"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 22, 2026

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Rev. Andy S. Chambers, Pastor

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Barry Braman

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive) adapted from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know this! The Lord is God!

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.

Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!

Come, let us worship God!

*Morning Prayer

*Morning Hymn/#367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to

outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do, We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action, fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our prayer continues in silence

*Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?

It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

So believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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 95:1-7 p. 479 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* arranged by Hal Hopson

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mountain! I'm fixed upon it. Mount of God's unchanging love! Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46 p. 807 pew bible

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 *Thanksgiving Prayer* Gilbert M. Martin

***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/#268** DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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

***Choral Response** *"Ride On, King Jesus"* arranged by Gilbert Martin

For he is King of Kings And he is Lord of lords!
Jesus Christ, the First and Last, No man works like him!
O won't you ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me;
Ride on, King Jesus, ride! No man can a-hinder me!
O Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me!

***Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God* James D. Kimball

Thank you to Libby Dailey for serving as liturgist and to the streaming team of Craig Powell (soundboard) and Emily Holder (Pres. Comm).

Sermon Notes

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise. Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today, and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day. Where I failed to do your will, forgive me. Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die, welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus' name. 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)
Windy Cox (Lee Atkinson's sister)
Deborah Hui (Lee Atkinson's sister)

Global Missionaries: Donald Marsden (US) and Pam (Turkey)

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 22

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - Session meeting (library)

Monday, November 23

10:00 a.m. - Staff meeting (workroom)

Tuesday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 25

Church office closes at noon
No handbells/choir practice

Thursday-Friday, November 26-27:
Thanksgiving holiday/Church office closed

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

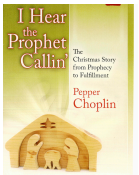
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Marty Ademy	Lee Atkinson	Austin Barnes
Emily Holder	Danny Cook	Cyndi Coker
Bob Link	Amanda Donley	Charlie Gustafson
Holbrook Raynal	Chad Gambrell	Harold Nichols
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Announcements



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.



Next Sunday, November 29th, is 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!



Children: Don't forget to bring your turkey bank offering next Sunday! Feel free to keep your turkey bank, but please place your donation in an envelope marked "Thornwell." Thank you for helping us make a difference through your generous giving!



Thank you for the wonderful response to our Angel Tree. All angels have been claimed! If you have Angel #22 and have not signed it out, please contact the church office. If you would like someone to shop on your behalf, please leave your angel and gift funds with Carolyn or Lisa in the church office by **December 8.**



Join The Classics on **December 8** for a **Festival of Trees** and **Gingerbread House** outing in Greenville! We'll leave the **CLC parking lot at 9:30 a.m.** and carpool to Greenville to enjoy:

- The Festival of Trees at the Hyatt Regency (featuring about 100 Christmas trees)
- Lunch at Tupelo Honey in downtown Greenville
- The Gingerbread House Exhibit at the Residence Inn and SpringHill Suites



All attractions are free. Participants will pay for their own lunch. There is a parking fee, and we will need volunteer drivers. Please contact Jean (864-923-1365) or Lisa in the church office by **November 23** if you plan to attend and whether you are willing to drive. We need a headcount for lunch reservations. For more information, visit the event websites:

https://givebsmh.org/event/festival-of-trees-greenville-sc/

https://oakandhoneygvl.com/greenville-gingerbread/

As we continue to expand our use of Realm for church communications, important worship service information will be sent directly to your email inbox through Realm each Friday morning. These emails will include: links to the weekly bulletin, scripture readings, hymns, church announcements and updates. You may also find links to the Sunday worship service and other resources available on our church website. Please be sure to watch for these emails so you can stay informed and prepared for worship each week. We appreciate your patience as we transition our communications through Constant Contact to Realm.