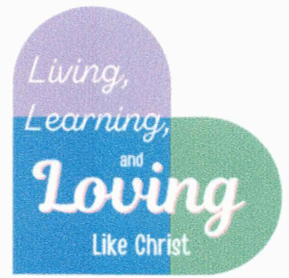


First Presbyterian Church

Clinton, SC

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost



Centering Prayer

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, that we would carry the name of Jesus and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Prelude

I Will Praise Thee

BY BENTON PRICE

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**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#834/PRECIOUS LORD

***Call to Confession**

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

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved" by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

(from Romans 8:1-3)

For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ's death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new 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.*

Children's Sermon

Special Music

I'll Fly Away

ALBERT E. BRUMLEY

Gemma Gearheart, soloist and guitar

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 63

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

"Yet I Will Rejoice In The Lord"

BY ROBERT J. HUGHES

*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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#835/CLOSER WALK

*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

To God Be the Glory

BY RICHARD HILL

Thank you to Latha Gearheart for serving as liturgist; to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Ron & Nancy Dove (Pres. Comm.); and to Amanda Donley for serving Lemonade on the Lawn.

Sermon Notes

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Living Word, shine on this day. Quicken my steps and open my ears that I might approach each neighbor with an expectant heart. Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Beacon of truth, I entrust to you now the day that has been: the tasks accomplished and tasks overlooked; the friends acknowledged and the friends ignored; the silence kept and the silence squandered. In your mercy, mend these tattered offerings. Grant me the gift of rest this night and good companions on the morrow, as you speak me further down the path toward home. 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 12

9:30 a.m. – Intergenerational Sunday School – Praying at the Movies (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
11:30 a.m. – Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, July 13-Saturday, July 25

Chambers family on vacation

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – The Classics gym walk (CLC)
10:00 a.m. – MahJongg (Rm. 110/CLC)
5:30 p.m. – Congregational Care Committee (library)

Wednesday, July 15

4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
5:30 p.m. – Budget & Finance Committee (library)

Thursday, July 16

4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News

Friday, July 17 – Church office closed

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Nominations for the Elder Class of 2029: The congregation is encouraged to make suggestions to the Officer Nominating Committee by contacting a member – *Bob Link, Danny Cook, Bud Marchant, Dee Nichols, Derrick Adair, Craig Powell, or Gemma Gearheart* – returning written suggestions to the ONC via the offering plate or to the church office, or by making suggestions electronically through the Google form attached to the Worship News. The ONC will meet this month to start their selection of potential nominees.



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



The Christian Education Committee will host a catered breakfast from Great Crepes next **Sunday, July 19th**. Please [email Lisa](#) or call the church office to RSVP.



August 2nd: Blessing of the Backpacks. All students from Kindergarten through college are encouraged to come and bring their backpacks for a special blessing ahead of the school year.



August 9th: Join us in the Fellowship Hall at **9:30 a.m.** for Rally Day and a congregational breakfast as we present the Fall Sunday School curriculum.



August 16th: Worship on the Water. All are invited to come out to Camp Fellowship in Greenwood for a special time of worship as FPC serves as host church and Pastor Andy shares the gospel. The service will begin at **10:00 a.m.**



August 23rd: Come and be a part of Rise Against Hunger at the CLC! Look for more details to come and opportunities to serve at this high-energy, fun and vital ministry which feeds so many around the world.



Please 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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