

**Christmas Greenery:** Honor someone special this season, or the memory of loved ones who have passed, by sponsoring Christmas Greenery for decorating the Sanctuary. Acknowledgements will be printed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. Cost is \$10 and must be in by **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please check the Reminder for the form, print one online, or come by the church office.

**Hanging of the Greens:** Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to participate! To volunteer, please contact Joyce Dalsbo, 662-4145 or Carol Banner, 665-1337.

**Living Nativity:** In keeping with tradition at First Presbyterian, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will present the Living Nativity on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The Presbyterian Playhouse Choirs (3K-4<sup>th</sup> grade) will serve as choir angels. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite friends and family to enjoy this Children's Ministry Presentation!

**Children's Ministry: Kids in A.C.T.I.O.N.**

- ◆ **Chapter Challenge** for November 8<sup>th</sup>: "Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the Lord." *Jeremiah 23:24a*
- ◆ **Turkey Banks:** This month we will be collecting a special offering for Thornwell Home for Children. Turkey banks will be passed out this morning and will be collected Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ **Living Nativity Practices:** This afternoon at 4:00-5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM in the CLC. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Drinks and snacks provided.
- ◆ **Bible Corn Maize:** November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 10:00 AM and return at 2:00 PM. Please pack a lunch and water. Open to all ages and families. Enjoy a Bible Maze, hay rides, pig races, a cow train, trails and much more! Sign up!
- ◆ **Parent's Night Out:** December 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-9:00 PM. Please contact Jessica at [jwood@florencefirst.org](mailto:jwood@florencefirst.org) if your kids will be attending. A great opportunity for Christmas shopping!

**Fuel Youth Events:** [www.fuelfortherevolution.com](http://www.fuelfortherevolution.com)

- ◆ **See For Yourself:** During Sunday Morning Shift, we are doing a five-week study, learning an approach to meeting with God and experiencing a relationship with Him through His Word. Bring your Bible and join us. 9:45 AM in the Garage. Jr. & Sr. High.
- ◆ **Fuel Cafe:** Wednesday Nights, 5:45-7:30 PM. Come hang out with us in the Lounge until 6:10, then join us in the Garage for music, a game and a talk followed by small group discussions.
- ◆ **Jr. High Guys Night:** Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 -9:00 PM. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade guys meet at the Church to go out to eat, bowling and then back to Garage to hang out. Bring \$15 to cover your meal and a couple games of bowling.
- ◆ **Fall Road Trip:** November 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're heading up to Black Mountain, NC to have fun and draw closer to Jesus. Come join us! Registration fee is \$100.
- ◆ **Jacob Tedder at Aroma Underground:** Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.

**The Presbyterian Coffee Project:** Calling all Coffee Lovers! Warm up with Organic Coffee, Tea, and Hot Cocoa. Drop by the Fellowship Hall after services and stock up! Remember, for each pound of coffee, tea and cocoa purchased through the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Presbyterian Small Farmer Fund.

**Special Prayer Needs:** We encourage you to note your prayer requests on the *Request for Prayer* cards in the pew racks and then place them in the offering plate. Your requests are referred to the Pastors.



**Sunday, November 8, 2009 Return Pledge Cards**

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00 PM Armani Fundraiser Jewelry Sale
- 4:00 PM Living Nativity Practice:FH
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC
- 5:00 PM TOT's

**Monday, November 9, 2009 Prayer Week**

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 8:00 AM Scholastic Book Fair: FH
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 5:45 PM Children's Subcommittee
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Price CR

**Tuesday, November 10, 2009 PW Circles**

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast: GS Rm
- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group in Parlor
- 10:00 AM Circle 6 GS Room
- 10:15 AM Manna House Lunch Crew
- 11:00 AM Young Mothers' Ensemble
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 12:00 PM Circle 5 GS Room
- 3:00 PM Circle 9 GS Room
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts: Above Scout Room
- 4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble
- 7:00 PM FMCS: LR Chapel
- 7:00 PM Circle 10 GS Room

**Wednesday, November 11, 2009**

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 8:00 AM Scholastic Book Fair: FH
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 9:00 AM Women's Beth Moore Bible Study: GS
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 5:15 PM Scholastic Book Fair: CLC
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:00 PM Youth Small Groups: Fuel Café
- 6:00 PM Adult Electives
- 6:15 PM Presbyterian Playhouse
- 6:30 PM Living Nativity Practice: CLC
- 6:30 PM Circle # 7: ZA Parlor
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 12, 2009**

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 12:00 PM Women's Daniel Bible Study: GS Room
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

**Friday, November 13, 2009**

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 8:00 AM Scholastic Book Fair: FH
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 6:00 PM Men's Cookout at Red Wing Cabin

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

- 10:00 AM Children's Ministry Darlington Corn Maize

# First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

November 8, 2009



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Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.  
Leave Gracefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Stewardship Dedication Service**

**PRELUDE**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

WIR PFLÜGEN  
Johann Schulz

**GREETINGS**

Rev. Handley

**INTROIT**

*Praise We Sing to Thee*

St. Anthony Chorale  
Franz Josef Hadyn

Praise we sing to Thee, Thou mighty Ruler King forever, praise we sing to Thee dear Father, we will fail Thee never. All the joys of nature tell us ever of Thy wond'rous pow'r. Still Thy tender grace and mercy keep us ev'ry hour. Praise we sing to Thee most Holy, praise forever more! Hymns of thanks for all Thou dost ordain. Lord of Hosts who o'er the wond'rous realm of heav'n doth reign.

Jane Lewis McKnight

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

*The Lord's Prayer* - sung by the Girls' Ensemble

John Horman

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

No. 14  
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**\*THE 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.*

No. 734

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, as we enter Your presence this morning, we do so with a keen awareness that we have not lived holy lives. We know that You call us to “be holy”, but it is much easier to do that which is right in our own eyes. We justify our behavior in an effort to avoid feelings of guilt. We hear Your Word but make excuses for not following. Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith. Give us the courage to be disciples that hear Your Word and then do Your Word. In the name of Him who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

**ANTHEM**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

melody from Geistliche Kirchengesäng  
Cologne, 1623  
arr. Walters

Chrissy Welch and Rachel Moss, sopranos

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, Alleluia! Thou rushing wind that are so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him, Alleluia! Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light, O praise Him, Alleluia! Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. O praise Him, Alleluia!

Psalm 148

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Following the Message for Young Disciples, children in 3K through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children in Worship*. A nursery is provided for 2K children and below.

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

*All Things Are Yours!*

No. 687  
GERMANY

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

*We Plow the Fields*

Donald McCullough

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love. He only is the Maker of all things near and far; He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star; The winds and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed; Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread. We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food; Accept the gifts we offer, for all Thy love imparts, and what Thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

Mathias Claudius, 1782

\*The Doxology with Alleluias

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below, Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**ORGAN INTERLUDE**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be:  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK AND WORLD**

**SERMON**

**“Casual Christianity”**

*Matt. 16:24-27*

Dr. Jenkins

**SERVICE OF DEDICATION**

The congregation will come forward by pews to place their pledge commitments on the Communion Table at the foot of the Cross. Additional Pledge Cards are available in the pew racks for your convenience.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

No. 466  
HENDON

**\*CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Go With Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANON

Thomas Tallis, 1561

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in G Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

\*Congregation is invited to stand.

Pastor will dismiss children to leave with their worship care-giver.

This morning's worship is led by  
Dr. Barry Jenkins, Senior Pastor,  
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor, and  
Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The flowers** for the services today are given in loving memory of our grandparents, Charles and Ethel Holland and our parents, Bob and Harriett Carroll by their sons, Bob, Mac and Butch Carroll.

**A rose** has been placed on the chancel this morning in honor of Samuel Hugh Whitehead, born October 31, 2009, son of Weave and Emily Whitehead.

**Elder Greeters** for this morning's service are Mary Caroline Vaught and Mike Nunn.

**Ushers Volunteers:** If you would like to help usher during the worship service in the month of November, please contact Ellen Pearson at 669-0781.

**Youth Basketball Signups** are underway for boys and girls, ages 6-17! Sign up in the breezeway between services. Practices will begin the week of Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in coaching, please contact John Scott (673-9156 or jscott@turnerpadget.com) or David Banner (992-3637 or jdb@aikenbridges.com). Cost is \$30.

**Kenyan Beads and Market Items:** This afternoon, 1:00-3:00 PM at 2512 West Edgefield Drive in Windsor Forest. Ladies come and bring a friend to support the Amani Children's Foundation fundraising sale. Hosted by Diddy Anderson, Mary Courtney Rogers and Susan Bankson. Call 665-6871 for directions.

**A Week in Prayer:** This week, November 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer this week at two different times: from 6:00-8:00 AM and Noon-1:00 PM.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** First Presbyterian's Mother's Morning Out Program will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday evening, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-6:45 PM and Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM - Noon. This book fair is open to all and we encourage you to attend and help us celebrate our theme, Being Thankful for Books!

**Empty the Freezer Men's Cookout:** Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This stomach filling good time will be held at the Red Wing Cabin on the Pee Dee River. Men only but women may need to help men prepare something to bring! Maps and cell phone numbers will be at the front reception desk and online. Call Buddy Brand, 665-6980, or Kent, 667-0132, with any questions.

**Turkey Open Golf Tournament:** November 21<sup>st</sup> at Traces Golf Course. Cost is \$36 and includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, prizes. Entries need to be received by November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jay Reece, 618-1803 or Philip Baugh, 669-6936 to enter or get more information.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Share the Good News of God's love with hurting, poor and orphaned children through the simplest of gifts - shoe boxes! To get involved, please pick up a brochure from the display in the Fellowship Hall. The boxes can be dropped off at our front reception area **on or before Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Jessica Wood with any questions.