"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 8, 2026 ~ Thornwell Sunday
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Thornwell Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the whole world free. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude *To God Be The Glory* Faye López

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth.
We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.
We come together to worship the living God.

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn/#463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ.

Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

Our prayer continues in silence

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon Ms. Ella Casto-Waters, Church Relations Advisor

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 96:1-4 p. 479 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem *"He Never Failed Me Yet"* by Robert Ray

Randy Randall and Bob Link, soloists

**I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

1) I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever bless'd. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

2) Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

He never failed me, He never failed me yet!
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet!

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 p. 959 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"A Church Worthy of Thanks"* Rev. Myron Wilkins

Responding to the Word

***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.

Prayers of the people and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 *Only Trust in Him* Carol McMillen

***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/#649** AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Myron Wilkins

***Choral Response** *Go with God* Words and Music by Isaiah Jones, Jr.

***Postlude** *Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Mark Hayes

Thank you to Rev. Myron Wilkins for serving as our guest minister, to Ella Casto-Waters for serving as liturgist and leading the Children's sermon, and to the streaming team of Lee Counterman (soundboard) and Mica Nixon (Pres. Comm).

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Creator of all, I awake to the day you have made with praise on my lips, for your Spirit gives me breath. May I live this day for the sake of Jesus, the light of the world, the apple of my eye, my beginning and end. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Creator of all, you make the night for peace and rest. In the moon and stars we see the reflection of your eternal light, so whether we live or whether we die, we know that we belong to you. Keep watch over those who work through the night; give peace to those who cannot sleep. Let me surrender all anxiety and fear to your loving embrace, that I may awake to serve you with joy. 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
Fran Hipp

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 preparing for chemo and radiation to battle cancer cells that remain after his oral 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, diagnosed with melanoma)
David Hope (Nancy Goodbar's brother)
Global Missionaries: Donald Marsden (US) and Pam (Turkey)

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 8

9:30 a.m. - Combined Adult Sunday School - chapel - welcome Sam Johnson, Founder of Home of Hope Orphanage, Guinea (West Africa)
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - Thornwell Fellowship catered lunch (FH)
6:00-7:00 p.m. - Youth Connect (CLC)

Monday, November 9

10:00 a.m. - Staff meeting (workroom)
6:00 p.m. - Called Session meeting (library)

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 a.m. - Classics Gym Walk
10:00 a.m. - Mahjongg (Rm. 110-CLC)

Wednesday, November 11

12:00 p.m. - Deadline to RSVP for Thornwell lunch
12:15–12:45 p.m. - Pause & Pray (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. - Handbell practice
6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Thursday, November 12

9:30 a.m. - Women's morning bible study (CLC dining room)

Friday, November 13 - 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

Austin Barnes
Cyndi Coker
Charlie Gustafson
Harold Nichols
Ashley Powell
Jettie Young

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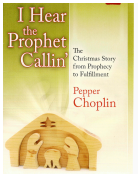
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Announcements



"Every good and perfect gift is from above..." (James 1:17). The rose on the pulpit today welcomes Amelia Grace Tassitino, born to Susannah and Michael Tassitino. Amelia is the granddaughter of Dr. Bob and Leigh Ann Bryant.



Are you interested in being a seasonal singer? Rehearsals for Advent music have begun, BUT it's not too late to join the Adult Choir. Our Christmas cantata is **Sunday, December 6th.** We'll be rehearsing **Wednesday evenings at 6:30** for all the Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve. For more information, please contact Hunt Cook, Interim Director of Music, at 864-923-6037/chrc6038@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



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 **this 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.

Christmas Market at Presbyterian Communities, Clinton

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.



The Community Outreach Committee is collecting gifts for the Memorial Home and Open door clients. The Angel Tree will be in the Narthex starting November 15th. Please pick an angel from the tree and sign it out. More information to come next Sunday during the Minute for Angel Tree.

Pause & Pray
MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE

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.

Sermon Notes