

*“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.

September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding, help us to trust your judgments so that we may do your will by loving you and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul

BY C. BERRY

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin and brokenness of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. Amen.

Our prayer continues in silence

*Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live.

By the grace of God, our sins 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: John 1:35-39/pp. 862-863 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Psalm 96:1-4a/p. 479
pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Awaken Me to Pray

BY D. LANTZ

*Awaken me to pray, O my Father, when the night is long, O my Lord. Hear my earnest plea,
God remember me. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord. Awaken me to pray, O my Father, when
I leave your side, O my Lord. When my footsteps roam, bring me safely home. Awaken me
to pray, O my Lord. Awaken me to pray, O my Father. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord.
Awaken me to pray, O my Father, when the trials come, O my Lord. Give me strength to
stand, hold me by the hand. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord. Awaken me to pray, O my
Father. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord.*

Third Lesson:

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

p. 940 pew bible

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Sermon

Dr. Holbrook Raynal

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

(from The Confession of 1967, 9.22 & 9.24)

**The new life takes shape in a community in which men and women know that
God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept
themselves and love others, knowing that no man has any ground on which to
stand, except God's grace.**

**The new life [of faith] finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words,
his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness
to suffer death. The teaching of the apostles and prophets guides men and
women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them
for their ministry.**

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

Just As I Am

BY C. BERRY

*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

Guide My Feet

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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 W. DOANE

Thank you to Dr. Holbrook Raynal for serving as our guest minister; to Danny Cook for serving as liturgist; to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Holly Cody (Pres. Comm); and to Debra Bishop and Freddie Pinson for hosting our final Lemonade on the Lawn for the season.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Household Prayer: Morning

O God of this and every morning, as I begin this day, call my name; as I step into this day, guide my feet; as I live this day, care for those I love; as I learn this day, teach me your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of stars and planets, the setting sun ends this day for us as it rises on a new day for others. For us and for them, be light in every darkness. In Jesus' name. 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
Emalee Foreman

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 Jane Scott and family at the passing of Jane's brother, Mickey Vehorn, on September 2, 2026.

We hold Freddie & Tommy Pinson's niece, Emalee Foreman, close in our prayers as she undergoes treatment at Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

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, September 6

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. – Last Lemonade on the Lawn of the season

Monday, September 7 - Church office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting

Wednesday, September 9

12:15-12:45 p.m. - Pause & Pray - Chapel

4:00 p.m. - Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin

5:30 p.m. - Handbell practice resumes

6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Thursday, September 10

9:45 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (CLC Dining Room)

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

Friday, September 11 - Church office closed



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We invite you to come to the chapel **Wednesday, September 9th** from **12:15-12:45 PM** for a time to “Pause & Pray”. You are welcome to bring your lunch and join us for this midweek prayer service led by Pastor Andy.



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; 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.



All 1st P Youth are invited to a cookout and Parent-Youth meeting on **Sunday, September 13th at 5:30 PM** 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, staff and choir of Presbyterian College. A potluck lunch will follow in the CLC. Fried and baked chicken, as well as macaroni and cheese, will be provided. **We kindly ask church members to bring side dishes and desserts to ensure we have enough food to share with our guests.**





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
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