

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are so happy that you are here today to share in our service of worship of the Living God!

Gathering Around the Word

The congregation is asked to make use of the prelude as a time of preparation, meditation, and prayer.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

by Johann Pachelbel

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations of the Church

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: It is good for us to give thanks to God.

Leader: The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

All: We are allowed to be stewards of what God has created, entrusted to care for, manage, and cultivate that which belongs to God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

As we enter into this time of worship, O God, we thank you for your creation. We thank you that when you looked over creation, you said, “It is good!” So may we enjoy your creation. May we be good stewards of your creation and all that you have given to us. May we worship the Creator now. Amen.

*Hymn: 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: We join together to confess our sins and to receive the assurance of pardon that is offered to us through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O God, we have not always been good stewards of what you have given us. We often hoard what we have and not share it with others who are in need. We seek our own comfort while others live in deplorable circumstances. We turn a blind eye to those considered least in society. You have given so much to us, and we don’t respond in kind. Forgive us, we pray. In Christ’s name. Amen.

A time for silent prayers of confession.

*Confessional Response: 572 (Old Book)

arr. Healy Willan

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie Eleison)

Lord, have Mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: Jesus came to offer life and gave his own life that we might experience the forgiveness of God.

All: In Christ we are forgiven, so let us live lives of gratitude for the grace we have received.

*Response to God’s Grace: 581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Proclaiming the Word

Time with the Young Disciples

Gemma Gearheart

All preschool and elementary children are invited to come down front.

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, may we hear, with joy, what you say to us today. Amen.

1st Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

2nd Lesson: Acts 5:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Take My Life and Let It Be

by Jay Rouse

Take my life and let it be consecrated
Lord, unto Thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;

take my voice and let me sing always,
only, for my King. Take my love, my God,
I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

3rd Lesson: Luke 18:18-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Not Another Stewardship Sermon”

Dr. Duke Dixon

Responding to the Word

*Hymn: 708

We Give Thee but Thou Own

SCHUMANN

*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.

Please be seated as we prepare for prayer.

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."

The Offering

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

“Dundee”

by Healey Willan

*Offertory Response 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

O God, all that we have has come from you. What we give back, we give with gratitude for the many ways you have blessed us. Use these gifts for the purposes of your kingdom and the work of this church. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn: 697

Take My Life

HENDON

*Charge and Benediction

Dr. Duke Dixon

Choral Benediction

You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*Postlude

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

arr. By Lani Smith

Thank you to William Addison for serving as today’s liturgist and to Gemma Gearheart for leading Time with the Young Disciples.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Laurie Addison

Margaret Addison

Nancy Arnold

Laura Ashley

Neile Chambers

P-Nut Dowdle

Steve Floyd

Nancy Goodbar

ShaSha Gower

Gin Jacobs

Liz Pinzon

Dot Smith

Friends of Church

Stuart Britt

Andy Dill

Sherry Dishman

Nancy Hope

Julie Young Keadle

Kim Purcell

Bereavement

Donna Jackson & family

George Copeland & family

The Frey family

The Wardlaw family

The Threatt family

Family of Mary Nell Askew

Lawrence Coleman & family

Family of Chris Branham

The Tribble family

Kathy Hamer & family

Family of Marian Link

Latha Gearheart & family

Cindy Jacobs & family

Prayer Request

As he and his family transition to us, Andy has asked that our congregation be in prayer for him and his family as they leave one congregation and community and look forward to moving to FPC and the Clinton Community. They are filled with excitement and anticipation!

Core Values of FPC Clinton

- ❖ UNITED IN CHRIST
- ❖ INSPIRED IN WORSHIP
- ❖ EQUIPPED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- ❖ ENGAGED IN ACTS OF LOVE THROUGH SELFLESS SERVICE
- ❖ JOINED IN FELLOWSHIP

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 26

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service
11:30 a.m. – Session Meeting (church library)
5:00 -6:30 p.m. – Fall Festival/BBQ Cook-Off @ Skip & Mary Belle's (3344 Old Milton Rd.)
No Sunday Night Youth Group – Fall Festival

Monday, October 27

9:15 a.m. – Staff meeting

Tuesday, October 28

9:30 a.m. – The Classics Walking group – CLC gym
4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit announcements for Steeple People newsletter*

Wednesday, October 29

4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit announcements for Sunday bulletin*
5:30 p.m. – Handbell practice (Room 217)
6:30 p.m. – Choir practice (choir room)

Thursday, October 30

4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit announcements for Friday morning Worship News*
Friday, October 24– Church office closed



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

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2025

Derrick Adair
Katherine Addison
Austin Barnes
Maecy Burton
Cyndi Coker
Van Mattison
Harold Nichols
Jackie Waldron

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

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Missionaries: Donald Marsden (US); Pam and Emre (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo)

Announcements



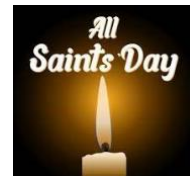
A nursery is available (baby – 3 yrs. of age) during the worship hour. If you would like to volunteer to keep the church nursery, please contact the church office. Based on church policy, two adults or one adult and one senior high youth are required to be present in the nursery during this hour.



Join us for the Fall Festival and BBQ Cook-Off this afternoon from **5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** at Skip & Mary Belle's. Everyone is invited to come, **bring a chair**, eat and fellowship with one another. We look forward to this time together on a beautiful Fall afternoon!



Music for Mission Concert, featuring Greenville Chamber Players, **this afternoon, 5:00 p.m.** at Verdine's Too in downtown Laurens. This concert will benefit the LCSO Family Assistance Program and is sponsored by the Fine Arts Ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Laurens.



Next Sunday is All Saints' Sunday. Those from our church family who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months will be remembered. The congregation will also have the opportunity to speak the name of a beloved non-FPC member who has passed in the last 12 months.



The Presbyterian Community is seeking volunteers to help with a "Christmas Market" Thursday, November 20th - Friday, November 21st.

ITEMS NEEDED: Inexpensive handmade items such as knitted hats and scarves; wooden crosses; crocheted blankets; Christmas or Thanksgiving-themed cakes, pies, nuts or cookies (to be frozen for the holidays); handmade bookmarks; small pieces of artwork or pottery; homemade notecards with original artwork pictured on them, etc.

ALSO NEEDED: Volunteers to help on **November 19th** to arrange items and price them ahead of time; **morning helpers** on the **20th and 21st** to help "man" a table and collect money for gifts, and helpers to wrap Christmas presents purchased at the Market. **All proceeds will be given to missions. Please let the church office know (833-1062) if you can help.**



Thornwell Sunday is November 23rd. Join us for a special service of worship with the Rev. Myron W. Wilkins, president of Thornwell Home for Children, serving as our guest preacher. A catered lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. *On the menu: Fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, broccoli casserole, rolls and assorted cakes.* Please make your reservation by **Friday, November 14th** by calling the church office (833-1062) or email lisa@fpccclinton.org.

First Presbyterian Church Clinton, South Carolina

October 26, 2025



“Living, Learning, and Loving Like Christ.”