

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

## Gathering Around the Word

### Centering Prayer

*Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.*

### Prelude

*Beach Spring*

SETTING BY WILBUR HELD

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship:** (responsive) from Acts 2:42-47

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

### \*Morning Prayer

**\*Morning Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #263/CORONATION

### \*Call to Confession

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

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

*(Our prayer continues in silence)*

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness** (responsive)

The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

Alleluia! 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

**First Lesson:** Psalm 23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Choral Anthem

*How Great Thou Art*

DAN FORREST

Men of the Chancel Choir

### Children's Sermon

Pastor Andy

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

**Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:13-25

### Sermon

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

## Responding to the Word

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

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

*Teach Me Thy Way*

BY STEWARD LONDON

### \*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

*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

### \*Hymn of Mission

#239/GELOBT SEI GOTT

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

### \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction** *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

#80/TREES OF THE FIELD

### \*Postlude

*Vivace in D Major*

BY WILLIAM BOYCE

*Thank you to Danny Cook for serving as liturgist and to Emily Holder for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.*

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### Sermon Notes

**Prayers for the Week**

**Morning Prayer:** *Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Help me to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today, and fill my heart with gladness and generosity, that I may generate good will wherever I go. Amen.*

**Evening Prayer:** *Thank you, God, for shepherding me through this day. As I lie down to sleep this night, help me to imagine green pastures and still waters, and to remember all the ways you have set a table before me and filled my cup to overflowing. 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		The family of Ann Stidham
Dot Smith		



The congregation extends love and sympathy to the family of Ann Stidham at her recent passing this past week.

**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 26**  
 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (regular classes/schedule resumes)  
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
 11:30 a.m. – Session meeting (library)
- Monday, April 27**  
 9:30 a.m. – Staff meeting
- Tuesday, April 28**  
 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 29**  
 10:00 a.m. – The Fellowship Brew Crew (Room III – CLC)  
 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin  
 6:30 p.m. – Choir practice (choir room)
- Thursday, April 30**  
 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News
- Friday, May 1 – Church office closed**

**Announcements**



We celebrate the birth of Jack Douglas Werts, born to Caroline & Hunter Werts, on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery, Alabama. Proud grandparents are Laurie and Jamey Addison and great-grandmother Margaret Addison.



The Presbyterian College Choir presents “America’s Anthem: 250 Years in Song”, this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., Belk Auditorium @ PC. This event is free and open to the public.



Come join us at the Fellowship Brew, Room III at the CLC, this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. We’ll have coffee, tea, and muffins on hand as we get together and connect. The atmosphere is always relaxed and serene. Feel free to bring a friend along!



Mark your calendars for next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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).



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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Clinton, South Carolina

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

April 26, 2026