

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy

G. Thalben-Ball

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Walk as Children of Light

Terry D. Taylor

Who will shine in the darkness? Who will shine in the night? Who will shine in the darkness? Who, who will walk as children of light? Once we were lost in the night. Now in the Lord, we are light. Let our light bear the fruit of all that's right and true. Come now, shine in the darkness, come now, shine in the night. Come now, let's walk as children of light.

The Cherub and Covenant Choirs

James Allen Chubb, Taylor Chubb, Jase Johnson, Julia Kate Keener,

Brynn Kirksey, Emma Kirksey, Alexander Roberson,

Ava Smith, and Mary Catherine Wheeler

Angela Harris and Don Rogers, Directors

*CALL TO WORSHIP John 15

One: Jesus called us to love one another as he loved us.

All: No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

One: Jesus loved us this much when he went to the cross.

All: We are his friends and we will love as Jesus loved!

*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 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, persistent friend, you weave so many wonderful people into our lives: fathers and mothers, children and youth, friends and neighbors. Yet too often we neglect to acknowledge them as blessings from God. We forget to say a word of thanks or whisper a prayer of gratitude. We do not take the time to tell them of our appreciation or write a word of encouragement. Forgive us for taking anyone for granted. Give us eyes to see the miracles around us. Give us hearts that know you care for each and every one. Give us voices to sing our thanks. For Jesus' sake,

Silent Prayer - *(How has God brought life from dead places in your life?)*

AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

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

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*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 have a share in the resurrection victory! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE (Hymnal 238, v.1)

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Lee Zehmer

Mira Rose Olson

Daughter of Jordan and Sarah Olson

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE – *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.

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482 (v. 1)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

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

ANTHEM

The Morning Trumpet

SACRED HEART/arr. Daniel Kallman

O when will I see Jesus and reign with him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning, and from the flowing fountain, drink everlasting love, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. *Refrain:* O shout glory, glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning, and with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? *Refrain.*

Through grace I feel determined to conquer, though I die, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning; and then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. *Refrain.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 31:10-31

(Pew Bible p. 579)

THE SERMON

A Woman Who Feels the Lord Is to be Praised

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 201

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

THE 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

My Tribute

arr. Fred Bock

*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

O God, you have blessed us with so much — not only material goods, but friends and family. Accept these offerings this morning and use these gifts, along with the talents you have given us, to further the work of your kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 591)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Halle-lujah! Halle-lujah!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Plein Jeu a la Couperin

Gordon Young

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Sheryl and Reid Smith and in memory of their moms, Dorothy Smith and Jean McCrorey.

We honor all mothers today and remember those who are no longer with us.

“A mother holds her child's hand for a while, their hearts forever.”

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.

Worship Care: Lindsey Skinner **May 17:** Susan Dove
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Susan Roberson, Cameron Lawson
Elder/Deacon on Duty May 17: Paul Horne, Betsy Forrest
Monitor/Greeter Today: David Chubb **May 17:** NEED
Acolytes Today: Taylor Chubb, Ben Williams
Acolytes May 17: Keaton Esposito, Henry 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, Manfred Liewald, Donna Martin, Allen Tice, Patti Cloninger, Jean Horton

FPC 2026 Monitor/Greeter Schedule: Please see a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the OPEN SUMMER DATES. We welcome new men to the roster!

Help for HOPE: During the month of May, we are collecting cans of vegetables (peas, green beans, corn, tomatoes, etc.). Place the cans in the Narthex by Sunday, May 24. Thank you from the M&O Committee and the Help for Hope clients.

Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities of SC is a longstanding tradition in our denomination and church. Our gifts are used to help residents of the six communities who have outlived their financial resources. Make a gift in honor or remembrance of your mother or another special lady. Use the form on the Narthex table and include it with your payment. Make checks to FPC or use the FPC Giving QR code in the bulletin and select *Mother's Day Offering* Fund.

Wear Purple on May 17 for MPS Awareness! All MPS Diseases are genetic and progressive, meaning that it can be inherited and are present from birth, with symptoms worsening over time. Please wear PURPLE in honor of Keira and in memory of Izzy. National MPS Awareness Day is May 15. Learn more at www.mpssociety.org.

Ladies Night Out will meet at 6:00 pm Tuesday, May 12 at Nishie G's. Contact Linder Tucker by Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm to attend.

FPC Retirees will meet for lunch in Hopkins Hall on Thursday, May 14 for a singalong program with Richard & Theresa Quandt. Free boxed lunches provided by Pathways Culinary Program. **Register to attend with the Church Office or with a pew card by Monday, May 11.**

Youth Sunday: Join us on May 17 as our youth lead us in worship and we recognize our high school graduates.

Mahjong "open play" is May 11 (brief review available) and "open play only" on May 18. Both at 6:00 pm. See Kara Wheeler for more information and to register.

Hunger Outreach Program The HOP Ministry meets Tuesday, May 26 in Hopkins Hall at 2:30 pm. Join us at the **Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, May 28 at 10:30 am! Reach out to Wendy Blanchard for info!

Save the Date!! We will be serving at the Plentiful Harvest Kitchen on Sunday, May 31! Shifts are available from 2 - 4 pm to cook and 4-6 pm to serve and clean-up, with 3-4 volunteers per shift. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Jennifer Abernathy.

Montreat Weekend is October 16-18! Registration is open for our 2026 family retreat. The cost for a room in the Inn is \$100/night and \$140/night if you need 2 rooms for your family. Six apartments available at \$140/night if arriving on Thursday. Register with Kara.

Café Justo Is Back! Our supply has been replenished after months of shipping delays! Cost is \$12.50 for a one-pound bag. Decaf coffee is still on the way. See an order form in the Narthex or Dave Keely (dfkeely3@gmail.com) with any questions. Enjoy!

Family Promise will be held at FPC the week of June 14 - 20. Click the QR code to register to volunteer!



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 10

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship and Mother's Day Offering

Monday, May 11

9:00 am Property Committee
 6:00 pm Mahjong in upstairs classroom

Tuesday, May 12

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
 6:00 pm Ladies Nite Out

Thursday, May 14

2:00 pm Yarns of Love
 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
 12:00 pm Retirees Lunch - Hopkins Hall

Sunday, May 17

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship – Youth Sunday
 5:00 pm Youth Year End Event

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 May

Dave Keely, Sherry Hutchison, Richard Quandt

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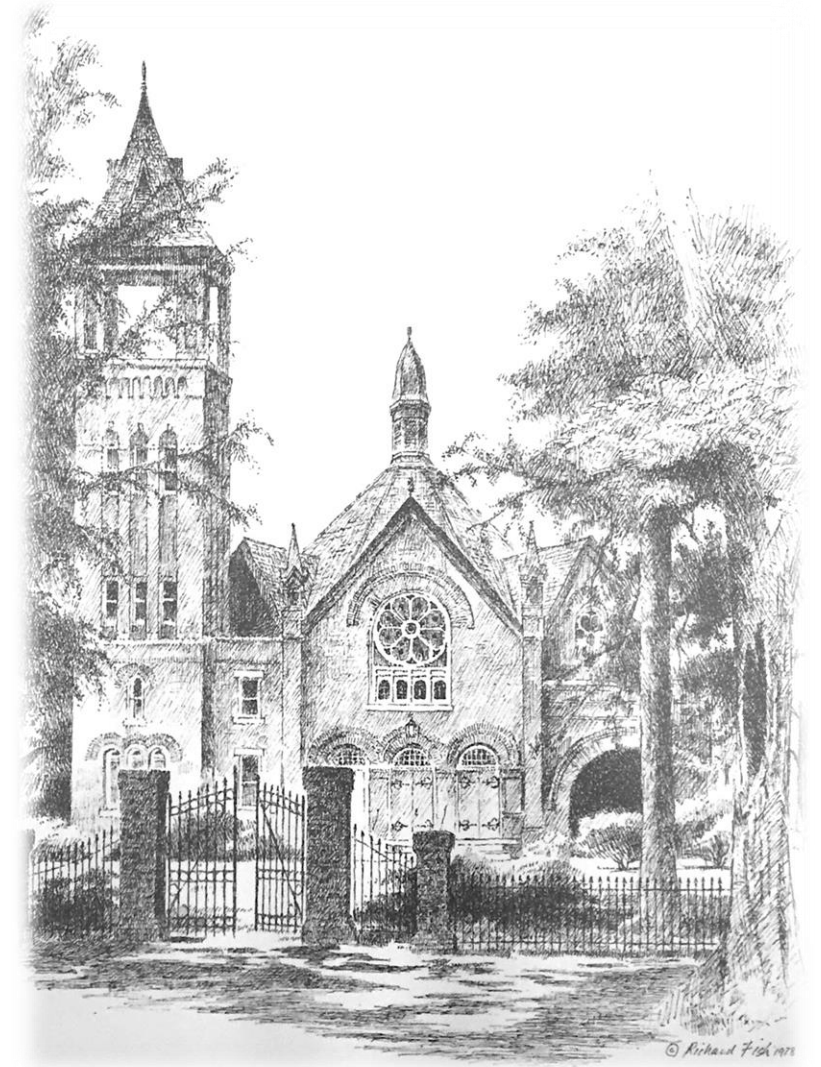
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Church Office Hours

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



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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 – 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