

First Presbyterian Church

Clinton, SC

July 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost



Centering Prayer

Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus – our hope, our confidence – and your beloved son. Amen.

Prelude

God of Our Fathers

ARR. EUGÉNIE ROCHEROLLE

Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer 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.

***Morning Hymn**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

#337/AMERICA

***Call to Confession**

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

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***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.*

Children's Sermon

Special Music

"Two Biblical Songs"

BY ANTON DVORAK

God Is My Shepherd (from Psalm 23)
I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness (from Psalms 144 & 145)
Bob Link, Soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23; John 10:11-17

pp. 435-436; 872-873 pew bible

Sermon

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

*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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Faith of Our Fathers

DENNIS ALEXANDER

*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

*Hymn of Mission

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arm)

#837/SHOWALTER

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

#582/GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*Postlude

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

CHARLES WESLEY

Thank you to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Ron and Nancy Dove (Pres. Comm.) and to Leigh Ann & Bob Bryant for serving Lemonade on the Lawn.

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *As the darkness recedes, open my eyes to the gift of this day; help me trust you with all that it will hold. In the hours to come, as my plans are interrupted, tune my ear to the sound of your voice, my eye to the movement of your Spirit, my heart to the strength of your desire, that I might glimpse your hidden graces and be strengthened in your service, for I would be your instrument. Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *Merciful God, I come weary, grateful for the chance to meet you in the silence, eager to be washed again in your claim. Lift from me the burdens I do not easily yield. In your gracious provision, fit me with a better yoke that I might rest as a child secure and rise with a teachable spirit. Amen.*

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Margaret Addison
Laura Ashley
Neile Chambers
P-Nut Dowdle
Kathy Hamer
Linda Hunter
Gin Jacobs
Karen Mattison
Dot Smith
Danny Wardlaw

Friends of Church

Stuart Britt
Neal & Lynda Counterman
Andy Dill
Julie Young Keadle
Alan Pinson
Kim Purcell
Trecie Davis Richey
Joe House
Lannie Finley
Moonyeen Smith

Bereavement

Cindy Jacobs & family
Sonya Atkinson & family
Pam Warren & family
Marvine & Bill Tyler
The Goodbar family
Laurie Addison & family
Bebe Ademy & family

The prayer list will be updated quarterly. If you would like to be added to or removed, please let the church office know.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 5

9:30 a.m. - Freedom Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - Lemonade on the Lawn

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - The Classics gym walk (CLC)
10:00 a.m. - MahJongg (Rm. 110/CLC)

Wednesday, July 8

4:00 p.m. - Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
6:00 p.m. - Church-wide cookout in celebration of the 250th birthday of the USA!

Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10 - Church office closed

Announcements



Pastor Andy is looking forward to getting to know each member of our church family! If you would enjoy a visit, please call the church office to schedule a time to gather and get acquainted. He looks forward to sharing conversation, fellowship, and a warm welcome with you.



Pastor Andy and the Chambers family will be on vacation from **July 13th - July 25th**. Join with us for hymn-singing and congregational reflections on the Psalms on **July 19th & 26th**.



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)

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2026

Marty Ademy
Emily Holder
Bob Link
Holbrook Raynal
Andy Sullivan
Stan Walsh

Class of 2027

Lee Atkinson
Danny Cook
Amanda Donley
Chad Gambrell
Jean Johnson
Bob McLean

Class of 2028

Austin Barnes
Cyndi Coker
Charlie Gustafson
Harold Nichols
Ashley Powell
Jettie Young

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Sermon Notes: