

No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us in your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

Prelude *Prelude on "Crimond"* BY RAYMOND H. HAAN

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mother's Day Chad Gambrell

***Call to Worship:** (responsive) 1 Peter 2:4-8

We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

our hearts a shelter for the outcast;
our hands open to the stranger.

We are God's people, created in the divine image:

to tell others of God's love,
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

chosen to serve the lost and lonely,
gifted to minister to a hurting world.

Friends, let us worship God together.

*Morning Prayer

***Morning Hymn** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #267/MADRID

*Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (responsive)

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Children's Sermon Pastor Andy

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

First Lesson: Psalm 118:19-23 #493/PEW BIBLE

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem *Guide My Feet* WENDELL P. WHALUM

(#741 in the hymnal)

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-8 #984/PEW BIBLE

Sermon Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Responding to the Word

***Hymn of Response** #394/WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

***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 "Dundee" BY HEALEY WILLAN

***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

***Hymn of Mission** #838//PROMISES

Standing on the Promises

*Charge and Benediction

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

***Postlude** *Postlude on "Lancashire"* BY STANLEY E. SAXTON

Thank you to Chad Gambrell for serving as liturgist and to Marty Ademy for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

Sermon Notes

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you, and you are in God. Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *Faithful God, my rock and my fortress, into your hands I commit my spirit. As darkness falls, let your face shine upon your servant, and keep me in your steadfast love. 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		Ann Stidham & family
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
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This Week at FPC

- Sunday, May 3**
 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (regular classes/schedule resumes)
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Big Hats & Bowties
 11:30 a.m. – Lemonade on the Lawn (courtyard area)
- Monday, May 4**
 9:30 a.m. – Staff meeting
 5:30 p.m. – Community Outreach Committee
- Tuesday, May 5**
 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – The Classics gym walk (CLC)
 10:00 a.m. – Mahjongg (Rm. 110 – CLC)
 5:30 p.m. – Administration Committee (library)
- Wednesday, May 6**
 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
 6:30 p.m. – Choir practice (choir room)
- Thursday, May 7**
 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News
 5:30 p.m. – Worship & Music Committee (library)
- Friday, May 8 – Church office closed**
 2:00 p.m. – PC ROTC Commissioning Ceremony – Edmunds Hall
 6:00 p.m. – PC Baccalaureate Service and presentation of the Martha Anne Green Service to Church and College Award - Belk Auditorium
- Saturday, May 9**
 9:00 – a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – CLC Reserved – Bethlehem Grove Baptist Church
 10:00 a.m. – Presbyterian College Commencement – Vance Plaza

Announcements

 **United Ministries** needs *canned fruit* for its food bank supply. A collection bin is placed under the bulletin board in the church hallway. Please bring regular-sized (14 oz.) or larger canned fruit items to the church office and we will see that United Ministries receives them.

Mother's Day Offering



PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Next Sunday is Mother's Day! There will be a special offering taken up for Presbyterian Communities. Please consider your gifts to this vital ministry.

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 CHURCH

Clinton, South Carolina



5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

“Living, Learning, and Loving Like Christ.”