside. Please RSVP for lunch by Wednesday, March 25 with a Pew Reservation Card or in the Church Office.

Our Maundy Thursday Service with Communion and the Service of Tenebrae will be on April 2 at 6:30 pm.

Calling FPC Artists! On Easter Sunday, artists (photography, paint, pencil, clay, cloth, yarn, etc.) are invited to share their works in thanksgiving and glory to God at the 10:00 am breakfast and Flowering of the Cross. Reach out to Kara with any questions and to share your art.

Rolling in Rock Hill: FPC has an opportunity to delight a Rock Hill family by sprucing up their home's exterior with paint on Saturday, April 18. Join our team for this great community event. Contact Richard Quandt or Ken Roberts.

FPC Women's Retreat will be held at the SC Inn the weekend after Memorial Day, May 29 – 31. To learn more info and to register, please use the QR code.



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, March 15

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Basketball Families Luncheon
 3:00 pm Rock Hill Music Club Program
 3:30 pm Handbells
 5:00 pm All Youth Group
 5:00 pm Children's Choirs
 6:00 pm HS Youth DR Mission Trip Mtg.

Monday, March 16

6:00 pm Nominating Committee
 7:00 pm Matthew 25 Lenten Study

Tuesday, March 17

10:00 am Women's Bible Study
 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 pm Yoga
 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, March 19

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
 5:00 pm Pickleball Play

March 20 – 22: Youth Charleston Mission Trip

Sunday, March 22

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 2:00 pm Plentiful Harvest at Covenant PC
 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 March

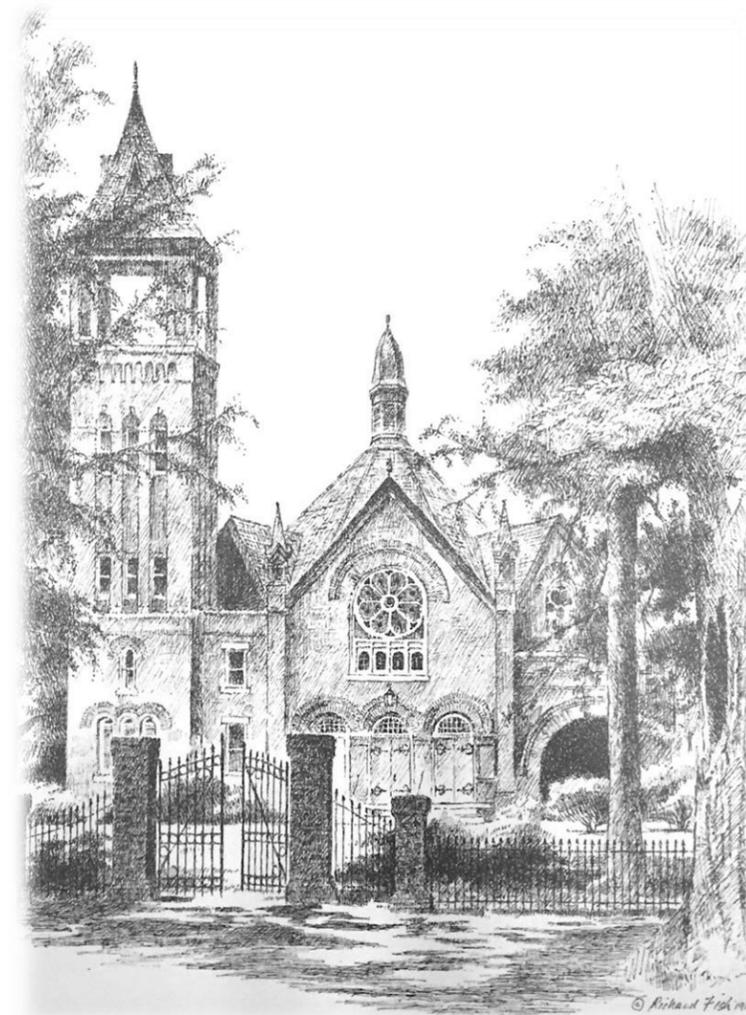
Kathy James, Joan Musselwhite, Cameron Lawson

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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

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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