

21st 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

Build on a Rock

by Gilbert M. Martin

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations of the Church

*Call to Worship

Leader: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

All: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Leader: Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

All: Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

*Opening Prayer

As we gather now for worship, let us remember our Christian hope that death does not have the final say, but the resurrected Jesus does. In our worship may we be drawn closer to you so that we might trust you more, our love for you grow, and our willingness to serve you increase. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn: 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Even at our most faithful, we stand in need of grace. Because of God’s unfailing love, mercy is promised, even before we speak the truth. In humility, with confidence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. Yet, we struggle to be faithful and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy. Forgive us again, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised, and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Sisters and brothers, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it. God does not hold our sins against us but pours out abundant grace.

All: Give thanks to God, and by the Spirit’s power, share the gospel far and near: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to God’s Grace: 581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Proclaiming the Word

Time with the Young Disciples

Pastor Duke

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

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

By your Spirit, O God, let us hear your word, that we may know your truth and follow you with new resolve to work and wait for the coming reign of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

1st Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

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

take my voice and let me sing always,

Lord, unto Thee; take my hands and let

only, for my King. Take my love, my God,

them move at the impulse of Thy love.

I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take

Take my feet and let them be swift and

myself and I will be ever, only, all for

beautiful for Thee;

Thee.

2nd Lesson: Luke 19:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Jesus Comes to Jericho”

Dr. Duke Dixon

Responding to the Word

*Hymn: 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*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: Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious

arr. Anna Laura Page

*Offertory Response 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love? You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope. Most of all you have given us your very self, for our life and the life of the world. In gratitude we bring our gifts, for the sake of those you love, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Remembrance of Saints

Jane Carter Edenfield Deese

Chandra Strickland Coleman

John Boney, Jr.

Robert P. “Bob” Hamer, Jr.

Mary Nell Askew

Marian White Link

The congregation is invited to speak the names of any beloved non-FPC member who has entered the Church Triumphant in the last 12 months.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn: 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*Charge and Benediction

Dr. Duke Dixon

Choral Benediction: 80

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You Shall Go Out with Joy

(The congregation is invited to sing along with the choir)

*Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

by Calvin Hampton

Thank you to Andy Sullivan for serving as today’s liturgist.

Please Remember in Prayer		
Church Family	Friends of Church	Bereavement
Laurie Addison	Stuart Britt	Donna Jackson & family
Margaret Addison	Andy Dill	George Copeland & family
Nancy Arnold	Sherry Dishman	The Frey family
Laura Ashley	Nancy Hope	The Wardlaw family
Neile Chambers	Julie Young Keadle	The Threatt family
P-Nut Dowdle	Kim Purcell	Family of Mary Nell Askew
Steve Floyd		Lawrence Coleman & family
Nancy Goodbar		Family of Chris Branham
ShaSha Gower		The Tribble family
Gin Jacobs		Kathy Hamer & family
Liz Pinzon		Family of Marian Link
Dot Smith		Latha Gearheart & family
		Cindy Jacobs & family

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, November 2

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group canned food scavenger hunt (leave on bus from CLC)

Monday, November 3

9:15 a.m. – Staff meeting
5:30 p.m. – Community Outreach Committee (church library)

Tuesday, November 4

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

Wednesday, November 5

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, November 6

4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit announcements for Friday morning Worship News
5:30 p.m. – Music & Worship Committee (church library)

Friday, November 7 – 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

Church Staff

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Lisa Keen, Front Office/Communications
Carolyn Payne, Financial Secretary
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Missionaries: Donald Marsden (US); Pam and Emre (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo)

Announcements



Today is Commitment Sunday. Please return your pledge cards by placing in the offering plate or leaving in Carolyn’s mailbox in the workroom. If you prefer to mail, please mail to P.O. Box 29, Clinton, SC 29325. You may also bring your pledge card to the church office this week (Mon.–Thur., 9:00–4:00 p.m. Additional pledge cards are located on the table in the Narthex if yours has not arrived in the mail.



Our youth group will join with the youth of Broad Street Methodist in collecting canned goods for their canned goods scavenger hunt this afternoon. Please consider leaving canned food on your front porches, and the youth will collect them between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. If you wish to contribute, please text Emily Holder at 864-940-6384 with your address and your home will be added to their route.



On behalf of United Ministries, The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting items for the upcoming winter season. Please consider donating gently used or new jackets, gloves, hats, blankets, and socks. A bin is placed under the bulletin board in the church office. We will be collecting these items through January.



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.



Social Services Fund: Every Sunday we have communion, the loose offering in the collection plate is put in a social service account that the Community Outreach Committee distributes for one-time immediate needs in the community. Currently there is approximately \$1660 in the account. In July and August, the Community Outreach committee has distributed the following money:

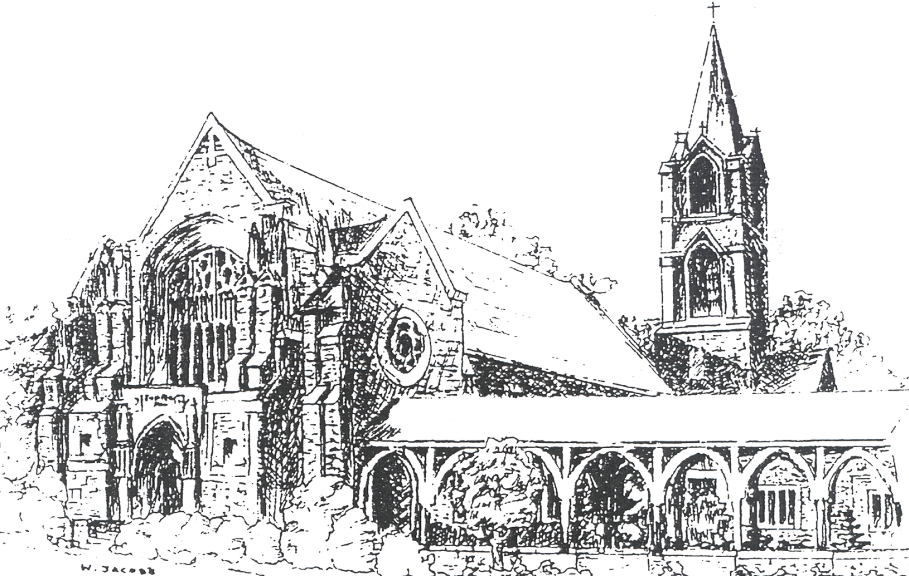
- ⇒ Rev. Herb Codington asked for a donation of \$650 to fund vesper meals for one month for the Hansen Circle group.
- ⇒ Open Door Ministries in Clinton asked for a donation of \$1200 to replace a bed and dresser in their women’s shelter.
- ⇒ The PC Fellowship of Christian Athletes was given \$100 to provide snacks and drinks at their first meeting.
- ⇒ Donation of \$500 to Christ Central Ministry in Joanna.



As Pastor Duke cleans out his office, if you are interested in adding books to your library, please come by the office, peruse his collection, and help yourselves to what remains on the bookshelves.

First Presbyterian Church
Clinton, South Carolina

November 2, 2025
All Saints’ Day



“Living, Learning, and Loving Like Christ.”