The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

OPENING HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus RESTORATION/ arr. Matthew Compton

The Roy S. Hutchinson Joyful Ringers

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 331, v. 1)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies. Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 78

One: Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth.

All: We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.

One: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.

All: As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments. We come together to worship the living God.

*OPENING PRAYER WITH 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 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, You know each one of us. You see us. You listen to us. And yet, we still run. *Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?* Holy One, we know the answer, and yet, we keep running. So forgive us for doubting your faithfulness. Forgive us for doubting the gifts you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves and each other.

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: Beloved children of God, remember you are *fearfully and wonderfully made* by the Creator of the Universe. God knows you and loves you. Live your life remembering 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. Elizabeth.)

ANTHEM

Eternal Father, Strong to Save MELITA

Verse 2: Lord, guard and guide the men who fly and those who on the ocean ply. Be with our troops upon the land, and all who for their country stand. Be with these guardians day and night and may their trust be in thy might.

Marsha Roberts, alto

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 46:10 (Pew Bible p. 490)

Mark 6:30-46 (Pew Bible p. 38)

THE SERMON Rev. Kara Wheeler

The Gifts Before Us

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 686

God of Our Life SANDON

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE *Book of Order W-1.0102* and *W-1.0104*

God acts with grace; we respond with gratitude. God claims us as beloved children; we proclaim God's saving love. God redeems us from sin and death; we rejoice in the gift of new life. This rhythm of divine action and human response—found throughout Scripture, human history, and everyday events—shapes all of Christian faith, life, and worship.

Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God's gracious action in history and the model for our grateful response to God. In Jesus we find the full and clear revelation of who God is; in him we also discover who God is calling us to be. Therefore, we worship Jesus Christ as Lord, even as he leads us in the worship and service God desires.

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

Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE /arr. by Jason W. Krug

The Roy S. Hutchinson Joyful Ringers Quartet

Cynthia Johnson, Gary Johnson, Marsha Roberts and Chandler Thomas

ML Marley, piano

*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

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Receive these gifts as symbols of the dedication of our very lives and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Else SOLID ROCK

*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

Jig Fugue Dietrich Buxtehude

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks to all our military veterans.

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: Mary Anne Sheppard **Children's Church:** Elizabeth Cycak
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: John Abernathy, Allen Katz
Elder/Deacon on Duty November 15: Rob Joiner, Carolyn Johnson
Monitor/Greeter Today: Bob Ballard **November 15:** Mike Hunsucker
Acolytes Today: Taylor Chubb, Ellis Williams
Acolytes on November 15: Alexander Roberson, Keaton Esposito

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

Veterans Day: We recognize and thank all of our Veterans who have served our country. We also want to support Officer Jacob Harris, an active-duty service member by mailing a care package on behalf of the church on Monday, November 23rd. Please drop off any notes to be included to the church office.

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. **For our October collection**, our congregation collected 125 packages of pasta and 61 jars/cans of sauce! (Last year was 105 packages of pasta and 61 jars/cans of sauce.) A huge and heartfelt thank you from the Mission & Outreach Committee goes to everyone for helping to make this such a successful mission project.

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.

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 TODAY 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. Help is still needed to pick-up the lunch and help clean afterwards. 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.

Youth on November 15: Middle School Bible Study at 4:30 pm followed by a Snack Supper for all youth at 5:30 pm and High School Bible Study at 6:00 pm.

Advent Family Workshop: Join us on Sunday, November 22 at 10:00 am in Hopkins Hall. Each household is invited to make one Advent wreath. A light continental breakfast will be served. Nativity costumes will also be chosen for our presentation at the December 13th Church-Wide Christmas Dinner.

Thornwell Emphasis Month represents a long-standing tradition of faithful friends who so generously advocate for Thornwell and bring awareness to the needs that exist within our communities. Thornwell's vision is to see hopeful, healthy, and empowered children and families fulfilling their God-given potential. FPC will receive the Thornwell Offering on Sunday, November 22. See more info at www.thornwell.org.

Pathways Tour & Open House: On November 19 from 9:00 -10:30 am as part of Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, you are invited to tour the Pathways campus and learn more about the 18 on-site partner agencies serving our neighbors. RSVP using the QR code to the right.

This Week's Calendar

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
2:30 pm Providence Presbytery Stated Meeting
2:00 pm Plentiful Harvest Kitchen at Covenant Pres.
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Children's Choirs

Monday, November 9
9:00 am Property Committee

Wednesday, November 11
6:00 pm Yoga
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, November 12
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2:00 pm Yarns of Love

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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

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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

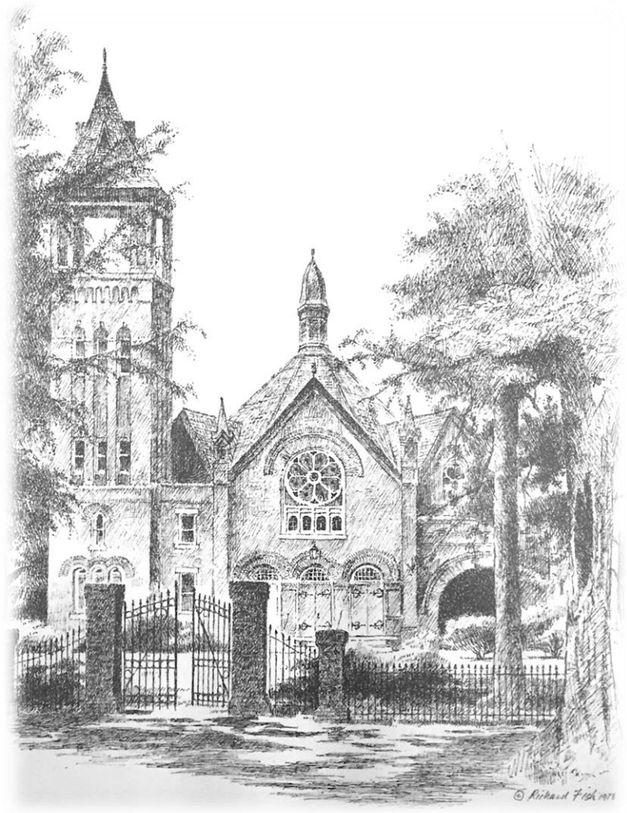
Deacons of the Month for November

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

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.



November 8, 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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