

October 26, 2025

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Alleluia, Amen arr. Linda R. Lamb
Panis Angelicus César Franck/arr. Julie Turner
The Handbell Choir, Ida Newsom, Interim Director

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 412, v. 2)

God, Reveal Your Presence ARNSBERG

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 29 and 34

One: The good news of the gospel is this:
For by grace we have been saved through faith.
All: It is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.
One: Let us worship the Lord,
All: who is generous to all who call on him!

*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 482

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, the parable of the widow’s two mites challenges us to examine our hearts and our habits. We are surrounded by others who need a listening and compassionate ear, who need us to take notice and show our concern. But we hurry by, so consumed with our own needs and affairs that we scarcely notice. Forgive us, for being stingy with our time.
We are blessed with material goods in abundance, yet our giving is more often characterized by fear and scarcity than by generosity. Forgive us for holding on too tightly to earthly wealth. Remind us of the example of the widow whose heart was so full of devotion that she couldn’t help but give all she had. May we become more generous and joyful givers.
Silent Prayer - How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself?
AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON

O Lord, Have Mercy ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ
O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness and sing a song of Redemption! No longer be burdened by your failings.
All: For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father (Hymnal 581) GLORIA PATRI
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 Ms. Kara.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision Old Irish Melody/arr. Graham Godfrey
Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, O Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, Thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling, and I in Thee one. High King of Heaven, the victory won, may I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun. Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 19:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 77)
Mark 12:41-44 (Pew Bible p.47)
Acts 5:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 114)

THE SERMON

Transformational Generosity 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 697 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Take My Life HENDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TESTIMONY TO GOD’S WORK

Libba Faircloth

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HARVE/arr. Jason Krug
Roy S. Hutchinson Joyful Ringers Quartet
Cynthia Johnson, Gary Johnson, Marsha Roberts and Chandler Thomas
M.L. Marley, piano

*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

As we give our gifts, generous God, keep us mindful of all the times when we have stretched in our giving — and felt better because of it. When we give the best, we live the best. We who have been given much have the sacred duty to be generous givers out of our abundance, not only of our monetary gifts but of our time and talents. Bless these gifts that you may be glorified and your work in the world accomplished. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP’S CREEK

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION (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

Allegro Maestoso / Come Thou Fount arr. Jeff Perks

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, honoring the strength, courage, and hope of all those impacted.

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 Care Today: Mary Anne Sheppard **November 2:** Elizabeth Rollins
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Mary Anne Sheppard, Joan Musselwhite
Elder/Deacon on Duty November 2: Susan Roberson, Steve Roberts
Monitor/Greeter Today: Barry Goodner **November 2:** John Blackwelder
Acolytes Today: Taylor Chubb, Alexander Roberson
Acolytes November 2: Amelia Skinner, Ben Williams

Remember the following in prayer: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Rev. Dr. Barry Lambert, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Jean Horton, Will Read

Congregational Meeting: The Session has voted to call a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship today for the purpose of electing the Rev. Kara B. Wheeler as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministries. The revised and approved job description is available today. Providence Presbytery meets on November 9 and will approve all of this including setting an installation date for Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Dimes for Hunger Offering is our Providence Presbytery’s special offering emphasis for October. We are collecting our Noisy Offering this morning. Each person is encouraged to give 10 cents per meal (\$.30/day) for a total of \$9.30 for the month of October to help feed those in our community and around the world. You may place your offering in the metal buckets!

2026 High School Mission Trip Meeting: Join us in the Chapel after worship (if you weren’t able to attend the September 21 meeting) to learn more about our Saturday, June 27 to Friday, July 3, 2026 summer trip to the Dominican Republic with Mission Emanuel. Registrations will be required by December 7.

Trunk and Treat: Join us for Trunk or Treat, Kona Ice, and our Golden Pumpkin Awards at 5:00 pm today in the church parking lot. Youth and families are invited as well. Dress up (no scary costumes please) or not – decorate your trunk or only bring a bag of candy. This is a low-key and always fun congregational life gathering.

Help for HOPE: During the month of October, we are collecting pastas and sauces. Please consider contributing boxes, bags, and jars of any type or brand to the box in the Narthex by October 31. Donations go to families in Rock Hill. On behalf of the Missions and Outreach Committee and the clients of HOPE of Rock Hill, thank you for your generosity in helping to combat hunger right here in Rock Hill.

GENEROUS *Saints* Consecration Sunday is next week. Join us for 11:00 am worship and the Celebration Catered Luncheon that will be held in Hopkin’s Hall after worship. Reserve your spot by filling out a Meal Reservation Pew Card, calling the Church Office, or using this QR code.



Family Promise: We are hosting families again November 2-8. We need overnight hosts, dinner providers, and greeters to open the building, visit with our guests and help other volunteers. Please consider how you might serve. Use this QR code or see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer. Contact Kathy Pender for more information.



2025-2026 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.



CROP Walk: The Youth are participating with the York County CROP Walk on Sunday, November 2. Meet at 2:30 pm at Winthrop University’s Dinkins Hall (510 Myrtle Dr.). The walk begins at 3:00 pm. After the walk, we’ll meet at Burgers and Barley to have an early dinner together. Parents are welcome to walk with the Youth. Youth will also be needed to help collect our church’s CROP Walk donation after Worship on November 2. Please come to Sunday School to get a bucket and door assignment.

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This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, October 26

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship & Congregational Meeting
12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch
12:15 pm High School Mission Trip Meeting
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 28

8:30 am Walking Group
2:30 pm HOP (Hunger Outreach Program)
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 29

6:00 pm Yoga

Thursday, October 30

8:30 am Walking Group
2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
5:00 pm Pickleball Open Court Play

Sunday, November 2: Consecration Sunday

Family Promise Week Nov. 2 - 8

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship & Communion
12:00 pm Catered Lunch
2:30 pm CROP Walk – Dinkins Hall at Winthrop
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Children’s Choirs

Members of the Session

Susan Roberson, Clerk

Class of 2025

Butch Bailey
Terry Dodge
Mimi Goodner
Mary Anne Sheppard
Chris Wheeler

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

Members of the Diaconate

Christy Goodner, Moderator

Class of 2025

James Crean
Vickey Dodge
Christy Goodner
Diane Hicks
Sue Munn

Class of 2026

Jennifer Abernathy
Heather Dellinger
Kathy James
Margaret Joiner
Dave Keely

Class of 2027

Beth Janicke
Allen Katz
Joan Musselwhite
Steve Roberts

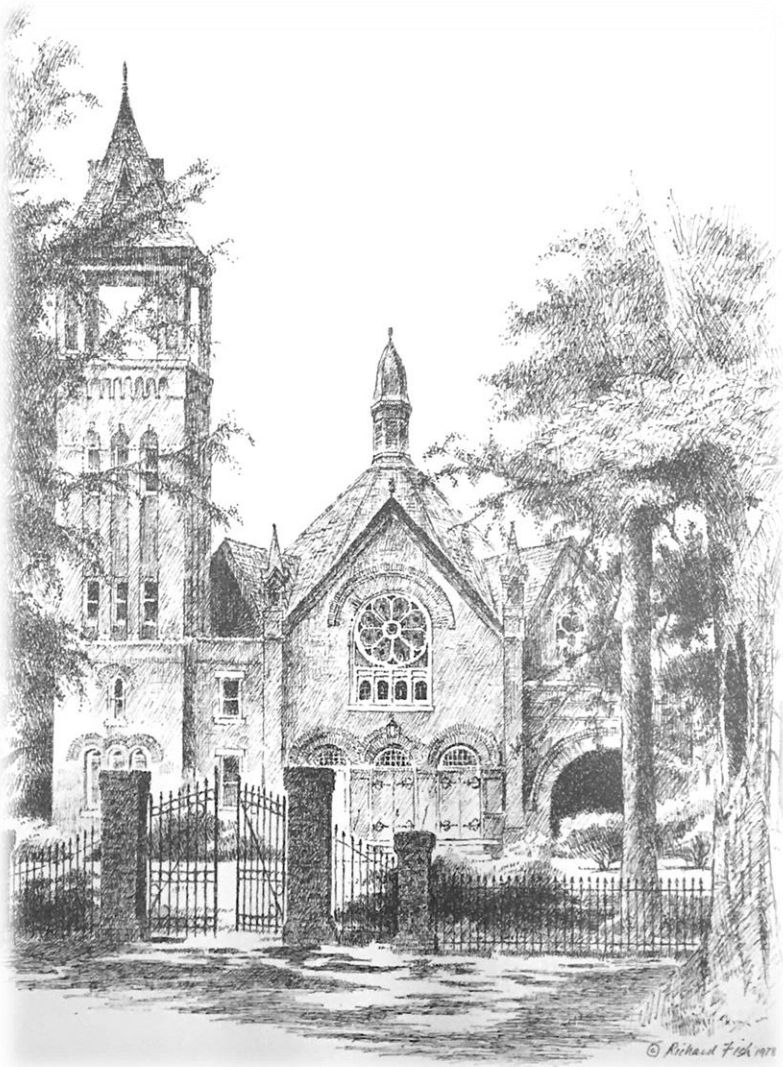
Deacons of the Month for October

Sue Munn, Dave Keely, Christy Goodner

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.



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 – Director 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
Ida Newsom – Interim Director of Handbell Choirs