

First Presbyterian Church

Clinton, SC

August 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost



Centering Prayer

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

EMMA LOU DIEMER

Welcome, Announcements, and Minute for Rise Against Hunger

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Now is the time to sing!

to sing the good news of God:

who awakens us with dawn's embrace,
who surrounds us with joy and life.

Now is the time to offer praise to God,
in every place, with every voice:

to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment
with a gentle hand and a word of hope.

Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,
from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

We will sing the good news of Jesus!
We will rejoice in the God who loves us.

***Morning Prayer**

***Morning Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

#263/CORONATION

***Call to Confession**

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

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**

(from Isaiah 43:1)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Choral Anthem

Shine, Jesus, Shine

BY STAN PETHEL

Lord the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us; shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness; shine on me.

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 6:22-27

p. 109 Pew Bible

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

***Hymn**

This Is My Father's World

#370/TERRA BEATA

***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

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

JAMES D. KIMBALL

***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**

Jesus Calls Us

#720/GALILEE

***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** *Triumphal March* ARR. PIERRE LA PLANTE

Thank you to Harold Nichols for serving as liturgist; to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Elisabeth & Ron Zimmerman (Pres. Comm.); and to Kelly Pitts for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn.

Sermon Notes

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

God of my destiny, thank you for a new day in which your purpose will unfold. Send me now as your servant to succor the suffering and as your disciple to declare the good news of your Son. Help me to remember during times of testing that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Son of God, this day has been crowded with work and service. This evening, bring me alone with you to the mountain to pray. Help me to know your reassuring presence with me through the night hours. May I come to you and rest in you. Amen.

Please Remember in Prayer

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Friends of Church</u>	<u>Bereavement</u>
Margaret Addison	Stuart Britt	Cindy Jacobs & family
Laura Ashley	Neal & Lynda Counterman	Sonya Atkinson & family
Neile Chambers	Andy Dill	Pam Warren & family
P-Nut Dowdle	Julie Young Keadle	Marvine & Bill Tyler
Kathy Hamer	Kim Purcell	The Goodbar family
Linda Hunter	Trecie Davis Richey	Laurie Addison & family
Gin Jacobs	Joe House	Bebe Ademy & family
Dot Smith	Lannie Finley	
Danny Wardlaw	Moonyeen Smith	

Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer: Donald Marsden (US) and Pam (Turkey).

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, August 9

- 9:30 a.m. – Rally Day and catered breakfast – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. – Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, August 10

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff meeting
- 5:30 p.m. – Congregational Life Committee (library)
- 5:30 p.m. Racial Equity Subcommittee (workroom)

Tuesday, August 11

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – The Classics CLC Gym Walk
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – MahJongg – CLC/Room 110

Wednesday, August 12

- 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
- 6:30 p.m. – Choir practice

Thursday, August 13

- 9:45 a.m. – Women's Morning Bible Study – CLC Dining Room
- 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News

Friday, August 14 – Church office closed

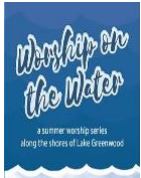


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Announcements

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following today's worship service, to receive and act on a report from the 2026 Officer Nominating Committee presenting nominations for the Session Class of 2029.

The slate of nominees to be presented are Holbrook Raynal – returning for 2nd term; Emily Holder – returning for 2nd term; Leigh Ann Bryant – previously served on FPC session; Kay Cleveland – previously served on FPC session; Elizabeth “Woodie” Robinson – never served on FPC session; Lee Counterman – never served on FPC session.



Next Sunday, August 16th, join us for “Worship on the Water at 10:00 a.m. @ Camp Fellowship. FPC will serve as host church and Pastor Andy will deliver the message. If you are planning to stay for lunch, a suggested donation of \$15 will cover the cost of lunch, which will include BBQ/chicken fingers, mac & cheese, green beans, dessert, lemonade, tea and water. Come, bring your family and enjoy this wonderful time of waterfront worship and dining with your church family.



FPC will honor the heritage of the Presbyterian Church, as well as our own family heritage on **October 25, 2026**. Would you like to see if your family name has an official tartan? If so, would you like to present the tartan for a blessing during the service? Chad Gambrell, Derrick Adair, and Jean Johnson are ready to help you research your family heritage. They will also place your order for your family tartan to be used during the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service. The cost would be \$100 for your tartan flag and a pole. Families who participated in 2017 and/or 2018, your flag is at the church or at your home – so you don't need a new one. Tartan flags will be ordered **this Wednesday, August 12th**, so let us know if you need help finding your tartan.

Announcements cont'd.



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 Racial Equity Subcommittee is sponsoring a “supply drive” to help replenish the food and school supply pantries at Presbyterian College. We have been working with the Director of the PresbyFIRST and Jacob's Scholars programs to identify the needs of the pantries, and we would like to start a “supply drive” with the support of the FPC congregation. The following is the list of supplies that they are asking for: *Peanut butter, Jelly, Oatmeal, Hormel Compleats, Poptop Chef Boyardee, tuna kits and Easy Mac. Laundry detergent (pods or small bottles), toilet tissue, paper towels, toothpaste, body lotion, body wash. (Scent and Dye-free items are encouraged.)*



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.



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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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