

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

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

Prelude *When We Walk with the Lord* ARR. BENJAMIN HARLAN

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

*Call to Worship: (responsive)

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

the courageous and the fearful,

the hungry and the hopeful,

the impatient and the reserved.

God welcomes the young and the old,

the poets and the prophets,

the faithful and the tired,

the curious and the convicted.

Wherever you are on your journey,

wherever your boat is at sea,

there is room for all to gather here.

This is God's house.

Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

*Morning Prayer

***Opening Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #366/HYFRYDOL

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

*Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, you could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging.

Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward us.

So hear and believe this good news: God's love is stronger than any storms.

On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved.

God is always walking toward us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri** 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

Prayer for Illumination Andy Sullivan

First Lesson: Psalm 22:23-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem *O Worship the King* BY GORDON YOUNG

O worship the King all-glorious above, and gratefully sing his wonderful love. O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form, and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm. Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor

and girded with praise. God's bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. O worship the King. Our great and glorious King!

Time with the Young Disciples Pastor Andy

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

Second Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Responding to the Word

***Hymn of Response** *How Firm a Foundation* #463/FOUNDATION

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ARR. DAVID S. HARRIS

***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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

***Closing Hymn** *Be Still, My Soul* #819/FINLANDIA

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

***Choral Benediction** *What Wondrous Love Is This* BY WILLIAM WALKER

***Postlude** *Vivace* BY WILLIAM BOYCE

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Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *Loving God, you have given me the gift of this new day, and you send me out to live it fully and well. Help me to be attentive to your direction and leading. If you should call me to go in some direction, give me courage to try this new thing. If you present me with a mysterious truth or grace, help me to understand, or to seek understanding, with a sense of wonder and faith. Whatever this day may hold, I trust that you will keep me in all my comings and goings. In your Son's name, I pray. Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *Gracious God, as the evening comes and the light fades, I look for you even in the shadows. Your love and protection stay with me through the night hours, and I rest in your promises. For the day as it has been, I give you thanks. For the gift of rest, I offer a hymn of praise. You love me and the whole world so greatly that you offer us salvation. After a night of rest, bring me into the light of a new day. In gratitude, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Please Remember in Prayer

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Friends of Church</u>	<u>Bereavement</u>
Margaret Addison	Stuart Britt	The Wardlaw family
Laura Ashley	Andy Dill	The Threatt family
Neile Chambers	Nancy Hope	Latha Gearheart & family
P-Nut Dowdle	Julie Young Keadle	Cindy Jacobs & family
Steve Floyd	Kim Purcell	Sonya Atkinson & family
Kathy Hamer		Pam Warren & family
Linda Hunter		Marvine & Bill Tyler
Gin Jacobs		Danny & Hunt Cook
Liz Pinzon		
Dot Smith		

Please hold the Goodbar family close in prayer as Nancy Hope, Nancy Goodbar's mother, is moved into home Hospice care. Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer: Donald Marsden (US); Pam (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo)

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, March 1

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (Adults & Youth meet in Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Combined Youth Group (CLC Classroom)

Monday, March 2

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. – Community Outreach Committee (library)

Tuesday, March 3

- 9:30 a.m. – The Classics CLC Gym walk
- 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit information for Steeple People Newsletter
- 5:30 p.m. – Administration Committee (library)

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Andy
(The Vestibule – 310-B E. Carolina Ave.)
- 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit announcements for Sunday bulletin
- 5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir practice
- 6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir practice

Thursday, March 5

- 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit announcements for Worship News
- 5:30 p.m. – Worship & Music Committee (library)

Friday, March 6 – Church office closed



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