

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!  
We are thrilled to have you here.

## Gathering Around the Word

### Centering Prayer

Gracious God, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and cares for us, too, help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings. Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you until we find what we seek above all: your kingdom. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

### Prelude

His Eye Is On the Sparrow      by James Mansfield

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome, Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

### \*Call to Worship: (responsive)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Friends, let us worship the God who knows us completely.

### \*Morning Prayer

### \*Opening Hymn: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*      #620/LAUDA ANIMA

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, the God who judges us has been made known in Jesus Christ, who died for our sake. The good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

We are held with love in God's hands. Thanks be to God.

### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

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.

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Time with the Young Disciples

Pastor Andy

All preschool and elementary children are invited to come down front.

#### Prayer for Illumination

Danny Cook

#### First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Choral Anthem

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

GIGU HAGALILIM

(Israeli Folk Melody)

Jim Adair, Congas

(Please follow along on page 364 of the hymnal)

#### Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-11

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Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Rev. Andy Chambers

### Responding to the Word

#### \*Hymn of Response: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

#726/KELVINGROVE

### Service of Confirmation

Connor Addison, Sadie Addison, Norman Cody, Emily Cook,  
Katie Hope Goodbar, Logan Johnson, Nathan Wyatt

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

(written by the Confirmation Class of 2026)

We are children of the one and only God, the creator of all. God sent his son Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to keep us close to God. Grace is a gift from God that is freely given that we do not deserve or have to earn. God loves us unconditionally.

We believe in the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. In baptism we receive the love of God and become a part of God's family. In communion we remember that Last Supper and all that Christ did for us.

We believe it is our mission to spread the Good News of the gospel around our community and the world.

### Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Invitation to the Table

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company of Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Let us pray.

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and cup to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all things. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ, and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

### Prayers of the People and 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.

### Call for the Offering

#### Offertory

Morning Prayer

by Samuel V. DeGeorge

#### \*Doxology

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

Rev. Andy Chambers

### Bearing and Following the Word into the World

#### \*Closing Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation

#321/AURELIA

#### \*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Andy Chambers

#### \*Choral Benediction

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

#### \*Postlude

New Faith, New Life

by Franklin Ritter

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 2026 Confirmation Class.

Thank you to Danny Cook for serving as liturgist and to Mica Nixon for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

### Prayers for the Week

**Morning Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple. Enable me to hear your voice above the distractions of this day, to see each challenge as an opportunity for faithful witness, and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:** Your face, O Lord, have I sought this day, and your beauty have I beheld. I have seen you in the face of the stranger and beheld your beauty in creation. Thank you, and keep me aware. Amen.

### Please Remember in Prayer

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Friends of Church</u>	<u>Bereavement</u>
Margaret Addison		The Frey family
Laura Ashley	Stuart Britt	The Wardlaw family
Neile Chambers	Andy Dill	The Threatt family
P-Nut Dowdle	Sherry Dishman	Lawrence Coleman & family
Steve Floyd	Nancy Hope	Latha Gearheart & family
Gin Jacobs	Julie Young Keadle	Cindy Jacobs & family
Liz Pinzon	Moultrie Lanier	Sonya Atkinson & family
Dot Smith	Kim Purcell	Pam Warren & family

Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer: Donald Marsden (US); Pam (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo)

This prayer list will be updated quarterly. If you would like to be added to or removed from the list, please contact the church office – 833-1062.

### The Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Marty Ademy	Lee Atkinson	Austin Barnes
Emily Holder	Danny Cook	Cyndi Coker
Bob Link	Amanda Donley	Charlie Gustafson
Holbrook Raynal	Chad Gambrell	Harold Nichols
Andy Sullivan	Jean Johnson	Ashley Powell
Stan Walsh	Bob McLean	Jettie Young

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, February 8

8:30 a.m. – Confirmation Breakfast with parents and Covenant Partners at the home of Lee & GW Dailey  
9:15 a.m. – Gather 'round the Holy Grounds (Coffee Corner)  
9:20 a.m. – Session Examination of Confirmands with Covenant Partners (Fellowship Hall)  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 a.m. – Confirmands, Covenant Partners and Parents meet in sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)  
In honor of the Confirmation Class of 2026, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a lemonade and cookie reception following the worship service and congregational meeting.  
3:00 p.m. – Youth will meet at United Ministries to distribute donations from Souper Bowl of Caring canned drive

#### Monday, February 9

5:30 p.m. – Congregational Life Committee (library)  
5:30 p.m. – Racial Equity Subcommittee (workroom)

#### Tuesday, February 10

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting  
9:30 a.m. – The Classics CLC Gym walk  
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit information for Steeple People Newsletter

#### Wednesday, February 11

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation (The Vestibule)  
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit announcements for Sunday bulletin  
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir practice  
5:30 p.m. – Budget & Finance Committee (library)  
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir practice  
6:30 p.m. – Pints with the Pastor is back! (Lumberyard)

#### Thursday, February 12

9:45 a.m. – Women's Morning Bible Study (CLC Dining Room)  
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit announcements for Worship News

#### Friday, February 13 – Church office closed



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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Clinton, South Carolina

*5th Sunday after Epiphany*

**Confirmation Sunday**

February 8, 2026

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