

*No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

Prelude *Jesus Loves the Little Children* ARR. BY JAMES D. KINDALL

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: (responsive)

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.

Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

Where the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

We will tell of the joy and of the love,
of the peace and of the hope which is ours.

*Morning Prayer

***Morning Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #268/DIADEMATA

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

*Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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*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 8

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

God Is Here!

BY LLOYD LARSON

God is here! As we hear people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the spirit into open minds and hearts. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of Grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here, in honesty of preaching; here in silence, as in speech; here, in newness and renewal, God the spirit comes to each. In the Shepherd's flock and fold,

here our children find a welcome; here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustained us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek and worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Children's Sermon

Pastor Andy

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 5:5b-11

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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 (unison)

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

ARR. BY RAYMOND H. HERBEK

Children of the Heavenly Father

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDETH

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

#353/SOLID ROCK

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

#80/TREES OF THE FIELD

*Postlude

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BY JOHANN CRAMER

Thank you to Bob Link for serving as liturgist and to Ron & Elisabeth Zimmerman for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

The flowers placed in the sanctuary this Mother's Day are given to the glory of God and in honor of all mothers and those who assume the role of mothers.

Sermon Notes

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do, that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *O God, in whom I live and move and have my being, you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer; you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone. As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. 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 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 10**
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- Monday, May 11**
9:30 a.m. – Staff meeting
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – CLC reserved – Pitts Meadows neighborhood picnic
5:30 p.m. – Congregational Life Committee (library)
5:30 p.m. – Racial Equity Subcommittee (workroom)
- Tuesday, May 12**
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – The Classics gym walk (CLC)
10:00 a.m. – Mahjongg (Rm. 110 – CLC)
- Wednesday, May 13**
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Brew Crew (Rm. III – CLC)
4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin*
6:30 p.m. – Choir practice (choir room)
- Thursday, May 14**
9:45 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study (CLC dining room)
4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News*
- Friday, May 15 – Church office closed**
- Saturday, May 16**
8:30 a.m. – Registration for Trinity Presbytery Stated Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 a.m. – Trinity Presbytery Stated Meeting (sanctuary)

Announcements



Mother’s Day blessings to all the mothers, grandmothers and those who fill the role of mother. May God bless you today and always!



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.

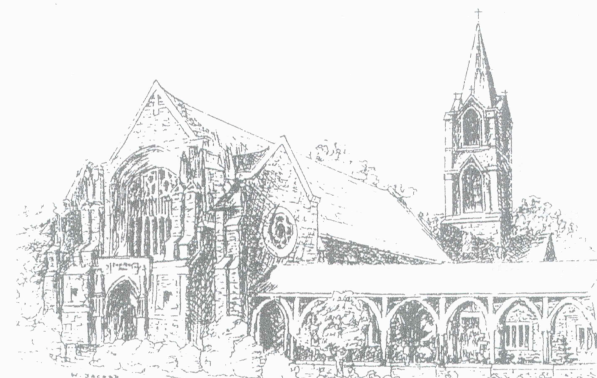
The family of Dr. Ann Stidham will hold a Memorial Service on Saturday, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Harper Center Theater on the campus of Presbyterian College. All are welcome to attend. There will be a reception following the service in the Harper Center Lobby.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Clinton, South Carolina



6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

“Living, Learning, and Loving Like Christ.”