

July 27, 2025

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY
God of Grace Paul Manz

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 681, v.3)
This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made NUN DANKET ALL’UD BRINGET EHR

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 46*
One: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
All: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
One: Though its waters roar and foam, and the mountains quake with their surging.
All: The Lord Almighty is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!
One: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; God lifts his voice, the earth melts.
All: The Lord Almighty is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!
One: God says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”
All: The Lord Almighty is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!

*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 25
O Lord, Our God, How Excellent WINCHESTER OLD

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, our community, our nation, and our world. We long for serenity in the midst of struggle and for our heart to be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust one another, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our hearts and in all the world. Show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior.
Silent Prayer – In what ways do you especially long for peace today?
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 *adapted from Psalm 145:13-14*
One: “The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.” Friends, believe the Good News:
All: In Jesus Christ, all of our sin has been forgiven and God has lifted us 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 Rev. Kara Wheeler
(All children are welcome in Children’s Church with Ms. Kara.)

ANTHEM
Awake, O Sleeper David N. Johnson
Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; so learn his love its breadth and length, its fullness, depth, and height. For he descended here to bring from sin and fears release, to give the Spirit's unity which is the bond of peace. There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call, one Lord, one faith, one fellowship, one Father of us all. Then walk in love as Christ has loved who died that he might save; with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave. For us Christ lived, for us he died and conquered in the strife. Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life. Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS *from the NIV (New International Version)*
Mark 4:35-41
Psalm 27

THE SERMON
Faithful Living in Fearful Times Rev. Steve Simon

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 693
Though I May Speak GIFT OF LOVE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Psalm 23, New Living Translation*
The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You welcome me as a guest, anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

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
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Dale Wood

*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
O Lord our God, you are the author and giver of all good things, and we thank you for all your mercies, for the gift of life, and for your loving care. We bless you for your faithfulness, your protection, and your guiding hand. O God, make us wise stewards of all your many blessings. And may you use us and this offering to bless others, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 307
God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

*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
Maestoso Herman Schroeder

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Don Rogers and in honor of all those children, youth, and adults who serve in the music ministry of FPC.

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: Michele Murdoch **August 3:** Natalie Harper
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Sheryl Smith, Margaret Joiner
Elder/Deacon on Duty August 3: Mary Anne Sheppard, Joan Musselwhite
Monitor/Greeter Today: Floyd Hale **August 3:** Chris Cycak
Acolytes Today: Taylor Chubb, Amelia Skinner
August 3: Jamison Deese, Henry Goodner

We welcome Rev. Steve Simon to FPC this morning. Steve, a retired PCUSA pastor, served churches in western Michigan, northern Idaho, and eastern Washington. He enjoys walking the dog, playing golf, solving puzzles, and memorizing psalms. Steve is the author of the book *Holy Walks: Learning and Praying the Psalms*.

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

Blessing of the Backpacks: Students (of all ages!) and teachers may bring their backpacks to the 10:00 am worship on August 3 for a special blessing as we begin the 2025/2026 school year.

Help for HOPE: During the month of July, our congregation contributed 108 pkgs/boxes/bags of rice and/or rice mixes. This was quite an increase from last year's 80 pkgs! 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. For August, we are asking for **boxes of breakfast cereals**. All brands and kinds are welcome. Please place your donations in the bin in the Narthex by **Sunday, August 17**. Your donations make a difference and are very much appreciated.

Jesus on the Move: There are copies of *Flat Jesus* on the table in the Narthex. Sharing of *Jesus on the Move* and *Flat Jesus* pictures allows us to celebrate the ordinary and extraordinary of summer with our church family. Email your pics to the Church Office at firstpresrh@gmail.com.

Ladies Nite Out: On Tuesday, August 12, we will be going to Pier 51 Seafood at 3921 Mt. Gallant Rd. at 6:00 pm. If you wish to carpool, meet in the parking lot behind the Family Trust/Warren Norman building (in front of the Harris Teeter shopping center) at the corner of Celanese and India Hook Road by 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to Linder Tucker by Monday, August 11 at 6:00 pm.

The Rock Hill Music Club presents the *Palmetto Voices Spiritual Ensemble* on Saturday, August 16, at 6:30 pm at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. Tickets: \$25 per person. Purchase tickets at www.rockhillmusicclub.org or at the door. You can also purchase paper tickets from Dr. Don Rogers. Proceeds to benefit the Rock Hill Music Club scholarships for Winthrop University and York County High School Seniors majoring in music. This program will feature African music, Negro Spirituals, and Gospel, all central parts of this unique American art form.

Rise Against Hunger: We will need close to 100 people to get our 15,000 meals packed on Sunday, August 17, beginning at 2:00 pm. This is a fun opportunity for children, youth, and adults to serve alongside each other. Sign up at: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstPresRockHill2025> or the QR code.



Mission Outreach Updates: We help at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen on Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 am. To join us, contact Wendy Blanchard. The HOP meeting will **not** meet in August.

Save the Date for Rally Day: On Sunday, September 7 we will have a breakfast potluck at 10:00 am. Bring a breakfast dish/item to share. We will be sharing the *Jesus on the Move* pics from this summer! Don't miss it!

Our 2025 Montreat Weekend will be Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5. Full payment is due by October 1. See Kara to register and for more info.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 27

9:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Ladies Out to Lunch
2:00 pm Plentiful Harvest at Covenant PC

Tuesday, July 29

8:30 am Walking Group
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Thursday, July 31

8:30 am Walking Group
2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Sunday, August 3

9:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship with Communion & Blessing of the Backpacks
11:15 am Christian Ed. Meeting
Ladies Out to Lunch

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 July

Vickey Dodge, Heather Dellinger, Allen Katz

Church Office Hours

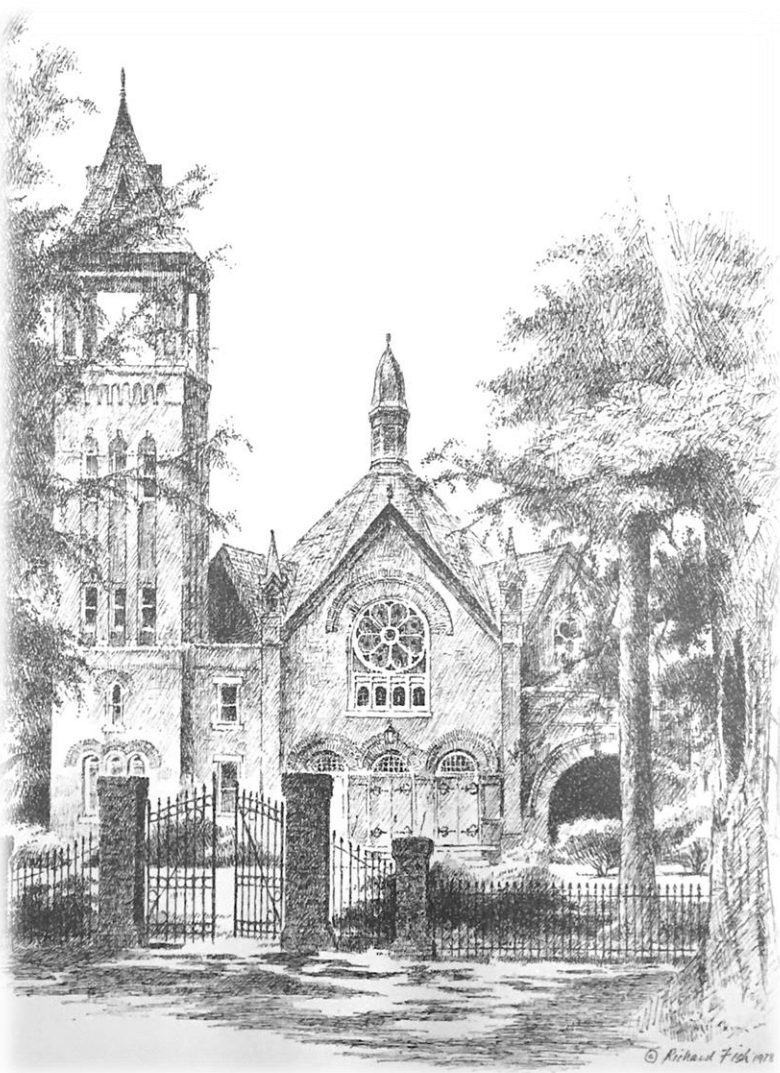
Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed

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First Presbyterian Church

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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