

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

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer: With you, O God, to guide me, I journey on my way. I know you are beside me all through the night and day. Within your hand you hold me; what do I have to fear? Your loving arms enfold me, your grace is always near. Amen.  
-- Based on a prayer of St. Columba (c. 521–597)

**Prelude** *Simple Gifts* setting by Wilbur Held

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome, Concerns and Celebrations of the Church**

**Special Music** *Waterfall* John Schmidt  
Donna James, Pianist

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

But now thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

**\*Morning Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** *God Is Here!* #409/ABBOT’S LEE

**\*Call to Confession**

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

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the Church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your Word of grace, speak the Good News of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*(Our prayer continues in silence)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, even when we were dead through sin, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him.

For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.		
Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us forgive one another.		
Amen.		
<b>*Gloria Patri</b>	<i>Glory be to the Father</i>	GLORIA PATRI
<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.</i>		
<i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,</i>		
<i>world without end. Amen, Amen.</i>		
<b>Proclaiming the Word</b>		
<b>Time with the Young Disciples</b>	Tricia Nolan	
All preschool and elementary children are invited to come down front.		
<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>	William Addison	
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Matthew 16:13-19	Rev. Jan Stewart Tolbert
This is the Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	<i>God's Gonna Set this World On Fire</i>	Moses Hogan
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Binding and Loosing</i>	Rev. Jan Stewart Tolbert
<b>Responding to the Word</b>		
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	from a Brief Statement of Faith	
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"		
<b>Service of Installation for the Rev. Andy S. Chambers</b>		
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Tribute</i>	John Schmidt
	Donna James, Pianist	
<b>Statement on the Ministry of the Church</b>		
Rev. Dr. Lynne Grandsire		
We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation		

accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people’s lives, and to demonstrate Christ’s love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:
The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.
The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery. Therefore, Trinity Presbytery, by means of this commission, now installs the Rev. Andy Chambers as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Clinton.
In his baptism, Andy was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by Northeast Georgia Presbytery, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.
We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s call to Andy to serve as our pastor.
<b>The Constitutional Questions to the Candidate</b>
Rev. Kevin Cartee
DO you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledging Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
DO you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?
DO you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenants of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
WILL you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by our confessions?
WILL you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?
WILL you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

DO you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

WILL you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

WILL you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the Good News in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church; and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**To the Congregation** Lee Atkinson

DO we the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept Andy as our pastor, chosen by God to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

DO we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

DO we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the Word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

We do and we will.

**To the Commission** Cassandra Daniels

DO we, the members of this commission, acting for and in the position of Trinity Presbytery, promise in reliance upon the grace of God, to be a friend in ministry with Andy, working with him subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit, and will we prayerfully support him in love, challenge and encourage him to the end that his ministry be fruitful, and the church be strengthened to the glory of God?

**Prayer of Installation** Mike Ellison

**Declaration of Installation** Rev. Dr. Lynn Grandsire

**Charge to the Newly Installed** Rev. Kevin Cartee

**Charge to the Congregation** Donna James

**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** Be Thou My Vison by Edward Broughton

**\*Doxology** 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 S. Chambers

**Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn** Jesus Loves Me! #188/JESUS LOVES ME

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Andy S. Chambers

**\*Response**

**Choral Benediction** Shall We Gather at the River Robert Lowry

**\*Postlude** Fanfare by Jacques Lemmens

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and to commemorate the installation of our new pastor, the Rev. Andy S. Chambers.*

*Thank you to William Addison for serving as liturgist, to Tricia Nolan for leading the Young Disciples, and to Emily Holder for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.*

**The Presbytery Commissioners for the Service of Installation**

Mr. Lee Atkinson, Elder, First Presbyterian Church Clinton  
Rev. Kevin Cartee, Pastor, Camp Fellowship, Trinity Presbytery  
Ms. Cassandra Daniels, Elder, New Faith Presbyterian Church  
Mr. Mike Ellison, Elder, First Presbyterian Church Laurens  
Rev. Dr. Lynn Grandsire, Pastor, Lake Murray Presbyterian Church  
\*Rev. Erin Farry, Director of Church Relations, Presbyterian College  
\*Ms. Donna James, Elder, First Presbyterian Church Cornelia, GA  
\*Rev. Jan Stewart Tolbert, Honorably Retired, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
\*Rev. Myron and Mrs. Anna Wilkins, President and First Lady, Thornwell

\*Non-members of Trinity Presbytery invited to sit with the Commission



Clinton, South Carolina

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

February 15, 2026





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