

*“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.

November 1, 2026 ~ All Saints' Sunday

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Kevin Olson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive)

As we gather today for worship we gather not only as the people assembled here in this place on this occasion.

We also gather with those who have occupied these pews in the past, though they are no longer with us on earth.

And we gather with those who formed the church long before it ever came to be known in this place.

We are united in communion with the saints of all ages.

In their memory and in their presence, we gather as the living body of Christ to worship God.

Let us worship God!

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn/#305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy,

forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Our prayer continues in silence

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely and keep your body, soul and spirit sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The One who has called us is faithful and He will do this.

Brothers and sisters, I declare unto you that we are forgiven. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

First Lesson: Psalm 24

p. 436 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Be Not Afraid

by Taylor Davis

based on Isaiah 43: 1-7

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.

You are my child, you are my child, you are so precious to me.

You are my child, and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.

When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out my name.

When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.

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Second Lesson: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

p. 336 pew bible

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***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.

Litany of Remembrance

Today, as we remember ALL of the saints in our lives we begin by first remembering the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the priests and ministers, and the pastors and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, ALL those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.



Nancy B. Arnold, Mary Sue Burns, Gary Victor Daily,
Robert P. "Bob" Hamer, Irby S. Hipp, III; Nancy Hope,
Moultrie Shrewsbury Lanier, David McGuirt, and
Ann B. Stidham



We trust in the hope of our faith, the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever and who teaches us to pray, saying:

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 Mission

Charlie Gustafson

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Land of Rest

Wilbur Held

***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/#326**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

***Choral Response** *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

by Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the Light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to
give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In Him there is no darkness at
all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the Light of the city of
God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

***Postlude**

Postlude on “Lasst uns Erfreuen”

Gordon Young

*Thank you to Laurie Counterman for serving as liturgist and to the streaming team of Craig Powell
(soundboard) and Ron & Nancy Dove (Pres. Comm).*

Sermon Notes



Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you for waking me up this morning; each day is a gift from you. Let your Word be at work within me today that I may be faithful to you and every breath be a prayer of gratitude. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you for bringing me to the end of this day, O Lord. Forgive my missteps and oversights, and heal any wounds I may have caused. Let me rest in you without fear or anxiety, that I may awake to serve you with joy and praise. 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
Fran Hipp

Please Remember in Prayer

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 is recovering from oral cancer surgery)
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)





This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 1

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Youth Connect (CLC)

Monday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 3

9:00 a.m. - Classics Gym Walk
 10:00 a.m. - Mahjongg (Rm. 110-CLC)
 5:30 p.m. - Administration Committee (library)

Wednesday, November 4

12:15-12:45 p.m. - Pause & Pray (Chapel)
 5:30 p.m. - Handbell practice
 6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6 - 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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 Cyndi Coker
 Charlie Gustafson
 Harold Nichols
 Ashley Powell
 Jettie Young



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THORNWELL SUNDAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, CLINTON

GUEST PREACHER:
REV. MYRON WILKINS.



11/08/26
DATE

10:30 AM

11:30 AM

LUNCH WITH
THORNWELL
RESIDENTS AND



Next week is Thornwell Sunday! Please be sure to join us for this special worship service as we welcome Thornwell residents and staff, and Rev. Myron Wilkins, president and CEO, as our guest minister. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the

worship service for a catered lunch of fried chicken, pulled pork, green beans, macaroni, and peach cobbler. Please call the church office by **Wed., November 4th** with the number attending from your family.



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, tradition, original artwork, scripture, or meditation. We welcome anything meaningful to you that encourages us to pause, disconnect from the busyness of the world, and focus on the joy of the Christ within and all around us. Please send your submissions to the church office by Wed., Nov. 11th. We look forward to reading your contributions and sharing them with our church family.



The Women's Morning Bible Study will meet at **9:30 a.m. Thursday, November 12th** in the dining room of the CLC. Bebe Ademy will lead the session with Elisabeth Zimmerman teaching the lesson and Mica Nixon serving as hostess.



November 19th - Friday, November 20th. 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:

Helpers on **November 18th** to help arrange items and price them ahead of time; helpers on the **19th and 20th (morning)** 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 your church office and/or Pastor Debby Marshall (864-939 9354) know if you can help.