

**Children
Sundays**

S@10 in the basement from 10:00 – 10:45
Nursery (ages 0-K2) is open during worship and SS! (Room 119)
Extended Session (K3 – K5) as marked in the bulletin. (Room 120)
Children’s Chapel (1st – 5th grade) as marked in bulletin (Chapel)

SHinE on Wednesdays between 5:15 and 5:30 on the playground
Pick up at 7:00
\$5 per meal or discounted to \$60 for semester and \$120 for yr.

Rally Day (Celebration Sunday) is today!

We celebrated all our children and youth and their classes at breakfast in AH at 10.

Youth

Sunday, September 8th – Sunday Night Youth Pool Party at the Willard’s
from 6pm – 8pm. Bring a towel.

Wednesday, September 11th – **Wednesday Evening Youth** from 5:30 pm – 7 pm.
5:30 Dinner in AH, bring \$10 for dinner, must RSVP by noon tomorrow
6:00 upstairs in Youth Room.

Saturday, September 14th – **Lander Rugby Game** from 11am – 1pm.
Lander Men’s Rugby plays against the Georgia Bulldogs at home
on the New Res Field. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

**Adults
Sundays**

Sunday School in Room 110 for Sojourners and FISH in room 206

Mantreat 2024

October 25-27
In beautiful Montreat
Fliers available in the lobby.
Mark your calendars!
Register today!

VBS Volunteer Question!

June 8-12, 2025

If you are willing to volunteer for VBS, do you have a preference
between morning and evening?
Please contact Elise, Michelle Barksdale or Janice May

Sunday, September 8

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Rally Day (AH)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
12:00 noon - Replace lights (Sanc)
4:30 p.m. - Chancel Bells
4:30 p.m. - Missions/Outreach (HR)
6:00 p.m. - CE Team (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (Willards)

Monday, September 9

10:30 a.m. - Circle #3 (HR)
11:00 a.m. - Circle #4 (AH)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (sanc)
5:00 p.m. - Endowment (Conf Rm)
5:15 p.m. - Bldgs & Grnds (BR)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
7:00 p.m. - Circle #6 (BR)

Tuesday, September 10

9:15 a.m. - Staff
10:30 a.m. - Circle #7 (Cindy Leary)
12:30 p.m. - Circle #5 (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, September 11

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study (Conf. Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
12:15 p.m. - NA Staff (HR)
4:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministry (BR)
5:30p.m.-WednesdayNightDinner(AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (FISH/Conf Rm/HR)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 12

10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells
10:30 a.m. - Sojourners Board (Conf Rm)
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (HR)

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14
11:00 a.m. - Youth (Lander)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are being placed to the Glory of God in memory of Louise Hartzog and in honor of long time Sunday School teachers Scottie Jeffreys, Clyde & Michele Rauton, Jean Mabe, Julie Cooner and the many others that have served our congregation’s youth in the past, and those currently serving.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
SEPTEMBER 11TH**

5:30 Dinner in AH; 6:00 Programming
(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)

Menu: Chicken salad, tuna salad, pasta salad,
broccoli salad

Adult Programming: Women (206), Men (205),
Pastor’s Bible Study (110)

Please RSVP by noon Monday. You can do this by signing up on the sheet in the front lobby, contacting the office, or using the yellow pew cards.

We will NOT be carrying over the permanent list from last year so if you wish to be on the permanent list this year, please contact the office, write your name on the list in the front lobby, or fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew racks.

Secret Angels

Are you interested in being a Secret Angel to one of our college aged members?
Please contact Mary Ann Wright for more information.

Blood Donors Needed

To keep up with the demand for blood products for first responders and hospitals like Self Regional, there is need for an average of 260 donors every single day! If you are able to donate blood, please contact The Blood Connection at 864-751-1168. They are located at 341 Old Abbeville Hwy Greenwood, SC 29649 and their hours are:

Monday to Friday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

**September 8, 2024
11:00 am**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Visitors, we consider you to be our honored guest. Our staff members are happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. -We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year a New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

*Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham*

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND GREETING

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?
People: To do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.

Rev. Hite

Mic. 6:8

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

PRELUDE

“Sound the Trumpet”

Purcell

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As Jesus was walking along the seashore,
he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net
into the sea, for they were fishermen.
And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you
fishers of men.’ And immediately they left their nets and
followed him.
People: **We follow, Jesus!**
We leave our nets, our boats,
our daily lives, to follow behind.
Leader: Jesus calls us to leave what holds us back and follow him.
He promises to make us fishers of men,
to use us for his kingdom.
People: **We answer your call, “Jesus! We want to glorify you.”**
Leader: Let us follow Jesus with all our hearts, minds, and souls.

*OPENING HYMN** #624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

TOULON

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
we come to you in humility, acknowledging our sinfulness and failure to follow
you wholeheartedly. Jesus calls us to follow, as he called his disciples, but of-
ten we have been reluctant to leave our nets, our boats, our daily lives behind.
Help us respond to your call with joy and eagerness. Give us courage to step
out in faith, to trust in your promises, to follow wherever you lead. Enable us
to overcome our fears and doubts, to live lives that glorify you. In your holy
name, we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE Hymn #634 “To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Stanza 1

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Rev. Christie

Offertory “He Will Hold Me Fast” Merker, arr. Koerts
Silas Sciera, cello; Andrea Shepherd, alto

*Doxology (On Screens) OLD HUNDREDTH

Presentation of Offerings (*Psalm 145:10-12*) Rev. Christie

Leader: All you have made will thank you, Lord;
the faithful will bless you.

People: **They will speak of the glory of your kingdom
and will declare your might,**

Leader: informing all people of your mighty acts
and of the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Prayers of the People

Uniting our hearts for the world God loves so much, let us pray: *God of grace,
hear our prayer...*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Teresa Carter

*Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:18-22

Rev. Hite

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Musical Meditation

SERMON

“Follow Me”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*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.

*CLOSING HYMN #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

*BENEDICTION (*please remain for the Choral Response*)

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Irish Blessing”

Laubengayer

*(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

*POSTLUDE

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are
in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated