

# STEEPLE PEOPLE

First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, SC

## OUR PURPOSE:

*LIVING, LEARNING, AND LOVING LIKE CHRIST*

Website Address: [www.fpcclinton.org](http://www.fpcclinton.org)

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Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Live stream: [www.fpcclinton.org](http://www.fpcclinton.org)

or via YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/@fpcclinton9833/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@fpcclinton9833/streams)

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17

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## OUR ATTENDANCE

January 4, 2026

Sanctuary: 66 Extended Session: 0

Presbyterian Community: 4

Online Views: 42 Sunday School: 26

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## JAN. 7 WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- ❖ Liturgist: Bob Link
- ❖ Live stream @ Pres. Comm.: R&E Zimmerman
- ❖ Sec. & Dep.: Lee Atkinson (S); Cyndi Coker (D)
- ❖ Soundboard: Craig Powell
- ❖ Time with the Young Disciples: Charli Holder
- ❖ Ushers: Fran & Irby Hipp

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## CHOIR PRACTICE

*Wed., Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.* – Choir practice

Handbell practice will resume Wed., Jan. 21st at 5:30 p.m.

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## CHURCH MEETINGS

*Sun., Jan. 11, 9:00 a.m.* – Session follow-up examination of elder candidates (library); *5:00 p.m.* – Christian Education Committee (library); *Mon., Jan. 12, 9:30 a.m.* – Staff meeting (Zoom); *5:30 p.m.* – Congregational Life Committee (library); *Wed., Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m.* – Administration Committee (library).

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## SNACK PACK VOLUNTEERS

Friday, January 16th: Gayle and Carroll Copeland.



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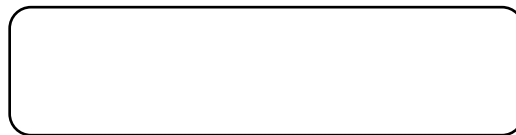
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Join us for  
**SUNDAY**  
**SCHOOL**  
Sunday mornings at 9:30

Elementary (Grades 1st – 5th) Room 202

Curriculum: *Growing in God's Love*

Teachers: Livia Johnson, Elizabeth Lusby,  
Sheryl Owens and Holly Cody

### Confirmation Class

Lesson: *Presbyterian Beliefs and the Apostles' Creed*

Teacher: Jean Johnson

### Youth Sunday School

Lesson: John 1 - 3, Session 11

Leaders: The Daileys

## Adult Sunday School Classes

### The Fellowship Class

Lesson: *The Wedding Party* (Matthew 22:1-14;  
Luke 14:16-24)

Leader: Kay Cleveland

### New Horizons Class

Lesson: *Practice Joy: Seeing Joy in God's Creation*

Leader: Ashley Powell



This Sunday, January 11, the 2028 slate of officers will be installed during the worship service. Please join us as we install and welcome the new slate of elders to the Session of FPC.

## FPC FAMILY & FRIENDS KEEP IN PRAYER

### Church Family

Margaret Addison  
Laura Ashley  
Neile Chambers  
P-Nut Dowdle  
Steve Floyd  
Gin Jacobs  
Liz Pinzon  
Dot Smith

### Bereavements

The Frey family  
The Wardlaw family  
The Threatt family  
Lawrence Coleman & family  
Latha Gearheart & family  
Cindy Jacobs & family  
Sonya Atkinson & family  
Pam Warren & family

### Friends of the Church

Stuart Britt  
Andy Dill  
Sherry Dishman  
Nancy Hope  
Julie Young Keadle  
Kim Purcell



*This list will be updated quarterly (Dec., Mar., Jun., Sep.).  
If you would like to be added to or removed from the prayer  
list before that time, please let the church office (833-1062)  
know.*



The Congregational Care Committee is looking for volunteers to be on a Bereavement Team. When a member of our congregation

passes away, the bereavement teams host a reception for friends and family to gather or provide a meal to the family. Volunteers are needed to provide food, help with setup or cleanup, or provide flowers for these gatherings. Please let Cyndi Coker know if you are willing to help. [cyndicoker@lcsd56g.com](mailto:cyndicoker@lcsd56g.com) or 843-992-6920.



*"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve [...] You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Martin Luther King Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The PC choir will be performing at the worship service. The Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy will be our guest minister. A potluck luncheon will follow the service

in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share!

## Late December/Early January Birthdays

### **December 28**

Marty Satterfield

### **December 29**

GW Dailey  
Bennet Nolan

### **December 30**

MJ Addison  
Jerry Bron

### **December 31**

Mike Owens

### **January 4**

Anna Lusby

### **January 5**

Sadie Addison  
Latha Gearheart

### **January 6, 2026**

Marty Ademy

### **January 7**

Bob Smith

### **January 9**

Willie Prickett

### **January 10**

Lee Dailey

### **January 13**

Caroline Pitts

### **January 14**

Henry Cody  
Maggie Cook



Happy New Year! First, I want to say thank you for all of the kind words and prayers I have received through texts and emails regarding Neile's latest hospitalization. Once again, she had a

bad reaction to her cancer meds requiring two nights at MUSC in Charleston. It was not the New Year's celebration we had imagined, but we are grateful for the care we received from the doctors and nurses. We are hoping for a different plan as we move forward in her treatment. Enough about that.....

This Sunday on our church calendar is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. It is also a special day in the life of our congregation as we install our new class of elders: *Austin Barnes, Cyndi Coker, Charlie Gustafson, Harold Nichols, Ashley Powell, and Jettie Young*. Though these faithful individuals have been called to a specific task within the life of this particular congregation, we all have been called to a life of service representative of the claim God has placed on our lives in our baptisms. Might this week we claim the words spoken from heaven at Jesus' baptism as our own, "This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life" (Matt. 3:17—The Message)

Friends, I hope you know you belong to God and you are loved. As we inch toward Sunday, maybe take a moment to remember your own baptism (or the fact that you have been baptized) and what that means to you. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. Until then, may the Lord's face shine brightly upon you!

Pastor Andy