The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

OPENING VOLUNTARY
A Mighty Fortress arr. Diane Bish

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 410, v. 3)
God Is Calling through the Whisper W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY
God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing. God is calling, and we hear! God is calling, and we hear!

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: If you are tired, come and worship!
All: If you are hungry, come and worship!
One: If you are filled with joy, come and worship!
All: If your spirit feels renewed, come and worship!
One: Our God desires our worship, whether we have much or little to give.
All: There is healing when we come before our God.
One: All who are gathered here, come and worship!

*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 305
Come Sing, O Church in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving and forgiving God, we are conflicted! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. We confess that we succumb to the allures of this world — having more, doing more, running faster and harder — and all the while, we fail to see the needs of our neighbors and ignore the needs of our own souls. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ, 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.
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*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

NOISY OFFERING – DIMES FOR HUNGER Rev. Kara Wheeler
(Children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children's Church with Pastor Kara.)

ANTHEM
I Will Arise RESTORATION /arr. Susan Byler
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour Oh there are ten thousand charms. Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. Come ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every gift that brings you nigh.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Luke 12:13-21 (Pew Bible p.70)
Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible p.27)

THE SERMON Dr. Lee Zehmer
You Can't Take It with You

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION
What is God saying to you through Scripture, sermon and song?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 175
Seek Ye First LAFFERTY

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE The Apostle's 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.

WITNESS TO GOD AT WORK Ward Janicke

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
Beautiful Savior arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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
Merciful God, you have shown us the true meaning of generosity, blessing us with abundance and sharing even your own Son with us. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of your work of peace and redemption in this world. We ask that you receive our gifts and us them to further your purposes in our lives and in the lives of others.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 716
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*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
Festive Gloria Aaron David Miller

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Lee's 35 years of faithful ministry by Brooke, Madison, Kinsley and Mollie Zehmer.

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: Natalie Harper **Nursery November 1:** Wendy Blanchard
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Julia Nichols, Richard Quandt
Elder/Deacon on Duty November 1: Cynthia Johnson, Dave Keely
Monitor/Greeter Today: David Chubb **November 1:** NEED
Acolytes Today: Mary Catherine Wheeler, Ellis Williams

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, Allen Tice, Patti Cloninger, Jean Horton, Sam Curry, Eddie Gainey, Alvane Deal, and Katie White

Dimes for Hunger Offering: Our special offering emphasis is the Providence Presbytery's Dimes for Hunger. We will collect our Noisy Offering this morning. Each person is encouraged to give 10 cents per meal ($.30/day) for the month of October to help feed those in our community and around the world.

Youth Group: Trunk or Treat! 4:30 pm - set-up trunks; 5:00 pm - trunk or treat; 6:00 pm - dinner out.

Trunk or Treat will be held today at 5:00 pm. *Vampire Penguin* will be onsite and will have a free shaved snow cup for each person. Invite your family and friends!

Help for HOPE: We are collecting boxes of pasta (spaghetti, penne, elbow noodles, etc.) and jars or cans of sauces (marinara, alfredo, meat, etc.) for October. Please place your items in the Narthex bin by October 31. 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.

New Members Reception on Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 am in Verdery Chapel. The Session will receive new m embers to FPC. Reach out to Pastor Lee to share your intention to join FPC and for questions.

All Saint's Banner: You are invited to participate in creating a new FPC All Saints' banner. The banner is in the Narthex along with two bowls: one with slips of paper to write down your loved one's name. Then, after folding the slip in half, you may place it in the other bowl. *This is between you and God. It does not matter how long ago or how recent your loss is.* The banner will remember our beloved saints who have entered the church triumphant. See Marsha Roberts with questions.

Consecration Sunday will be November 1. Join us for Worship at 11:00 am and the Celebration Catered Luncheon after Worship. Reserve your spot by filling out a Meal Reservation Pew Card, calling the Church Office, or signing the Clipboard in the Narthex.

Retirees Lunch on November 12: Join us for our November program presented by Our program speaker will be 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 meal will be from Jimmy Johns. Tea, lemonade, and dessert will also be offered. **The price per person is $15.** 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

Family Promise Host Week

Sunday, October 25
9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 27
10:00 am Women's Bible Study
2:30 pm HOP
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 28
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, October 29
2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
5:00 pm Pickleball

Saturday, October 31
Set Your Clocks Back!

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

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

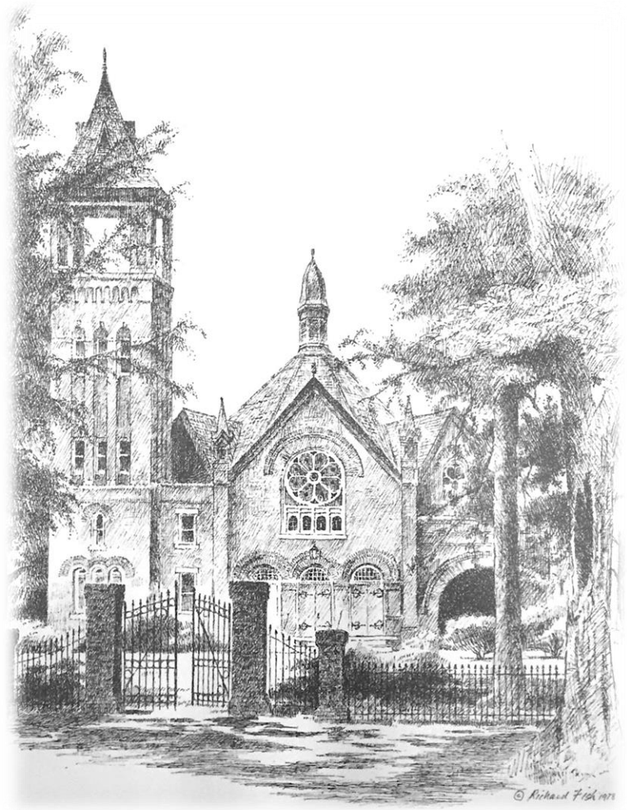
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Jennifer Abernathy	Beth Janicke	Cameron Lawson
Heather Dellinger	Allen Katz	Carolyn Johnson
Kathy James	Joan Musselwhite	Jonathan Nichols
Margaret Joiner	Steve Roberts	Richard Quandt
Dave Keely	Sherry Hutchison	Betsy Forrest

Deacons of the Month for October

Dave Keely, Sherry Hutchison, Richard Quandt

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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



October 25, 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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