

*“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 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Centering Prayer

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand

Prelude

Turn Back, O Man

ARR. JEAN MIDDLESWARTH

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

We commit our ways to the Lord.

Take delight in the Lord; he will give you the desires of your heart.

We commit our ways to the Lord.

Friends, our steps are made firm by the Lord,

**though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord
holds us by the hand.**

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn/#33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**It is never easy for us to confess but deep down inside, we know that graced,
we have trouble being grace-full to others;
forgiven,
we are eager to judge and punish all who hurt us;
freed,
we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear.**

**Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy more often than we deserve; you
pardon us more times than we can count. And why? Because we are the Lord's -
siblings of Jesus Christ, who died and lived again, so we might live beyond
death with you. Amen.**

Our prayer continues in silence

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us, making a way through all that threatens us, to touch us with grace and hope.

We stand before our God, singing praise to the One who turns our despair into joy and our fears into faith. 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: Acts 9:23–30

p. 893 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

BY C. SCHUTTE

Second Lesson: Acts 11:19-30

pp. 895–896 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Improvisation on Old 100th

ARR. DON SHANNON

*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/#269

Lead on, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

*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

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Thank you to Charlie Gustafson for serving as liturgist and to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Marty Ademy (Pres. Comm).



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious and loving God, thank you for this day. Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day. Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place, and guide the work I have to do for today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, thank you for keeping me in the safety of your arms and for new mercies and the glory you showed through the day. Keep my family and me through the night. I thank and praise you! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Church Family

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

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
Debbie Boland & family



The congregation extends love and sympathy to Debbie Boland and her family at the passing of Debbie's mother, Mary Sue Burns, on Sunday, September 6th.

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 13

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. - Parent & Youth Cookout (CLC)

Monday, September 14

- 9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting
- 5:30 p.m. - Community Outreach Committee (library)
- 5:30 p.m. - Congregational Life Committee (CLC Dining Room)

Tuesday, September 15

- 5:30 p.m. - Congregational Care Committee (library)

Wednesday, September 16

- 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. - Budget & Finance Committee (library)
- 5:30 p.m. - Handbell practice
- 6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Thursday, September 17

- 4:00 p.m. - Deadline to submit items for Worship News
- 5:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee (library)

Friday, September 18 - Church office closed



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Please scan the QR code at right with your mobile device to be directed to our YouTube channel, where you may livestream any of our worship services. (Text/Data rates may apply)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



All 1st P Youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to a cookout and Parent-Youth meeting **tonight at 5:30 PM** at the **CLC**. Please join us in the discussion as we plan for some exciting opportunities to grow in faith, serve others, and connect with one another!



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.



We invite you to come to the chapel on **Wednesdays** 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.



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
Chad Gambrell
Jean Johnson
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