

*“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.

October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

O Worship the King

by J.M. Haydn/Gina Springer

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,

Amen. Praise the Lord!

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn/#157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

*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 Pardon** (responsive)

Hear the good news! The night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. 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

1st Lesson: Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

p. 503 Pew Bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

"I've Just Come from the Fountain"

African-American spiritual /arr. J. Capers

***I've just come from the fountain, I've just come from the fountain, Lord,
I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.***

O brother, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Brother, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

O sister, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Sister, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

O sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Sinner, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

2nd Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-8

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares

our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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.

Minute for Stewardship

Dr. Stan Walsh

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prelude No. 1, BWV 846

by J.S. Bach

*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/#475

Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

Oh, How I Love Jesus

by Gina Springer



Thank you to Bob Link for serving as liturgist and to the stream team of Emily Holder (Pres. Comm.) and Craig Powell (soundboard). Thank you to Gio Weathers for serving as pianist. Mr. Weathers is a violinist and pianist from Laurens, SC. He majored in music at Presbyterian College (class of 2026). He currently plays freelance and teaches private lessons.



Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all. Shift my focus today from whatever is false to that which is true; from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable; from whatever is corrupt to that which is just; from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure; from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing; from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable; that I may live in the light. Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, your love is steadfast and enduring. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, hem me in, behind and before, as I lie down to rest. Amen.



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

Please Remember in Prayer

Friends in Christ

Hope & Stuart Britt (Andy & Randy Sullivan's 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 11

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

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

6:00–7:00 p.m. – Youth Connect (CLC DR & classroom)

Monday, October 12

10:30 a.m. – Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. – Congregational Life Committee (library)

5:30 p.m. – Racial Equity Sub-Committee (library)

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 a.m. – Classics Gym Walk

10:00 a.m. – Mahjongg (Rm. 110-CLC)

Wednesday, October 14

12:15–12:45 p.m. – Pause & Pray (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. – Handbell practice

6:30 p.m. – Choir practice

Friday, October 16 – Church office closed

Lisa Keen will be on vacation from October 16 through October 25. Please call the church office for any immediate needs.



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

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Bob McLean

Class of 2028

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Mark your calendars for a special morning of worship and an afternoon of family fun & fellowship!



Sunday, October 25
Fall Festival at Skip & Mary Belle's
5:00–7:00 p.m.
Hot dogs, sides, and Skip's famous chili! Bring your lawn chairs and your family.



3344 Old Milton Road
Clinton, SC



Don't miss the fun and beauty of Musgrove Mill! Join The Classics for a visit to the newly-renovated visitor center, followed by a hike and picnic lunch of fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, pickles, tea, cookies, and brownies. Please RSVP to the church office by **Monday, October 12.**



Change in date: The Realm relaunch is now scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27**, from **7:00–8:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Bring your mobile devices and get ready to connect with Realm! Assorted desserts and beverages will be available.



Thornwell Sunday is coming soon! Join us for a special service of worship on **November 8**. Thornwell president, Rev. Myron Wilkins, will deliver the message. A catered luncheon will follow the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office with your RSVP by **Monday, November 2.**



For this year's Advent devotionals, we invite you to reflect and share what Advent means to you. We hope you will consider contributing a favorite memory, a family tradition, original artwork, scripture, or meditation. Please send your submissions to the church office by **Wednesday, November 11**. We look forward to reading your contributions and sharing them with our church family.