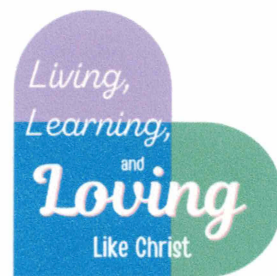


First Presbyterian Church

Clinton, SC

July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost



Centering Prayer

Holy God, we try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. Amen.

Prelude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

BY HEALEY WILLAN

Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer 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.

Choral Introit

From Psalm 51 - "Create in Me a Clean Heart"
Amy Link, Hunt Cook, Mac McDougal, Bob Link

ARR. P. CHRISTIANSEN (1914-1997)

***Call to Confession**

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

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

***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.*

GLORIA PATRI

Children's Sermon

Gemma Gearheart

Prayer for Illumination

Special Music

From Psalm 96 – “Cantate Domino (O Sing unto the Lord)”

From Psalm 71 – “Go not far from me, O God”

Bob Link, Soloist

HASSLER (1564-1612)

ZINGARELLI (1752-1837)

Psalm Reflections

Kay Cleveland, Psalm 139 and Dr. Bob Bryant, Psalm 8

*Hymn of Reflection

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

#649/ AMAZING GRACE

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

(from The Barmen Declaration, 8.14-8.16)

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus Is Lord of All

ARR. ANNA LAURA PAGE

*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

To God Be the Glory

#634/TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*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

Glorious Is Thy Name

B.B. MCKINNEY

Thank you to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Mica Nixon (Pres. Comm.); to Gemma Gearheart for leading the children’s sermon; and to Emily Holder for serving Lemonade on the Lawn.

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Sermon Notes

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

God of ferment, God of life, as I recall the night's unsettled dreams ... as I foresee the day's demands ... come to me in the desires of my heart, in the anger of the excluded, in all I might discount—until I find you everywhere, until your holy love leavens every impulse, for I pray in the name of Jesus, whose surprising call continues. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Joy of my heart, thank you for this day's unexpected turns: for provision when I was stymied and laughter born of grace. As I rest in your mercy open my heart to your unruly love and the neighbors you have put in my path.. 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 26

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
6:30 p.m. – Choir practice resumes (choir room)

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31 – Church office closed



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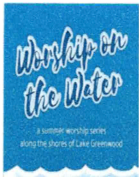
Announcements & Upcoming Events



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. **There will be no Sunday school or worship service at FPC.** All are invited to come out to Camp Fellowship 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.** Lunch will be available following the worship service. If you plan to stay for lunch, please call the church office so the camp kitchen staff can plan accordingly.



On Sunday afternoon, August 23rd, we will welcome the incoming freshman class of Presbyterian College to our church and our community at our **Rise Against Hunger** food packaging event in the Christian Life Center. Together, we will pack 25,000 meals for people in need around the world. We will do this in shifts: **Shift #1** from 2:00 – 3:15 and **Shift #2** from 3:30 - 4:45. Registration is strongly encouraged to help us be ready for all our volunteers but can also be done at the door.

Registration: <https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e788247>

You can sign up for either shift. Set-Up will be done by volunteers from the PC Men's Wrestling team. You are also welcome to sign up to help with Clean-Up at 4:45. Please plan to join us for this opportunity for Christian service and to extend a warm welcome to the new freshman class of PC.



Congregational Care is preparing to show love and care to our FPC college students. If you have a college student, please send their address for the upcoming school year to the church office. We are also collecting \$10 gift cards to send to college students throughout the year. A basket will be in the workroom to collect any gift cards. Ideas include gas cards, restaurants, or shopping at Walmart, Target, Amazon or grocery stores. We have over 20 college students in schools all over South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Please remember these young people in your prayers as they prepare for another year.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

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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
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Charlie Gustafson
Harold Nichols
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