

*“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey,
you are welcome here.”*



FIRST
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —
CLINTON, SC
Living, Learning, and Loving like Christ.

August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

JAMES D. KIMBALL

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Our help is in the name of the Holy God, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God, who has not given us over to our enemies.

If it had not been God who was on our side, we would have been swallowed by our enemies.

Our help is in the name of the Holy God, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God!

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

#305/DARWALL'S 148th

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our prayer continues in silence

*Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Our God is merciful and abounding in steadfast love.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sin.

Friends, believe the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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.*

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 138

p. 503 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

"God's Eternal Words and Wisdom"

GENEVAN 42

(A hymn based on portions of the French Confession of 1559)

God's eternal Word and Wisdom, king of Kings and heavenly light, cloth, and flesh, yet God among us, from whom we receive true life, Jesus Christ, our sovereign, Lord, guide your people around the world. Shine on us throughout the ages, calling forth our wisest stages.

May the folly of your gospel, chase and challenge death's domain. Waking us from timid slumber and excite our awe again. Through your mystic marvelous means transform all our broken dreams. As your face shines forth in glory anchor us within your story.

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Second Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-8

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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.

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

They Cast Their Nets in Galilee

CHARLES CALLAHAN

*Doxology

*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, Light of Joy

#673/ LAUDA ANIMA

*Charge and Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

BY PETER LUTKIN

*Postlude

Joyfully, Lord, We Hail Thee!

FORREST HILL

Thank you to William Addison for serving as liturgist; to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Holly Cody (Pres. Comm); to Mrs. Kipper Ackerman and the PC Choir for gifting us with their musical talents, and to Lisa Keen and Susan Raynal for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn.

Sermon Notes



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Household Prayer: Morning

Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you, I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory; for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you, I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Church Family

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

Friends of Church

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

Bereavement

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

The congregation extends love and sympathy to Marty & Bebe Ademy at the passing of Marty's nephew, Joe House, on August 15, 2026.

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 23

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. – Lemonade on the Lawn
- 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Rise Against Hunger (CLC)

Monday, August 24

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff meeting

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – The Classics CLC Gym Walk
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – MahJongg – CLC/Room 110
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Student Resource Organizations Fair - PC Campus (West Plaza)

Wednesday, August 26

- 4:00 p.m. - Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - PC Celtic Cross Kick-off event (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Thursday, August 27

- 4:00 p.m. - Deadline to submit items for Worship News

Friday, August 28 - Church office closed



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



This afternoon, we will welcome the incoming freshman class of Presbyterian College to our church and our community at our Rise Against Hunger food packaging even in the CLC. Together, we will pack 25,000 meals for people in need around the world. We have two shifts: from 2:00 – 3:15 and from 3:30 - 4:45. If you have not registered but would like to volunteer, please come to the CLC and register at the door. You may also volunteer for clean-up at 4:45.



We are excited to extend an invitation to our church family to partake in a wonderful opportunity to connect with PC students at the upcoming Registered Student Organizations Fair at Presbyterian College. Join us this Tuesday, August 25th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on the West Plaza, which faces Broad Street. The Congregational Life Committee will host a table for our church, and we encourage every member of our church family to stop by, engage with one another, and extend a warm welcome to both new and returning students. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Racial Equity Subcommittee is sponsoring a “supply drive” to help replenish the food and school supply pantries at Presbyterian College. 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.) A large bin for these items is placed in the church office hallway, just outside of the workroom.



Football is back! Come out and support Clinton High School and Presbyterian College for their opening games: **Thursday night @ 6:00 p.m. for the JV Red Devils @ Laurens; Presbyterian College vs. UVA Wise @ 7:00 p.m., Bailey Stadium.** And Friday night lights for the **Varsity Red Devils, 7:30 p.m. at home in Wilder Stadium.**



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The Session of First Presbyterian Church

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Bob Link
Holbrook Raynal
Andy Sullivan
Stan Walsh

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Danny Cook
Amanda Donley
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