

November 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS’ DAY
THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD
**Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata in G Major Benedetto Marcello
Sam Sparrow, clarinet; M.L. Marley, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 412, v. 3)

God, Reveal Your Presence ARNSBERG

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34

One: Bless the Lord at all times; May God's praise shall continually be in our mouths.

All: Our souls make their boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

All: We sought the Lord, who answered us and delivered us from all our fears.

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

*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 15 (vv. 1, 5, and 6)

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, in your providence you have given us abundant gifts and abilities. You call us to be bold and generous in our love for you and for our neighbor. But we have squandered your gifts, burying them, hiding them from sight. We would rather be safe and comfortable, giving little, serving without much sacrifice. Change our hearts, O God. Transform us into disciples willing to embrace the gifts you have given us, to serve you with gladness, and to love generously. In Jesus’ name,

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

ALL SAINTS’ LITURGY (see insert)

Children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children’s Church with Ms. Kara.

ANTHEM

Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table COPELAND/arr. John Ferguson
(See Hymnal 506 for the text.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 35:4-9; 20-22 (Pew Bible p.79)
Matthew 6:19-21 (Pew Bible p.6)
Romans 6:20-23 (Pew Bible p.146)

THE SERMON

The Greatest Gift Dr. Lee Zehmer

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from 2 Corinthians 9:8-12

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

Adoration Florence Price

*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

Lord of abundance, we bring before you a portion of that which you have entrusted to our care. Take our offerings and multiply them to be used for kingdom purposes. Lord of faithfulness, we bring before you our commitments for 2026. Accept them as a response to the grace we have received and as a witness to the trust we place in you to provide. You are a God of abundance and faithfulness, and we thank you. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 525 (vv. 1 and 2)

Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The Communion bread is gluten, dairy, soy, and nut free.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision Traditional, arr. Daniel Pinkston
Wondrous Love from W. Walker's Southern Harmony (1835)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

How grateful we are for this family meal you have prepared for us, most gracious God. As we have gathered around your table, might we be open to receiving the gift of your love in the food we have shared. Let it nourish us when we feel depleted, sustain us when times are difficult, comfort us when we are sorrowful and enhance our joys when our cups overflow. Let it be that the meal we have shared will enable us to nurture others through the gift of this bread of life. For the meal we have eaten, O God, make us truly thankful. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

DEDICATION OF COMMITMENTS FOR 2026

*CLOSING HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*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

Trumpet Tune Michael McCabe

The Youth will be at the exits today to receive your CROP Walk Offering.

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.

Today we welcome Mr. Sam Sparrow as the clarinetist. A North Carolina native, Mr. Sparrow began his position as Section and E-flat Clarinet with the Charlotte Symphony in 2017. Mr. Sparrow has performed with the New York Philharmonic, New World Symphonies and Verbier Festival Orchestra in Switzerland.
He has served as an adjunct faculty at Queens University since 2019.
Mr. Sparrow earned his BM in Clarinet Performance from the Manhattan School of Music with further studies at the Brevard Music Center’s Orchestral Institute and the Music Academy of the West in California.

Nursery Care Today: Elizabeth Rollins **November 9:** Janelle Chubb
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Susan Roberson, Steve Roberts
Elder/Deacon on Duty November 9: Butch Bailey, Sue Munn
Monitor/Greeter Today: John Blackwelder **November 9:** Eric Park
Acolytes Today: Amelia Skinner, Jamison Deese
Acolytes November 9: Millie Goodner, Mason Goodner

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

CROP Walk: The Youth are participating with the York County CROP Walk this afternoon. Meet at 2:30 pm at Winthrop University’s Dinkins Hall (510 Myrtle Dr.). The walk begins at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to walk with the Youth.

Family Promise: We are hosting families again November 2 - 8. We have just a few volunteer openings to fill. Contact Kathy Pender to help.

Dimes for Hunger: Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Dimes for Hunger Offering. We collected \$2924.11! Monies will go to our Providence Presbytery to help feed those in our community and around the world.

The Second Annual Craft Fair was a huge success! Volunteers led by Steve and Clair Roberts worked together to have a nearly seamless event. After expenses, kitchen sales raised \$329.92, baked goods brought in \$540.00, donated books contributed \$134.00, and plus the vendor fees, the total is \$1802.00! The remaining hot dogs and bags of chips were donated to Plentiful Harvest. Proceeds go toward Bethelwoods Camp scholarships. Thank you to the volunteers, vendors, visitors, shoppers & bakers!

Extraordinary Children’s Fall Festival: A huge *Thank You* to all the member volunteers who gave their time and talents to the 97 special students and made the Fall Festival a success! The smiles, hugs, and gales of laughter make this event such a hit!

Help for HOPE: For November, we are collecting **boxes of Mac-n-Cheese**. Please consider contributing any type or brand to the box in the Narthex by November 16. On behalf of the Missions and Outreach Committee and the clients of HOPE of Rock Hill, thank you for your generosity in helping us to combat hunger.

Women’s Fellowship and Painting will be on Sunday, November 9 following worship in Hopkins Hall until 2:30 pm. Roseanne Koellner & Andrea Berry will be present to lead the time of painting. Cost of the event is \$40 (payable by November 7 via Venmo @Roseanne-Koellner or with cash to Margaret Joiner). Registration is limited to the first 20 participants. A light lunch will be provided free of charge. Contact Margaret Joiner to register.

2025-2026 Youth Basketball: FPC Members are invited to sign-up for our youth basketball season using the QR code. Teams begin for children seven and under with divisions based on child’s age as of September 1.



Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2025 begins the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day. If you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive this devotion each morning during Advent, please email Kara.

<u>This Week’s Calendar</u>	
<u>Sunday, November 2: Consecration Sunday</u>	
<i>Family Promise Week November 2 - 8</i>	
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
<u>Tuesday, November 4</u>	
8:30 am	Walking Group
4:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
6:00 pm	Deacons
<u>Wednesday, November 5</u>	
6:00 pm	Yoga
6:30 pm	Men’s Bible Study
<u>Thursday, November 6</u>	
8:30 am	Walking Group
2:00 pm	Yarns of Love
4:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
<u>Sunday, November 9</u>	
9:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
2:30 pm	Presbytery Stated Meeting - Bethelwoods
3:30 pm	Handbells
5:00 pm	Children’s Choirs

Members of the Session		
Susan Roberson, Clerk		
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Butch Bailey	John Abernathy	Paul Horne
Terry Dodge	Jimmy Campbell	Ann Hunsucker
Mimi Goodner	Scott Harris	Chip Hutchison
Mary Anne Sheppard	Elizabeth Owen	Julia Nichols
Chris Wheeler	Susan Roberson	Sheryl Smith

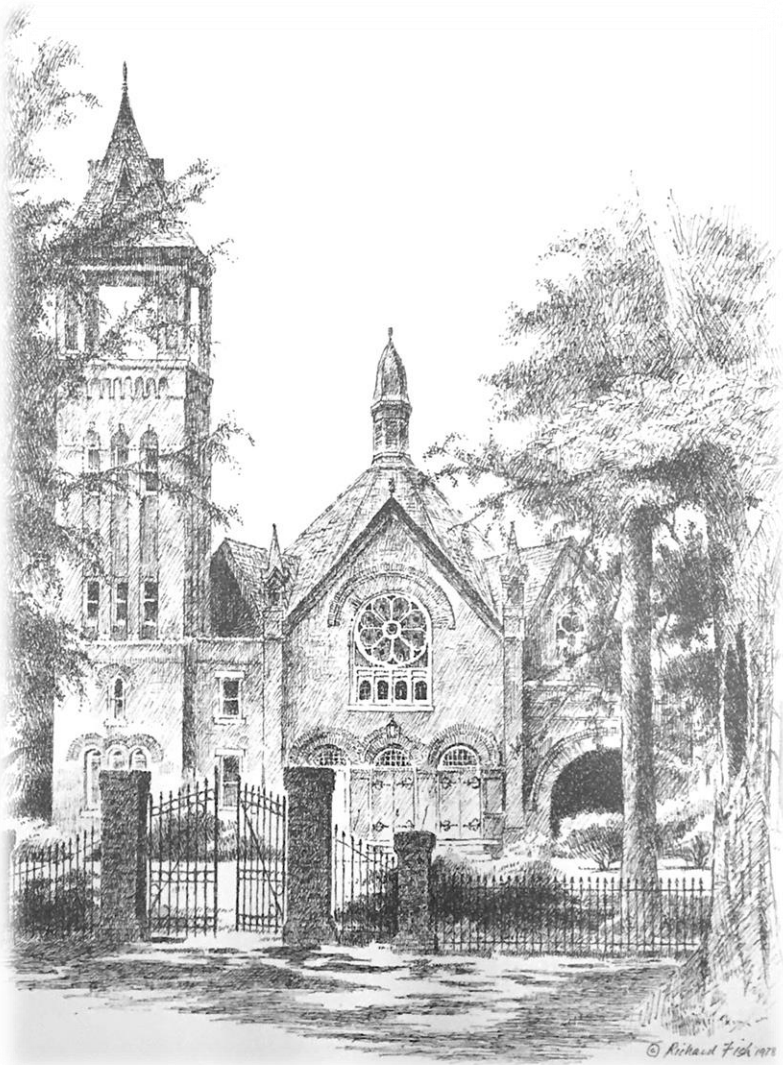
Members of the Diaconate		
Christy Goodner, Moderator		
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
James Crean	Jennifer Abernathy	Beth Janicke
Vickey Dodge	Heather Dellinger	Allen Katz
Christy Goodner	Kathy James	Joan Musselwhite
Diane Hicks	Margaret Joiner	Steve Roberts
Sue Munn	Dave Keely	

Deacons of the Month for November
James Crean, Jennifer Abernathy, Beth Janicke

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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.



First Presbyterian Church
234 East Main Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730
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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