

September 7, 2025

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA, arr. Jason W. Krug
The Roy S. Hutchinson Joyful Ringers Quartet
Cynthia Johnson, Gary Johnson, Marsha Roberts, Chandler Thomas
M.L. Marley, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 412, v.2)

God, Reveal Your Presence ARNSBERG

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Jeremiah 18)

Leader: Lord, Potter at the wheel,
All: Fashion us now, by your hand.
Leader: Mold us and shape us into the people you hope us to be.
All: For you know how to work with clay.
Leader: You are always fashioning people in your image,
All: Always making all things new.
Leader: May our worship today spark the creativity that you gave us:
That we may see how you are working the clay of all creation
to be more beautiful, to remind us of the art of love again and
again. Amen.

*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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we confess that we often fight, argue, explain, or excuse
away the shaping process in our lives. Yet, we do want the shape
of our lives to reflect your good and perfect will. We want the shape
of our souls to reflect the character and nature of Jesus. Help us to
trust your work and that the gifts you have given us is enough. We
want to serve You and your Kingdom here on earth. Thank you for
loving us enough to keep forming and shaping and molding and
working in our lives, day by day. In Jesus’ name we pray,**
*Silent Prayer - Are there things in your life that God wants to remove
because they hurt his heart and injure other people?*

AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON KINGDOM

**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: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond
measure, and we are included in that love. Know that you are
forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
**All: In Jesus Christ, we have been lifted up to new life with him!
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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Floyd Hale and Rev. Kara Wheeler
(All children are welcome in Children’s Church with Ms. Joanne.)

ANTHEM

Teach Me Lord Thomas Attwood
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes. And I shall keep it unto
the end.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 647)
Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18 (Pew Bible p. 545)

THE SERMON

Come to the Potter’s House Rev. Kara Wheeler

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins NOEL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(Declaration of Faith, 6.2)*

The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in
Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers
in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and
expected. In Christ God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace
through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God,
not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has
done. In Christ God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and
neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no
different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God
uttered in Jesus Christ.

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

Jesus Loves Me arr. Fred Bock

*RESPONSE: *The Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

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

**Holy and generous God, we give up these things to you. Help us,
each day, to offer our whole lives, our whole selves to you in service
of your mission in this world. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN [See Insert]

God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness MOSSY CREEK

*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

Shine Jesus Shine arr. Mark Hayes

*The flowers today are to the Glory of God and in celebration
of the wedding of Marshall Joiner and Alexandra Perfetti
on September 6th in Banner Elk, NC.*

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.

*A special thank you to Floyd Hale
for sharing his gift as a potter this morning.*

Nursery Care Today: Joanne Edwards **September 14:** Lindsey Skinner
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Sheryl Smith, Jennifer Abernathy
Elder/Deacon on Duty September14: Jimmy Campbell, Heather Dellinger
Monitor/Greeter Today: Eric Park **September14:** Kinch Edwards
Acolytes Today: Millie Goodner, Mason Goodner
September 14: Amelia Skinner, Keaton Esposito

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, Linda Bradshaw

Children’s Choirs: Join us today at 5:00 pm! See Dr. Don for more information.

Youth Families: Be a part of the friendly game of kickball at the Cherry Park intramural fields tonight at 5:00 pm. Come learn more about your youth ministry plans and receive a calendar. Dinner to follow. Contact Kara with questions at 803-818-1212.

Help for HOPE: During the month of September, we will be collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly. Please consider contributing a jar(s) to the Narthex box by Sunday, September 21. Your donations will go to families in Rock Hill. Thank you on behalf of the clients of Project HOPE and the members of the Missions Committee.

Blood Drive Tomorrow: To register to give, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Donors will receive a \$15 e-gift card! Bring your photo ID or American Red Cross Donor Card.

Small Groups Forming this Week:
Women's Fall Bible Study: *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life* by Melissa Spoelstra, Tuesdays, September 9 to October 21 at 10:00 am.
Rock of Ages: This is an evening small group comprised of mostly empty nesters (although all are welcome) that meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30pm at the church starting September 9. Contact Se and Michele Murdoch with questions.
Men’s Fall Bible Study: *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* by Adam Hamilton on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm starting September 10. Please contact Terry Dodge for more information. Books available in the Church Office for the three studies. Requested donation of \$10/book.

Family Promise: We are hosting families again September 14-20. 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.



A Reception of New Members will be held on Sunday, September 28 at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Contact Pastor Lee or Kara if you are interested in joining the church.

Our 2025 Montreat Weekend will be Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5. Full payment is due by October 1. Don’t let cost prevent you from attending this restful weekend in the mountains. See Kara to register and for more info.

October Craft Fair Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Craft Fair at FPC to be held on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please use the QR Code to register to be a vendor for the event. Questions? Contact Steve Roberts.



Fall Festival! We will be hosting the Special Needs students from the three high schools for a Fall Festival at FPC on Thursday, October 30. Please contact Kara Wheeler or Ann Hunsucker for more info and to volunteer.

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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 transactions.

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, September 7

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Rally Day Breakfast
11:00 am Worship
3:30 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Children’s Choirs
5:00 pm Parent vs. Youth Kickball at Cherry Park

Monday, September 8

2:00 pm Blood Drive in Hopkin’s Hall
5:30 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 am Walking Group
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
5:15 pm Worship Committee
6:00 pm Ladies Nite Out – Fratelli’s
6:30 pm Rock of Ages

Wednesday, September 10

6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study

Thursday, September 11

8:30 am Walking Group
12:00 pm Retiree’s Luncheon – Red Bowl
2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
5:00 pm Pickleball Open Court Play

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
3:30 pm Handbells
4:30 pm Middle School Bible Study
5:00 pm Children’s Choirs
5:30 pm Youth Snack Supper
6:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

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

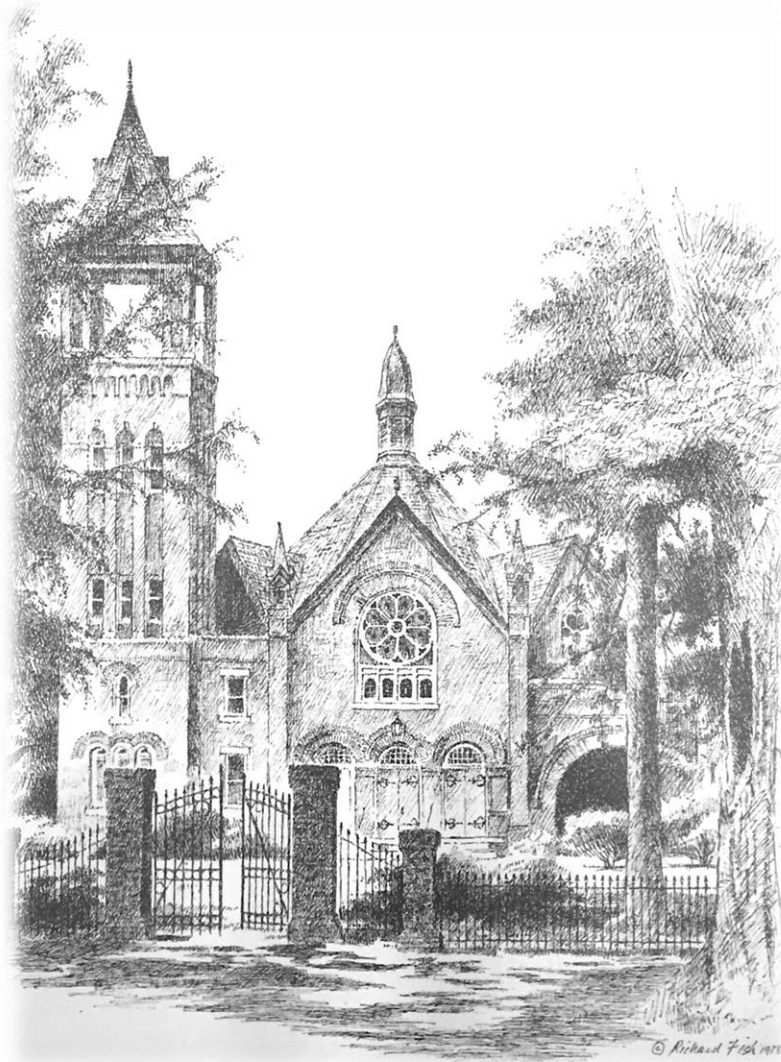
Beth Janicke
Allen Katz
Joan Musselwhite
Steve Roberts
Sherry Hutchison

Deacons of the Month for September

Diane Hicks, Margaret Joiner, Steve Roberts

Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed



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

Dr. Donald M. Rogers – Director of Music

M. L. Marley – Organist

Angela Harris – Director of Cherub Choir

Ashley Platts – Director of Handbell Choirs