

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

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prelude *Come, Ye Faithful* RICHARD J. HOLMES

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Lily Walsh

***Call to Worship:** (responsive) Haleigh Johnson

The Lord calls to us, even when we do not recognize His voice.

We come, ready to listen.

In the quiet and in the noise, God is near.

We come, seeking His presence.

Like Samuel, we are learning to hear and respond.

Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

Leader: God calls us by name and invites us into His purpose.

We open our hearts to hear and follow.

Come, let us worship the One who speaks and leads.

We worship with listening hearts and willing spirits.

***Morning Prayer** Caroline Ballew

***Morning Hymn** *I Danced in the Morning* #157/LORD OF THE DANCE
(Lord of the Dance)

***Call to Confession** Sarah Anderson

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

Lord, You call to us as You called Samuel in the night, yet we confess that we do not always recognize Your voice. We fill our lives with noise and distractions, choosing comfort over attentiveness, and we often ignore the quiet moments when You are speaking to our hearts. We admit that, like Samuel at first, we do not understand when You are calling us, and at times we turn away instead of responding in faith. Forgive us for our lack of listening, for our hesitation to obey, and for the ways we resist Your truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive) Nathan Wyatt

Even though we have ignored the voice of the Lord and slept in our own ways, God still calls out to us. Hear this good news: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The silence of judgement is broken by the voice of mercy, and you are called by name to be his servant.

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 Maggie Cook

Children's Sermon Charli Holder

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3 Merrin Orr and Libby Dailey

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
(Please follow along on page 729 in the hymnal)

Senior Skit Avery Barnes, Edwin Orr, Ada Tiller, and William Wyatt

Responding to the Word

***Hymn of Response** *Be Thou My Vision* #450/SLANE

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison) Chloe Holder

I choose God's way, even when it is not the easiest path, because I trust that His plan is greater than my own. I believe that His wisdom guides me, His truth grounds me, and His love sustains me through every season. When I am uncertain, I will lean on His promises; when I am tempted to stray, I will remember His faithfulness. I surrender my desires, my plans, and my fears to Him, knowing that His way leads to purpose, peace, and eternal life. Each day, I commit to walking in obedience, seeking His will above my own, and living in a way that reflects His grace and truth.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Gemma Gearheart

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 Logan Johnson

Offertory *The Mercy of the Lord Is Forever* JUDY HUNNICUTT

***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** Mary Varn

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* #69/HERE I AM
(Here I Am, Lord)

***Charge and Benediction** Natalie Meade

***Choral Benediction** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* #80/TREES OF THE FIELD

***Postlude** *Psalms of Glory* LINDA SCHMIDT

Thank you to the Youth of the church for leading our service of worship and to Mica Nixon for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

Skit Notes

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *Lord Jesus, your rising from the tomb heralds the dawning of life eternal as the dawning of this day holds the possibilities of life anew. Open my eyes to the signs of your resurrection and confirm in my heart the power of your amazing love, that I may with confidence sing, "Alleluia." Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *Loving God, you have upheld me with your love even when I have not been aware of your presence. As I rest from my labors let me sleep without fear of darkness or death and rise refreshed to begin a new day in humble service, through Jesus Christ. 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	Neil & Lynda	The Threatt family
Neile Chambers	Counterman	Latha Gearheart & family
Sarah Tyler Cockrell	Andy Dill	Cindy Jacobs & family
P-Nut Dowdle	Julie Young Keadle	Sonya Atkinson & family
Kathy Hamer	Alan Pinson	Pam Warren & family
Linda Hunter	Kim Purcell	Marvine & Bill Tyler
Gin Jacobs	Trecie Davis Richey	Danny & Hunt Cook
Liz Pinzon		The Goodbar family
Kim Randall		
Dot Smith		

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

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This Week at FPC

- Sunday, April 19**
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (regular classes/schedule resumes)
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service - Youth Sunday
- Tuesday, April 21**
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – The Classics gym walk (CLC)
10:00 a.m. – Mahjongg (Rm. 110 – CLC)
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Steeple People newsletter
- Wednesday, April 22**
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
6:30 p.m. – Choir practice (choir room)
- Thursday, April 23**
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News
- Friday, April 24 – Church office closed**
Pastor Andy will be out of the office this week and on study leave through April 24th.

Announcements



PC invites you to a Community Brunch today until 1:30 p.m. Adults – \$10.55 + tax; children 4-8 years old - \$7.00 + tax; children 3 and under – free!



Come out and support our local talent! The Laurens County Community Theater’s final show of “Newsies” is today, 3:00 p.m., at PC’s Harper Center for the Arts, 360 5th Avenue.



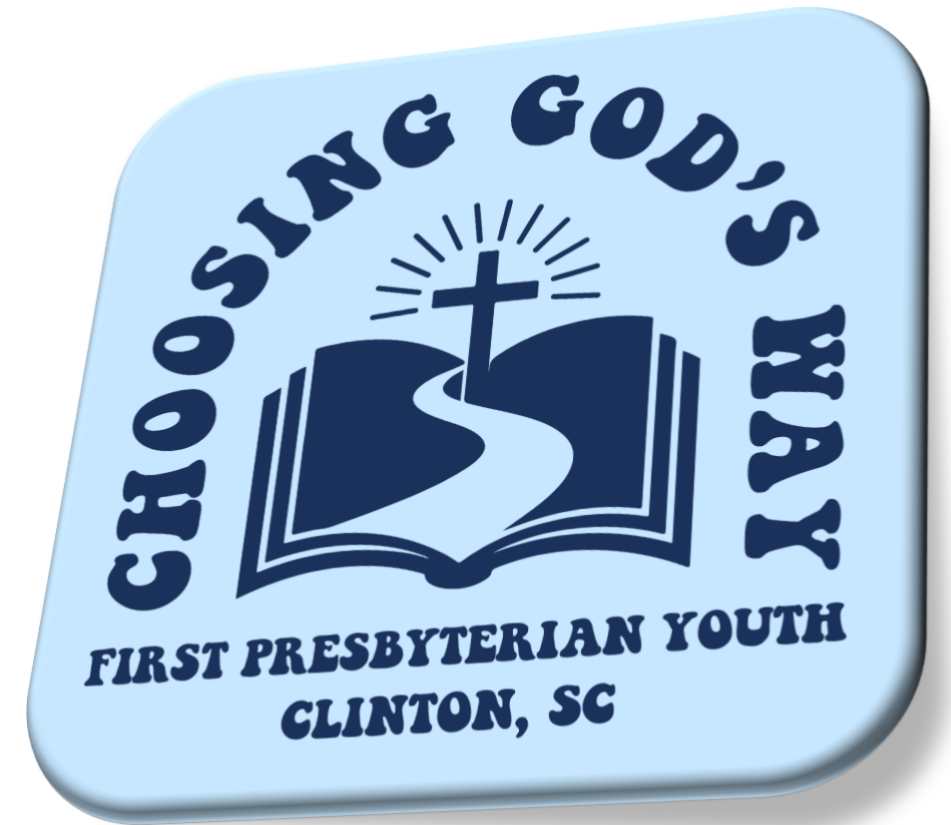
The Presbyterian College Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Giovanni Briguente, and the Presbyterian College Choir present two additional evenings of music, respectively: **Thursday, April 23rd**, “Are You Afraid of Classical Music?”, 7:30 p.m., Edmunds Hall, and **Sunday, April 26th**, “America’s Anthem: 250 Years in Song”, 4:00 p.m., Belk Auditorium. Both events are free and open to the public.



You don’t want to miss this! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 3rd** and join in the fun as we give a nod to the Kentucky Derby! Wear your *Big Hats & Bowties* to church and then stay for a lemonade and cookie fellowship following the worship service.



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to OnRealm, where you may make your offering or tithe. (Text/Data rates may apply).



Youth Sunday

April 19, 2026