"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 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

God of righteousness, you overcome those who abuse their power and lift up those who suffer. Even now, when evil seems to hold sway, we know that you will have the last word. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome all your children into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God arr. by Lloyd Larson
Adult Handbell Choir

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission (Angel Tree) Elisabeth Zimmerman

*Call to Worship (responsive)

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
Let us worship together this day!

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn/#14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.

Our prayer continues in silence

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace.

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.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 90:1-8 p.476-477 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

"Come Flood This Heart of Mine"
Adult Choir
Riley Deadwyler, Soloist - Violinist - Gio Weathers
by David Lantz III

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make your home, my heart is Yours alone.
Come flood this heart of mine, with Your great love divine.

Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine.
My eve'ry sin forgiven, as one with You I live.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine.

Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your pow'r.
Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour.
Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place.
Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace.

Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine.
Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray.
Come flood this heart of mine, with Your true light divine.

Come flood this heart of mine, this heart of mine, this heart of mine!

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 p. 961 pew bible

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Sermon Rev. Andy S. Chambers

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 *Let There Be Peace on Earth* S. Miller/J. Jackson

***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/#643** *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Andy S. Chambers

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

Go with God; Go with God. As you leave this place, go with God. God will direct your way, God will light ev'ry day. As you leave this place, go with God.

***Postlude** *Rejoice in God* Richard Howell

Thank you to William Addison for serving as liturgist and to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Holly Cody (Pres. Comm.).

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord. I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with me, and show me your way, for I would follow you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good evening, Lord. Thank you for bringing me through this day, its trials and its joys. You surprise me with wonder and overwhelm me with love. Keep me in your embrace tonight; inhabit my dreams. If you choose to grant me another day of life, awaken me as one who is eager to serve you well. 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 Sullivan's 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 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, cancer)
David Hope (Nancy Goodbar's brother)
Global Missionaries: Donald Marsden (US) and Pam (Turkey)

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 15

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - Small Group 7 Luncheon (FH)

Monday, November 16

10:00 a.m. - Staff meeting (workroom)
1:00-4:30 p.m. - CLC Reserved
5:30 p.m. - Property Committee (workroom)
5:30 p.m. - Racial Equity Subcommittee (library)

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 a.m. - Classics Gym Walk
10:00 a.m. - Mahjongg (Rm. 110-CLC)
5:30 p.m. - Budget & Finance Committee (library)
5:30 p.m. - Congregational Life Committee (workroom)

Wednesday, November 18

7:07 a.m. - Youth meet with Pastor Andy (Clinton Starbucks)
12:15–12:45 p.m. - Pause & Pray (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. - Handbell practice
6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Friday, November 20 - Church office closed

Saturday, November 21

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - CLC Reserved

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

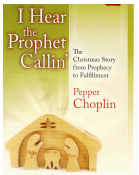
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Announcements



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.



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. If you would like someone to shop for you, please leave your angel and funds for your gift with Carolyn or Lisa in the church office by **Tues., Dec. 8th.**



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 **Monday, Nov. 16th**. We look forward to reading your contributions and sharing them with our church family.



Please be sure to join us for worship on **Sunday, November 29**, as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. Our church youth will be leading our annual Hanging of the Greens service and we look forward to celebrating the beginning of Advent with you here at 1st P Clinton!





Join The Classics on December 8th for a **Festival of Trees** and **Gingerbread House** experience. We will leave the CLC parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and carpool to Greenville where we will first see about 100 Christmas trees at the Hyatt Regency. Then lunch at Tupelo Honey in downtown Greenville and then off to Residence Inn and SpringHill Suites for the Gingerbread House Exhibit. All events are free, but each person will pay for their own lunch. Parking will be in the parking garage located halfway between the 2 hotels. There is a parking fee, and we will need drivers. Please contact Jean (864 923 1365) or Lisa in the church office by **November 23rd** if you want to join the group and if you are willing to drive. (I need a number for lunch reservations.) If you want more information, check out the websites.



The Session and the Worship and Music Committee, are thrilled to announce that our new Music Director is Kipper Ackerman. Kipper is no stranger to our congregation as she is also the Director of Choral Activities at Presbyterian College. Kipper completed her undergraduate degree in Music Education, Voice and Piano at Presbyterian College, then received her M.M.E.D. in Music Education at North Greenville University. She has performed and conducted numerous formal musical events from Sumter, SC all the way to Carnegie Hall. Kipper is an accomplished professional and we are so thankful that God has led her to our church to lead our music ministry. Let us all join together and welcome Kipper to our church family!

Sermon Notes