

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REFORMATION SUNDAY:** Today marks the observance of the 508<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Protestant Reformation which was started when former Augustinian Monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church doors in Wittenberg on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517. The Reformation signifies a significant shift in Christian thought and practice, leading to the establishment of Protestantism as one of the three major branches of Christianity.

**HALLOWEEN TABLE:** Please have any remaining candy donations turned into the office by Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you (especially the youth) to all who donated candy/bags so far to Missions to be given out on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Halloween Walk-through in the town of Cheraw. Come out to join in the fun, hand out candies, see all the costumes, and invite people to our church. From 4:30-5:30 at Centennial Park. Thanks.

**ABBA'S HOUSE:** We will be feeding Abba House Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We still have 6 lasagnas that need preparation. We also need people to help prepare plates at ABBA'S House. Please pick up lasagnas Sunday after church. The baked lasagna can be returned to the church on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> by 3:30pm or taken directly to ABBA'S House by 3:45pm.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. All men are invited.

**GRIEFSHARE:** Need someone to talk to? Is the burden too great? GriefShare meets from 10:30am-12:30pm every Wednesday for 13 weeks. It ends Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> unless a meeting must be rescheduled. Bonnie Cundiff: (843) 910-7526. Susan Marsh: (843) 921-7831.

**HALLOWEEN ORGAN RECITALS:** If you enjoy Halloween-themed organ music, you have two great opportunities to hear nine organists in recital (including our own ☺). The first happens at Central United Methodist Church downtown Florence on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The next happens at First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Admission is free – just bring yourself and your humor. These events tend to be quite humorous and full of levity. You know what they say: When a bunch of organists get together, .....

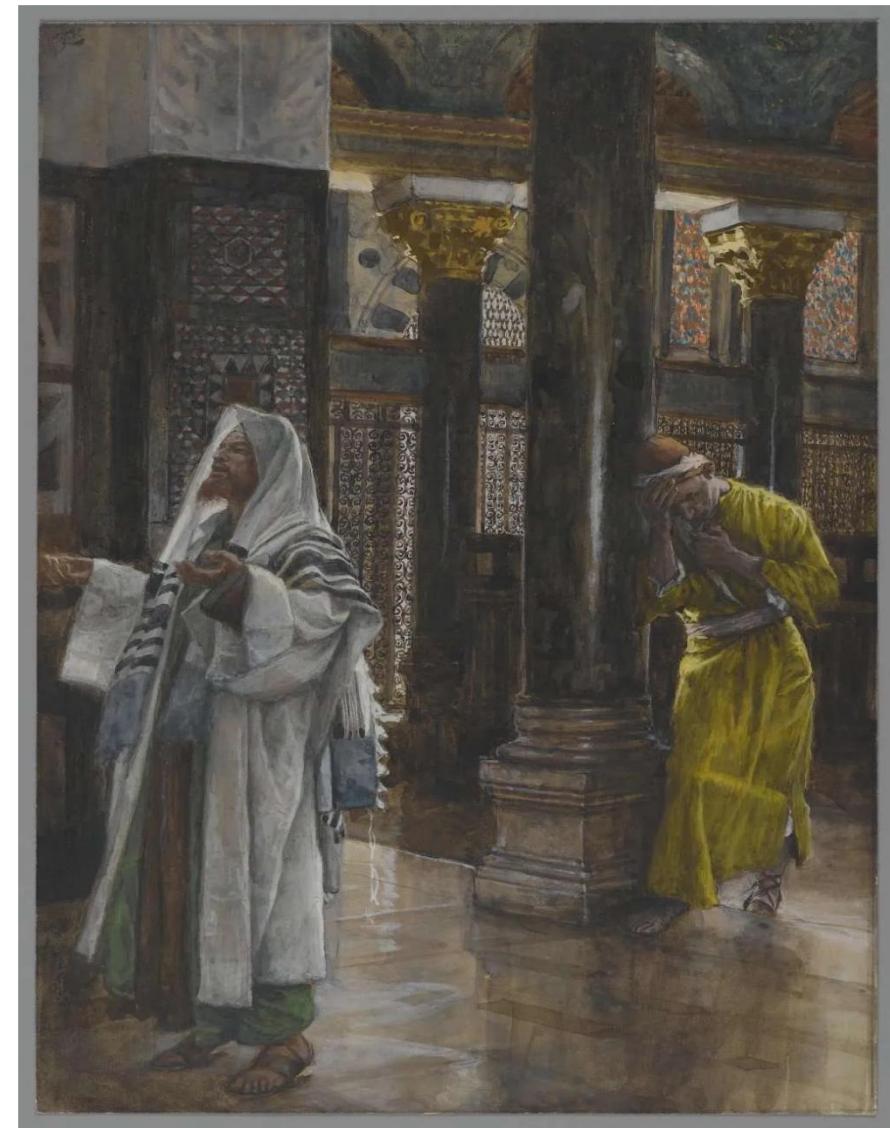
**A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS - HELP NEEDED:** We need your help for our Christmas Program Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Ushering, decorating the church and fellowship hall (additional décor aside from Advent decorations, like greenery, candles, lights, etc.), passing out programs, moving chairs and furniture, supervising the reception, and security are items for discussion. Contact Jackson Stone if you are interested in helping and wish to be added to the “group” of helpers and sign up on the sign-up sheet directly on the church office door. A meeting of all interested helpers and participants will be held on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the choir room. Also, please begin thinking about the food items you might bring to the reception. We speculate 400+ in the congregation like last year.

**PAL MOORE:** Pal Moore is in Cheraw Post Acute on 400 Moffat Rd. She is in room 202. She has her cell phone with her. Please call her to talk or go to see her when you can.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	<b>\$5,928.83.</b>
CONTRIBUTIONS OCT 19.....	<b>\$4,967.26.</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL OCT 19.....	<b>21</b>
WORSHIP OCT 19.....	<b>57</b>
LITURGIST TODAY.....	<b>Gregory Sanderson</b>
LITURGIST NOV 2.....	<b>Joey Mills</b>
GREETER TODAY.....	<b>Zenda Rushing</b>
GREETER NOV 2.....	<b>Henrietta Kollitz</b>
HEAD USHER OCT.....	<b>Ray Crouse</b>
ACOLYTE OCT.....	<b>Norma Cobb</b>

NURSERY TODAY.....	<b>Kelly Dusa</b>
NURSERY NOV 2.....	<b>Lesley Jean Watson</b>
MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	<b>Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b>
CHURCH PHONE.....	<b>(843) 537-7002</b>
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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR - JAMES TISSOT, 1886**

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**THE CHURCH WITH A HEART IN THE HEART OF CHERAW**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 – 11:00 AM

REFORMATION SUNDAY

†CONGREGATION STANDS

**PRELUDE** Toccata in B Minor

Eugene Gigout

**WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!**

Gregory Sanderson

Welcome to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please read and take note of our important announcements.

**CHIMING & INTROIT** Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength

Eugene Butler

Sing aloud to God, our strength. Shout for joy to Him! Raise a song and sound the timbrel! Praise is due to thee, O God, in Zion! Blessed be the Lord, our God, who alone does wondrous things! Sound the trumpet at the feast day! Blessed be His glorious name forever! Great and mighty are His works! Amen and amen! Sing aloud to God, our strength. Shout for joy to Him!

**OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

Gregory Sanderson

†GLORIA PATRI 71

GREATOREX

*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.*

**PSALTER 789 – Psalm 65 R**

Gregory Sanderson

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 351 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

PASS ME NOT

**OFFERTORY** The Well-Tempered Clavier – C Major

J. S. Bach

†DOXOLOGY 95

*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.*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**ANTHEM** This is My Story

Don Besig

I want to walk each day that I live knowing the peace that He alone can give. I know the wondrous joy it can bring trusting in Christ, my Savior and King. I find His touch in all that I see, showing the love I know He has for me. I will believe and follow His word, building my faith and trust in the Lord. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, Precious Redeemer, Savior divine. Guiding each footprint, hearing each prayer, He will not fail me; He will be there. I know that Christ will show me the way, shining His light to lead me through each day. I will be grateful; I will be true, serving my Lord in all that I do. This is my story; this is my song! I will be faithful; I will be strong, praising my Savior all my life long! This is my song; this is my song!

†SCRIPTURE Luke 18: 9-14

Rev. Joseph Kovas

**SERMON** *Lord, Forgive Me, a Sinner*

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 400 Come Thou Fount

EBENEZER

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION Freely, Freely

Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely, give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

†POSTLUDE Toccata in D Minor

J. S. Bach

**PRAYER LIST** - Our Church, President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State & local employees, health care workers, EMTs, firefighters, law enforcement officers, people of all ages with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Mary Burr, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas & Sharon McKinnon, Tony Thraillkill, Sarah Potapova (Betty Hurst's sister), Jack Van Deman, Nadia Harris, Frank Shutt, Sandra Laney (Sarah Lee's sister-in-law), Pal Moore, Regina Reames (Brantley Butler Reams' mother-in-law), Barbara Dickson (total hip replacement Mon. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>), Kaitlyn Freeman, Lesley Jean Watson, and Betty Hurst.