The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Day

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

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Thanks Be to Thee George Frederic Handel

The bells on today's banner ring for our beloved saints who have entered the church triumphant.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 326, v. 1)

For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER (see insert)

*OPENING HYMN 275 (vv. 1 & 4)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN´ FESTE BURG

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, commitment scares us. Whether the commitment is of money, time or ability, we raise hundreds of "what if" questions in our minds. Help us to place our trust in you rather than in ourselves. Convince us that anything given to you out of obedience will be blessed and supplied by you. Today may we choose once again to serve you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Silent Prayer - (How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself?) **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: God is gracious and merciful, steadfast in love and abundant in forgiveness. Friends believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to live in the faith! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kara Wheeler

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 19:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 77)

Mark 12:41-44 (Pew Bible p. 47)

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (Pew Bible p. 199)

THE SERMON Dr. Lee Zehmer

How Far Will You Go?

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITNESS TO GOD AT WORK Matt Elston

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Fauré

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye! Send down to us the fire of Thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell. And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance, that they may waken Thy mercy to tell. O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory, and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.

*RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of abundance, we bring before you a portion of that which you have entrusted to our care. Take our offerings and multiply them to be used for kingdom purposes. Lord of faithfulness, we bring before you our commitments for 2027. Accept them as a response to the grace we have received and as a witness to the trust we place in you to provide. You are a God of abundance and faithfulness, and we thank you. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 508

Come to the Table COME TO THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

How grateful we are for this family meal you have prepared for us, most gracious God. As we have gathered around your table, might we be open to receiving the gift of your love in the food we have shared. Let it nourish us when we feel depleted, sustain us when times are difficult, comfort us when we are sorrowful and enhance our joys when our cups overflow. Let it be that the meal we have shared will enable us to nurture others through the gift of this bread of life. For the meal we have eaten, O God, make us truly thankful. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I'M GONNA LIVE

(As we sing this hymn, please bring your commitment cards to the box at the front of the church. For those who are unable to come forward, please place them in the baskets as you leave the Sanctuary.)

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 295, v. 1)

Go to the World! SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

For All the Saints arr. David Cherwein

Our Youth will be at the exits today to collect a special offering for the *York County CROP Walk for Hunger*. They will be participating in the walk this afternoon at Winthrop University.

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 Today: Wendy Blanchard **November 8:** Mary Anne Sheppard
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Cynthia Johnson, Dave Keely
Elder/Deacon on Duty November 8: John Abernathy, Allen Katz
Monitor/Greeter Today: **November 8:** Bob Ballard
Acolytes Today: Millie Goodner, Hugh Dellinger

Remember the following in prayer: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Manfred Liewald, Patti Cloninger, Jean Horton, Sam Curry, Eddie Gainey, Alvane Deal, and Katie White

Youth Group: We will meet at Winthop's Dinkins Lawn at 2:30 pm for the CROP Walk for Hunger. Following the walk, we'll grab dinner together. Families and others in the church are invited to join us.
On Tuesday, November 3, youth who are out of school are invited to meet at the church at 10:00 am for a FUN DAY starting with a morning of service. Money for lunch is needed. Pick-up will be at 3:00 pm at Stars & Strikes on Galleria Blvd. Sign up with Heather Deese.

The Third Annual FPC Craft Fair was a huge success! Volunteers led by Steve and Clair Roberts worked together to have a nearly seamless event. Sausage biscuits welcomed the shoppers and vendors for breakfast and a hot dog lunch was also available. The kitchen sales raised $386! Baked goods contributed by our talented bakers brought in $441! The GRAND total was $1200 after expenses! The remaining hot dogs, rolls and bags of chips were donated to the *Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen*. The proceeds from this event will go to *Better Bound Books*, a local organization that supports at risk teens.

Dimes for Hunger: Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give $2,007.70 for Providence Presbytery Mission. Individually our dimes can't buy much or solve the problem of hunger, but when WE work together, WE can make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers who are hungry!

Help for HOPE: We are collecting boxes of *Mac-n-Cheese* for November. Name brands aren't necessary; store brands are fine. Large or small boxes and individual servings are all needed. Please place your items in the Narthex bin by Sunday, November 15. The Missions & Outreach Committee and the clients of HOPE thank you for your generosity.

2026-2027 Youth Basketball: FPC Members are invited to sign-up for our youth basketball season using the QR code. Teams begin for children who are 7 and under with divisions based on child's age as of September 1st.

Plentiful Harvest: We will be serving on Sunday, November 8. 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.

Retirees Lunch on November 12: Our program will be presented by Leslie Andino, Housing Rehab Coordinator for the Housing Development Corp. of Rock Hill. RSVP by Monday, November 9 with a blue pew reservation card OR sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The price per person is $15 for a Jimmy Johns meal along with tea, lemonade, and dessert. Pay that day with a check or cash. Volunteers are needed to help host each month: Set-Up is covered for November, but we need folks to pick up the food at 11:00 am and coordinate the cleaning after the lunch. Contact Kara if you are able to help.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans: On Sunday, November 15, we will carry in the Tartans and celebrate our Scottish heritage! **Flag Owners:** We ask that you arrive in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am to: find your flag, line up in order, and receive instructions. Contact Julia Nichols by Thursday, November 12 with the name of your flag bearer **OR** to request that we find someone to carry your flag.

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, November 1 ***Consecration Sunday***
9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Reception of New Members - Chapel
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Consecration Catered Lunch
2:30 pm CROP Walk - Dinkins Lawn at Winthrop
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Children's Choirs

Tuesday, November 3
10:00 am Youth Ministry Service & Fun Day
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Wednesday, November 4
6:00 pm Yoga
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, November 5
2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Sunday, November 8
9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
2:00 pm Plentiful Harvest
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Children's Choirs

Members of the Session
Susan Roberson, Clerk

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
John Abernathy	Paul Horne	Clair Roberts
Jimmy Campbell	Ann Hunsucker	Bo Redmond
Scott Harris	Chip Hutchison	John Blackwelder
Elizabeth Owen	Julia Nichols	Cynthia Johnson
Susan Roberson	Sheryl Smith	Rob Joiner

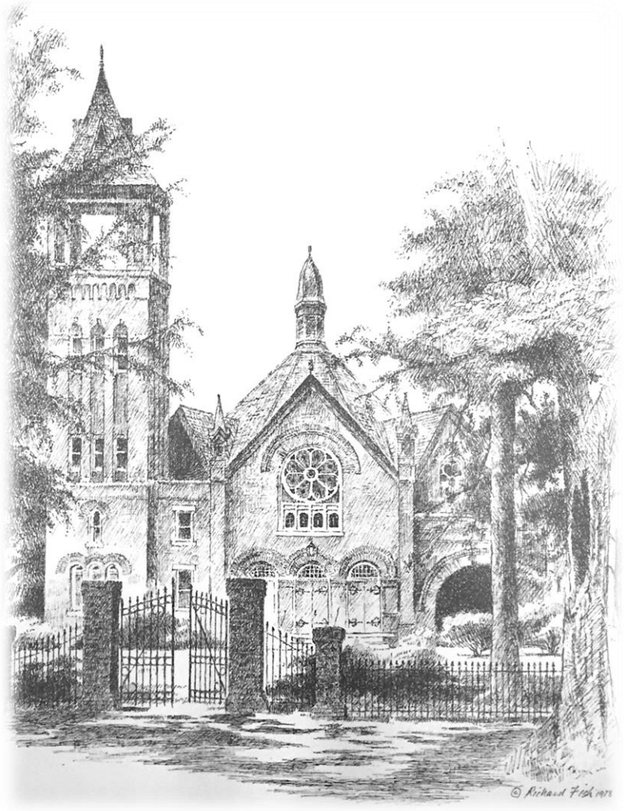
Members of the Diaconate
Beth Janicke, Moderator

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Jennifer Abernathy	Beth Janicke	Cameron Lawson
Heather Dellinger	Allen Katz	Carolyn Johnson
Kathy James	Joan Musselwhite	Jonathan Nichols
Margaret Joiner	Steve Roberts	Richard Quandt
Dave Keely	Sherry Hutchison	Betsy Forrest

Deacons of the Month for November
Jennifer Abernathy, Cameron Lawson, Betsy Forrest

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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



November 1, 2026
11:00 am

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

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