

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

Youth Snacks Needed

Our youth need snacks for the youth room.
Please consider donating drinks, chips, bars, etc
once a month when you make a run to the store.

Our children could use goldfish, fruit snacks, or breakfast items
to have during Sunday School.
Please consider donating an item monthly when you make a grocery run.

Sundays@9:30

Our new Sunday School hour kicks off September 6th!

Join one of the following:

Sojourners - led by Lelion Elledge, Jukie Leary, Philip Bell, Bob Roddey, and others
in the Henry Reynolds room across from the library. Coffee available.

FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – led by David Gardner, Christopher Collins,
Hood Souter, Kirstin Sherrer, and others in room 205 near Alexander Hall. Coffee
available.

Youth – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating a digital study.
Third floor LOFT. Goodies available.

Children – K3 – 5th graders welcome in the basement area for a digital study and
play. Adult volunteers welcome! Goodies available.

Nursery – infant – K2 in room 209 or 210 near the playground door.

Secret Angel

For young people within 4 years after high school graduation,
FPC offers a Secret Angel program. Sign your young person up today!
We also need people to be Secret Angels – to write notes and send small treats
throughout the year. Sign up today! Forms in the lobby.

Chancel Bells

2 positions available in Chancel Bells.
Contact steve@firstgreenwood.com

Chancel Choir

Is Choir up to your standards? Come and you audition US! Rehearsals are
Wednesdays 7-8:15 starting September 2. Let Steve know and a guest folder
will be waiting for you! steve@firstgreenwood.com

BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

we will have one worship service at 10:30 am
and Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. - Sojourners SS (HR)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

5:30 p.m. - Session (HR)

Monday, August 24

10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women (HR)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Lobby/Sanc)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, August 25

Elections (AH)
10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study &
Breakfast (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - WNF Dinner with Pro-
gramming (AH)

Thursday, August 27

6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - PGS (Choir Rm/Lobby/
Hallway)
9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/
Base/YR)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/
Base/YR)

Key

AH-Alexander Hall
Loft-3rd Floor Youth Room
HR-Henry Reynolds Room, Room 110
BR-Barksdale Room, Room 122
Sanc-Sanctuary
YR-3rd Floor Youth Room, also called
the Loft
Base-Basement, also call the Root
Cellar
FISH-Adult Sunday School Class,
Room 205
Conf. Rm-Conference Room, Room
206
Lib-Library, Room 121
**Maps are posted throughout the
campus.**

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary
are given by Marsha Whittington and Vicki Pat-
terson to the Glory of God and in loving mem-
ory of Pat and Jane Patterson, who joined this
church in 1958.

**Our Christian prayers and sympathies are ex-
tended to** Robbin Goforth and her family on the
passing of her brother Rick Cartner, of Gilbert,
SC on August 13, 2026. We share with them the
joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal
life.

Congratulations to Kelsey and Neal Stevens on
the birth of their daughter, Mary Reid Stevens,
born August 18, 2026. Grandparents are Bryan
and Roberta Sherard.

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner

WNF & Dinner have begun. All Wednesdays
in August will be family nights. What does that
mean? Meals are \$5 per person.

Programming for everyone!

**5:30 Breakfast including cereal
and fruit - \$5**

6:00 Planning for Your Future!

Friends - you do not want to miss this op-
portunity! **We are going to talk about funer-
als - yours! What songs could you use, what
scripture is meaningful, who do you want to
talk (or who not!) Do this for your family!**

They will be so appreciative!

Chidlren will go ont he playground or
downstairs. youth will go upstairs.

Check the Spire for menus and
programming. Be sure to sign up by Monday
at noon. You can do that by contacting the
front office, signing up on the sheet in the
front lobby, or using the yellow cards
in the pew racks.

See someone you don’t know well
at church today?

Make a point to smile, wave, say hi.

Our church has so much goodness to share!

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026
10:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Visitor, we consider you to be our honored
guest. Our staff members are happy to as-
sist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a
church dedicated to making a positive dif-
ference in our community and world by ful-
filling 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.

Interim Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Children’s Music -- Sarah Bowen
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC

Tim Walters

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

People: We are the people of God’s pasture
and the sheep of God’s hand.

(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.)

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Romans 12:1, 5]

Rev. Christie

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed
to become one in Christ.

People: We, who are many, are called to worship the living God,
the Three in One.
O come, let us worship!

*OPENING HYMN** #321 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Aurelia

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [from Psalm 51]

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Forgive us, O God, in your steadfast love.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your own willing Spirit.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

*HYMN #702 “Christ Be Beside Me”

BUNESSAN

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Elise Collins

Offertory “Be Still and Know”
Ryan, Greta, and Lily Flinn

Victor Johnson

*Doxology (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Elise Collins

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Christie

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

SERMON

“What About You?”
Summer Micro-Miniseries: Son of Man - I

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [from The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563]

Q. 29 Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?
A. Because he saves us from our sins,
and because salvation should not be sought
and cannot be found in anyone else.

Q. 31 Why is he called “Christ” [“Messiah”], meaning “anointed”?
A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be
our chief prophet and teacher...our only high priest...
and our eternal king....

Q. 32 But why are you called a Christian?
A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so share in his
anointing.
I am anointed to confess his name, [and]
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks...

Q 34 Why do you call him “Lord”?
A. Because...
He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has brought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADER’S HYMN

*BENEDICTION

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