

*“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.

19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Rev. Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory! You have set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy. May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy that we too radiate your glory throughout this day. In the name of the Son of righteousness who has risen with healing in his wings. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

Prelude on "Gift of Finest Wheat"

ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

*Call to Worship (responsive)

We come together as the Church of Jesus Christ, recognizing that our Lord loved and died, not just for the church but for all people, God's highest creation.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

We also recognize that in God's great love, we sense our need first to be loved and then to be turned around, to face the needs of others.

We love, because God first loves us.

Let us love, then, so that we may be free of selfish desires, and free to do God's will.

Whatever we do to the least of God's family, we do to our Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn/#463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Our prayer continues in silence

***Assurance of God's Grace** (responsive)

If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf – Jesus Christ, the righteous one.

Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but all who call on his name.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes on him may not perish but have eternal life.

Thanks be to God!

***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

1st Lesson: John 15:1-8

p. 878 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Feed Me, Lord

words & arrangement by P. Liebergen

Feed me, Lord, feed me Lord, give me peace restored.

Cleanse my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God adored.

Broken bread, sacred cup, these I share today.

Take my life, heal my strife, Lord, show me the way.

Amazing grace, come down to me, a gift from God above.

The living bread now sets me free with God's eternal love.

Amazing grace removes my pain; the cup I long to share;

O Lord, Your spirit shall remain. I live within Your care.

Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, Lamb of God adored.

2nd Lesson: John 15:9-17

p. 878 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Invitation to the Table/#509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

The Great Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you
thanks and praise . . .

... and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Let Us Break Bread Together
Dr. Karen Buckland, organ

H. Thomas Manning

Prayer after Communion 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 *Holy Manna* ARR. EMMA LOU DIEMER

*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

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response *“Halle, Halle, Halle”* traditional Caribbean tune

*Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* ARR. MARK HAYES

Thank you to Ron Zimmerman for serving as liturgist and to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Holly Cody (Pres. Comm).



Sermon Notes



Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Faithful God, you remain when others forsake. When I am tempted to abandon myself today, help me to stay present to this moment, that I may know and do your will. Through the Creator who enfolds me, Christ who defends me, and the Spirit who never abandons me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Mothering God, bring me back from today's distractions to the stillness of your presence, that I may rest in your enfolding arms. Amen.

Please Remember in Prayer



Church Family

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

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

Friends in Christ

Hope & Stuart Britt (Andy & Randy Sullivans' daughter and son-in-law)
Neal & Lynda Counterman (Lee Counterman's uncle & aunt)
Greg & Jennifer Davis (Friends of Laurie & Lee Counterman/Greg facing extensive surgery for oral cancer in the coming weeks)
Andy Dill (Jackie Waldron's nephew)
Julie Young Keadle (Jettie & Reese Young's sister)
Kim Purcell (former FPC member)
Lannie Finley (Marty Ademy's niece)
Moonyeen Smith (Bebe Ademy's sister-in-law)
Allyson Lunsford (Neile Chambers' dear friend)
Marie McCallister (Amelia & Harrison Watkins' grandmother)
Henry McKinney (Amelia & Harrison Watkins' grandfather)
Clovis Simmons (CHS tennis coach, recent diagnosis of melanoma)
David Hope (Nancy Goodbar's brother)

Global Missionaries: 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, October 4

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

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

Monday, October 5

10:30 a.m. - Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. - Community Outreach Committee (library)

Tuesday, October 6

5:30 p.m. - Administration Committee (library)

7:00 p.m. - Global Mission Committee (library)

Wednesday, October 7

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

6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Thursday, October 8

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

5:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee (library)

Friday, October 9 - Church office closed



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

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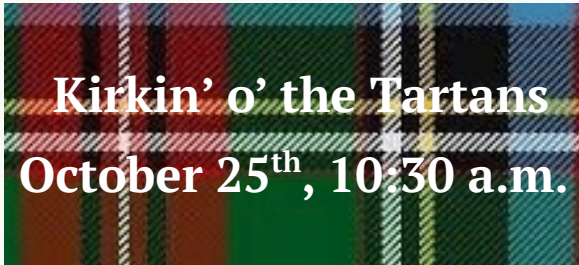


We invite you to come to the chapel on **Wednesdays** from **12:15-12:45 PM** for a time to "Pause & Pray". You are welcome to bring your lunch and join us for this midweek prayer service. The office & courtyard doors will be open.



October 19, 2026: Picnic lunch at Musgrove Mill State Park with a visit to the recently renovated Visitor Center. We'll hike the British Camp Trail and then enjoy a great picnic; or, just come for the picnic and fellowship under the picnic shelter. The planning team is providing lunch (fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, pickles, tea, cookies and brownies). Please RSVP to the church office by **October 12th**.

Mark your calendars for October 25th!



Fall Festival @ Skip & Mary Belle Smith's
5:00-7:00 PM
Hot dogs, sides and Skip's famous chili!
Bring your lawn chairs and your family



Don't be scared—the Realm "Re-launch" is coming! On **October 29th**, we'll hold a "Launch & Learn" of Realm, our church directory and communications platform. It is a simple way to stay connected, informed, and involved with our church family. The timing may be spooky, but there is nothing to fear! There will be no tricks (though a few treats will be available)—just a better way for all of us to stay connected. More details will be coming soon!



Please scan the QR code at left 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)

Scan the QR code at right with your mobile device to be directed to OnRealm, where you may make your offering or tithe. (Text/Data rates may apply)

