

*“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 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, in the self-giving love of Christ you have revealed the path of salvation; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

Beach Spring

WILBUR HELD

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

*Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 26:7-8

Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Declare God's wondrous deeds.

For the Lord dwells among the people;

the glory of God abides with us.

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

#403/UNSER HERRSCHER

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

from Romans 12:9

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all.

Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our prayer continues in silence

*Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil

and has opened to us the way of eternal life.

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

First Lesson:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

pp. 490-491 pew bible

Choral Anthem

Open Thou Mine Eyes

BY B. HARLAN

Open thou mine eyes, and I shall see. Open thou mine ears, and I shall hear. Incline my heart, I shall desire, order my steps, and I shall walk the ways of Thy Commandments. O Lord my God be thou to me a God that I may love You, that I may serve You, that I may worship You and adore You, that I may follow You, that I may look to You. Amen.

Second Lesson:

Acts 4:32-37

p. 888 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.

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

There's a Witness in God's Mercy

GLENN MEDLOCK

*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

Take My Life

#697/HENDON

*Hymn of Mission

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*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

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WILLIAM BOYCE

Thank you to Ron Zimmerman for serving as liturgist; to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Emily Holder (Pres. Comm), and to Jettie Young for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, I do not know what cross may arise before me, but give me courage to resist systems of injustice, strength to reject structures of oppression, and wisdom to unmask powers of evil, that I may live as a faithful disciple whose life belongs to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Jesus, if I have lived this day for worldly gain, recenter my life, set me on the path of sincere discipleship, and lead me in the way that leads to eternal life. 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

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 30

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. – Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:30 a.m. - Session meeting (library)

Monday, August 31

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff meeting

Tuesday, September 1

- The Classics leave for Ireland!
- 5:30 p.m. - Administration Committee (library)

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

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

Friday, September 4 - Church office closed



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



While Pastor Andy and Neile are away for the Labor Day weekend, we welcome our own Dr. Holbrook Raynal to the pulpit on Sunday, September 6th. A reminder that the church office will be closed Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day.



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; laundrydetergent (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.



September 1-13, 2026: 26 “Classics” will be traveling to Ireland. Please pray for traveling mercies for this group of sojourners.



All 1st P Youth are invited to a cookout and Parent-Youth meeting on **Sunday, September 13th at 5:30 p.m.** at the **CLC**. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there as we discuss and brainstorm the many opportunities that we have ahead of us to grow and serve. Please RSVP to the church office (833-1062) by Wednesday, September 9th.



Small Group 7 is hosting an ice cream social at the Clinton Presbyterian Community on Sunday, September 20th from 2:00-3:30 PM. If you would like to bring homemade ice cream or toppings/cookies/brownies and join us, please contact Karen Mattison: mattvkks@aol.com.



We look forward to celebrating **PC Sunday on September 27th**. Please join us as we welcome the students, faculty and staff of Presbyterian College, as well as the PC Choir. Stay with us following worship for a potluck lunch. Fried/baked chicken, mac & cheese and green beans will be provided. Please bring a dessert or appetizer-type finger food to share.





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
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