

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Chili for Charity Cook-Off!

TODAY — 4-6pm

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

Sponsored by local businesses and donations - all proceeds go to support local charities in Anderson

- 15 unique homemade chili entries to taste!
- 15 local charities to meet!
- Vote for your favorite chili
- Browse our wonderful bake sale
- Learn about volunteer opportunities in your Anderson community!

Everyone is invited!
Bring your friends, family, neighbors, or total strangers to join in the food and fun.

Chili and fixin's are free, a donation is requested for bake sale items. 100% of donations and sponsorships benefit local charities and missions in Anderson

PLUS Cornbread, fixings, and a bake sale!



All Possible Thanks To These Sponsors:

Robert & Lou Rainey

Stop A Minit
Kathleen Hodges, Attorney at Law

Keller Sullivan
Bigger Brains
St John's Chancel Choir

St John's UMC
515 S. McDuffie St
Anderson, SC 29624
in the Activity Center behind the church

Special Guests: Grace Episcopal, First Baptist, and Homeland Park Elementary

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

This Tuesday, February 25 — 10:00 AM
Meet in the Bridal Suite

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR THE



WORSHIP SERVICE

March 5
6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Offertory Prayer: Linda Chadbourne

Visitor Outreach: Hannah Wimpey

Children's Worship:

Hannah Wimpey and Lucia Wilson

Security:

Kevin McCoy and Vince Rutledge

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FBC KIDS EVENT

March 9

ALICE
AN ADVENTURE
— IN WONDERLAND —

At Clemson Little Theater



Children will gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately after Sunday School for lunch. Following lunch, we'll take a trip to the Candy Shop — don't forget to bring money for a sweet treat! From there, we'll head to the Clemson Little Theater for an exciting performance.

Please sign up for this event by February 26, so we can secure tickets. To register, call the church office or send an email to sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, March 20
at noon in the Fellowship Hall

DON SAXON WILL SPEAK ON MILITARY SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Cost: \$10.00; Menu: Baked Ham, Yeast Roll, Pinto Beans, Cheesy Potatoes, Banana Pudding

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 13.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Tuesday, February 25

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)

Wednesday, February 26

- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions (Rock Room)
- Youth Group (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Sunday, March 2

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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We covenant as Christ followers, through humility and love, to share in God's ongoing work of redemption and to serve our world by creating a safe space for healing and wholeness, growth and transformation, awe and wonder.

Welcome

February 23, 2025

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Sonny Reed

Visitor Outreach:
Dale Ellenburg

Children's Worship:
Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer

Security:
Jimmy Cooley and Thomas Roach

We are delighted to have you with us this morning. For 200 years, this congregation has come together in worship, responding to God's presence among us. Worship is central to who we are as a church—it unites us, defines us, and allows us to experience the joy of God's love together.

If this is your first time here, we extend a special welcome to you! We invite you to complete the visitor card located on the back of the pew. This card is a great way to join our mailing list, share prayer requests, or connect with our church staff.

If you are exploring your faith, our Staff is here to answer any questions you may have about Christianity, our church, or how to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

We're so glad you're here! May you encounter God's love and grace this morning."

- Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
- Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
- Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
- Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
- Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence
- Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
- Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
- Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
- Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager
- Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Welcome Jim Wooten

Prelude ***Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose*** arr. Dennis Johnson
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn No. 3 ***Worthy of Worship*** JUDSON

Call to Worship Jim Wooten

Leader: Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: **Who, though He was in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped.**

Leader: But He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Congregation: **And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Leader: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

Congregation: **So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.**

Leader: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Congregation: **May we have this same mind, to humble ourselves and serve one another in love.**

Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Majestic - Brewster
You Are God Alone - Foote
How Great Is Our God - Tomlin

Offertory Prayer Sonny Reed

Offertory Music ***He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*** arr. Max Smith

Praising God For His Gifts To Us OLD 100th

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting fbcanderson and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Anthem

Grace

Carolyn Hamlin

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day,
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me,
Your hand will protect me. I rest in your care.
Your eyes will watch, your love forgive, and when I am faltering,
I still will find you there.

Each new day's design is charted by your hand and
Graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.
Keep my steps faithful when I go.
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.

Your eyes will watch, your love forgive,
And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Morning Prayer

Ann Louise Nicolopolulos

Prayer concludes by saying in 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 8: 27-33
(Pew Bible Page 999)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Mindset"

Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 475

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

MAITLAND

Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

Recessional

Douglas E. Wagner

Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. Our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.