

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## May 3, 2026

### WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*At the Name of Jesus*

arr. Michael Bedford

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 394, v. 1)

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23

One: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

One: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

#### \*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 407

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

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### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you are our Shepherd. You seek us when we are lost and guide us in life-giving ways. Yet, we turn from you and heed the voices of thieves and bandits. You know us by name, but we refuse to hear your call and instead go our own way. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Quiet the noise around and within us so that we might better recognize your word and do your will. Come close, calm our fears, go ahead of us, so that we might see you clearly, enter by the gate and be saved.**

*(Silent Prayer and Personal Confession)* **AMEN.**

#### \*KYRIE ELEISON 551

*Lord, Have Mercy*

LAND OF REST

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

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ transforms. Christ redeems and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### \*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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kara Wheeler

(Children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome in Children's Church with Ms. Carolyn.)

#### ANTHEM

*Total Praise*

Richard Smallwood/arr. Doreen Rao

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace, You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, You are the strength of my life, I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen!

Iris Rose, soprano

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*John 21:1-19*

(Pew Bible p.109)

#### THE SERMON

*Snapshots of Faith*

Rev. Kara Wheeler

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*In silence and reflection, hold the image of tired fishermen at daybreak, being told to cast their nets one more time. What does this image say to you in your life right now?*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

**With the whole church we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

**With people everywhere we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

**With all creation we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

#### OFFERTORY

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

C.V. Stanford

#### \*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

**Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed and tend to your sheep. Amen.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 498 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

BEACH SPRING

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

No. 552, *Holy, Holy, Holy*

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith.

No. 553, *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

LAND OF REST

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

No. 554, *Amen*

LAND OF REST

**Amen, amen, amen.**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*The Communion bread is gluten, dairy, soy, and nut free.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. As we have shared Christ's body and received his cup, enable us to be his faithful disciples each day; so that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

#### \*CLOSING HYMN 726 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

#### \*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

*Thine Is the Glory*

Anna Laura Page

*Deacons will be at the exits today to receive your Deacon's Fund offering.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Ben Dawson and Mike Mason by Ellie Dawson.*

### 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:** Mary Alice Owen, Carolyn Johnson **May 10:** Lindsey Skinner

**Elder/Deacon on Duty Today:** Chip Hutchison, Sherry Hutchison

**Elder/Deacon on Duty May 10:** Susan Roberson, Cameron Lawson

**Monitor/Greeter Today:** Bill Lehman **May 10:** David Chubb

**Acolytes Today:** Amelia Skinner, Brynn Kirksey

**Acolytes May 10:** Taylor Chubb, Ben Williams

**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

**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. Please consider making a gift in honor or remembrance of your mother or other special lady who has given you so much. Use the form on the Narthex table and include it with your payment. Checks may be made to FPC or use the FPC Giving QR code in the bulletin and select the *Mother's Day Offering* Fund.

**The Upper Midlands Chorale** will close their inaugural season with a worship celebration on Sunday, May 17 at 5:00 pm at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 2060 Marett Boulevard, Rock Hill. Mike Forrest, Iris Rose, and Bobby Smith are members of the Chorale.

**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. Register with Kara.

**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 a pew card by Monday, May 11.

**Presbyterian College Summer Mission Experience** is open to youth, Grades 6-9! Dates are Monday, July 6 to Thursday, July 9 and the cost is FREE due to a Lilly Grant. Today is the final day to register. See Kara for more information.

**Mahjong** lessons and play are available May 5, May 11, and May 18. See E-News or Kara Wheeler for more information and to register.

**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.

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



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, May 3

9:15 am Acolyte Training  
9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship and Communion  
12:15 pm Worship Committee  
3:30 pm Handbells  
5:00 pm Children's Choirs  
5:00 pm ALL Youth Group Worship Prep

#### Monday, May 4

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Nominating Committee

#### Tuesday, May 5

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class  
6:00 pm Deacons  
7:00 pm Mahjong in the Gaston Room

#### Wednesday, May 6

6:00 pm Yoga

#### Thursday, May 7

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

#### Sunday, May 10

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

### 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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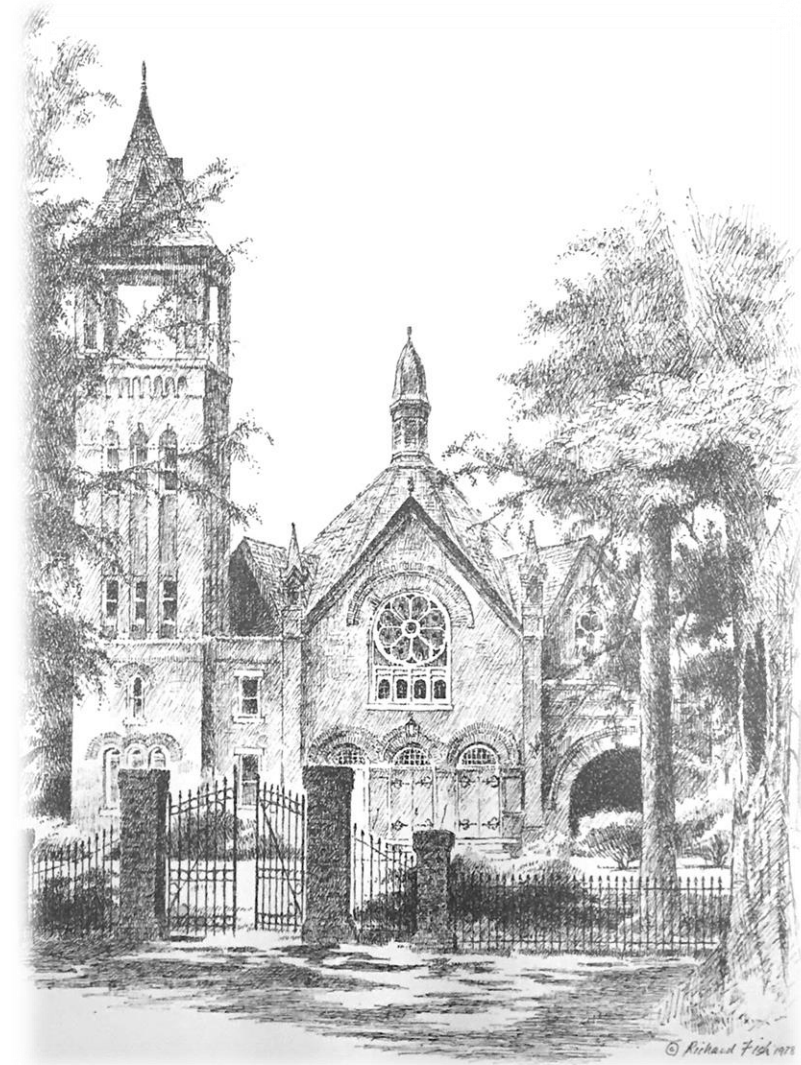
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### Church Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



## 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