



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Ministers: All members of First Presbyterian Church



## Sunday, July 12, 2026

Worship Service 10:00 AM

*First Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The ministers of First Presbyterian Church are the members. Those who are baptized in Christ are the servant people of God. Our ministers participate in worship regularly, give faithfully of their time, talents and energy, contribute gratefully from their blessings, and pray fervently for one another and the mission to which God calls, leads, and empowers us. Welcome to this ministry with us.*

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.  
Sarum Primer, c. 1514.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**PRELUDE**

“How Great Is Our God”

**Chris Tomlin**  
**Arr. Lloyd Larson**

The Westminster Chimes and the Trinity Chime

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, we have heard with our ears the deeds you perform.

People: In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #626**

“As the Deer”

**AS THE DEER**

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of freedom, set at liberty we who are captive, and grant us absolution as we confess our sin. Prisoners by self-interest, we disregard neighbors. We bolster our own egos at others’ expense. When slander is rampant, we seldom stop it. When rumors are rife we seek not the source. Help us to check our destructive ways lest we consume one another, and cause us to use our freedom in more loving ways.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*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.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**THE MORNING PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Genesis 39: 6b-21

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Acts 6: 8-15, 58-60

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

“The Story of Joseph: Doing What is Right - And Paying the Price”

### \*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.

### SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory

Anthem

“I Can Only Imagine ”

Bart Millard

\*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

“Give Thanks”

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say, “I am strong” let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”

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(Sing entire text again)

(Closing) Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

### \*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Lee Turner

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

### \*POSTLUDE

“Majesty”

Jack Hanford

\* All who are able may stand.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

|                  |                             |                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>June-July</b> | No Handbell/ Choir Practice | <b>August 2</b>  | 10:00 Worship               |
| <b>July 14</b>   | 10:00 Staff Meeting         |                  | Donuts after Service        |
|                  | 10:00 Threads of Fellowship | <b>August 4</b>  | 10:00 Threads of Fellowship |
| <b>July 15</b>   | No Book Study               | <b>August 5</b>  | 3:00 Book Study             |
| <b>July 19</b>   | 10:00 Worship               | <b>August 9</b>  | 8:30 CE Committee           |
|                  | Donuts after Service        |                  | 10:00 Worship               |
| <b>July 21</b>   | 10:00 Staff Meeting         |                  | Donuts after Service        |
|                  | 10:00 Threads of Fellowship | <b>August 11</b> | 10:00 Staff Meeting         |
| <b>July 22</b>   | 3:00 Book Study             |                  | 10:00 Threads of Fellowship |
| <b>July 26</b>   | 10:00 Worship               | <b>August 16</b> | 10:00 Worship               |
|                  | Donuts after Service        |                  | Donuts after Service        |
| <b>July 28</b>   | 10:00 Staff Meeting         |                  | 11:00 Session               |
|                  | 10:00 Threads of Fellowship | <b>August 18</b> | 10:00 Staff Meeting         |
| <b>July 29</b>   | 3:00 Book Study             |                  | 10:00 Threads of Fellowship |

This Sunday, Mr. Weaver is on the second week of a three week sermon series on the Old Testament character, Joseph.

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First Presbyterian Church,  
Laurens on Facebook.



The flowers given today are to the  
Glory of God and in honor of all  
the church choirs and musicians

By Bill &  
Patty Craine



### Leading Worship this morning:

Ludwig Weaver - Preaching

Jean Weaver - Prayer

Brawley Crawford, William Crawford,  
Katie Dey, Chico Moore, Wayne Neal-  
Music

Connie Parker - Children's Moment

*Pastor*—Ludwig Weaver

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