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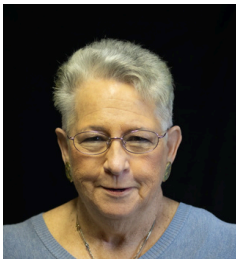





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AGENDA

GATHERING MUSIC
JAMES MOYER

WELCOME
REV. DR. DAVID BENDER, STATED CLERK

WELCOME FROM PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SC

PRAYER FOR MEAL
REV. DR. STEVE LINDSLEY, EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

LUNCH

HONORING AWARD RECIPIENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC
JAMES MOYER

THANKS AND BENEDICTION

AUDREY WALLACE ROBINSON

BETH SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - YORK, SC



Audrey Wallace Robinson, age 95, has lived right across the church on a hill for most of her life. This church and its ministers molded her and her family (husband and five children) and their Christian faith. She has, in turn, seen and done much to make Beth Shiloh the church it is. Audrey's unique gifts included loving and caring for both the old and the young in the congregation. She makes each person feel important! Audrey has served in the following ways: nursery coordinator, Cemetery Association committee, Altar Guild, Bereavement committee, Home Circle committee and as a contributor to special needs and projects in congregation.

Audrey testified to her Christian faith by injecting her own unique personality into the life of the congregation—Covenant Class S.S., PW Afternoon Circle, Kitchen and Worship. Audrey's unique gifts include a contagious personality that brightened days and inspired the home-bound to look forward to her visits. Audrey is among those people that are like special seasoning added to a chef's dish. As Audrey ages, she faces each new day with a firm resolve to live life to its fullest potential while she continues to minister to congregants with her faith that God is sovereign and in control.

DEBBIE JACKSON

BOWLING GREEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- BOWLING GREEN, SC



The Session of Bowling Green Presbyterian Church has chosen **Debbie Jackson** as the recipient of the Legacy of Faith Award for 2026. Debbie was born into the Bowling Green family, and she made her profession of faith on December 22, 1966. She was ordained as an Elder in January, 2018. She served faithfully for six years. As the leader of the Outreach Team, she has organized many fun events for the congregation. She has provided activities for advent events, 4th of July celebrations, and Halloween parties. She organized the first pumpkin carving contest which has become an annual event. Debbie's cheerful, imaginative, and outgoing personality shines when she is preparing and leading these events.
Debbie serves the church in other ways. She is a good cook, and she is quick to say yes when asked to help by providing a dish for a church event or a family. Debbie has taught children's Sunday School classes, worked with the youth, and she continues to take a turn in the nursery during worship. At Easter, she provides roadside signs that advertise our Sunrise Service, breakfast, and Worship at 10 A.M.
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JAN TACY

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- INDIAN LAND, SC

Jan and Bob Tacy joined Faith when we worshiped in a gym and sat on the hardest, most uncomfortable metal chairs the world has ever seen. We noticed Jan's gifts early, and she served with distinction as elder of one of our first classes. She chaired the Finance Team during those days. In 2013, we faced a big budgetary transition, and finances were lagging. So, Jan led our very first stewardship campaign, the positive results of which led to financial stability and still make us better stewards. When we built our first building in 2017, Jan was placed in charge of "exteriors," what churches call the grounds. She exhibited graceful leadership as the team made decisions on how Faith would physically present itself to the community. She led the team to great landscaping and participated in the nurturing of God's nature. To this day, she and Bob spend countless hours beautifying the grounds. We needed an endowment fund—Jan took charge. We needed to update our Safety Planning Policy—Jan took charge. In so many ways she continues to exemplify a true disciple and true servant of our Lord.

JACK HAUBACH

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- INDIAN LAND, SC

Jack joined approximately 140 other worshippers at our first worship service at Faith on October 7, 2007. On October 14, he arrived (without being asked) at church at about 7:30 am to help with the set-up in the old gymnasium—setting up chairs and curtains and sound systems and speakers and piano and all that is a part of the morning worship service. From that Sunday, Jack has accepted leadership over our worship technology, including our weekly power point presentations. He has the distinction of serving on our very first session. When Covid came, he worked with others in getting proper cameras and computer programs to support the streaming of our services. With the addition of the second half of our building, he continues to build that streaming and broadcasting technology. He served as the chairperson of our first capital campaign and again as chair of our fourth campaign and has worked on the creative end of almost all our capital and stewardship campaigns. If you're ever looking for Jack, come to church on a Sunday morning. You'll find him and other good disciples working the technology to get God's word out to the congregation and the world.

MELISSA & JOHN GRANACHER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROCK HILL, SC



A member since 2006 and a Rock Hill resident for 56 years, Melissa does not serve her community for recognition or praise; she serves simply because caring for others is part of who she is. She lives out her faith in ways that touch children, church members, families, and the greater community.

Melissa volunteered as Executive Director with Steppin' High of York County for many years, an organization that provided shoes to schools, shelters and anyone with a need. She also volunteers weekly in the classrooms of two fellow church members who teach kindergarten and first grade. Her presence brings encouragement, stability, and joy to young students as they begin their educational journey. Perhaps the best testimony to the difference she makes comes from the children themselves, who can be heard excitedly calling, "Yay! Mrs. Melissa is here!" Recently, she also worked diligently to ensure that a student in need was able to attend summer camp with his sibling on scholarship.

Melissa regularly delivers meals to shut-ins and makes time to visit with them each week, offering not only nourishment but also companionship, encouragement, and prayer. She is equally faithful in sending cards to members on our prayer list and others, reminding them during difficult times that they are seen, loved, remembered, and prayed for.

Alongside Melissa's recognition, it is also our privilege to submit a posthumous recognition in loving memory of her husband, John Granacher. John shared Melissa's servant heart and deep commitment to First Presbyterian Church. He faithfully served as an Elder and was an active member of the church's Property Committee, generously giving his time and talents in service to the church he loved. John was a true "Mr. Fixit" and could grow anything. Many in the community were beneficiaries of repairs and of his gardens and apple orchard. Together, Melissa and John shared a beautiful 53-year marriage rooted in love, faith, service, and devotion to one another and to their daughter, Julie. Their life together reflected a shared commitment not only to their family and their church, but also to living out their faith through service to others.

Melissa and John Granacher have left a lasting legacy of faithful service in the life of First Presbyterian Church and in the lives of the many people they have cared for and served throughout the years.

DR. DAVID & BEVERLY KEELY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROCK HILL, SC



Members since 1988 and Rock Hill residents for thirty-nine years, Dr. David and Beverly Keely have built a shared legacy of faith, service, and commitment to their community. Both have served First Presbyterian Church faithfully as Deacons and Elders, offering their gifts not only within the congregation but throughout the greater Rock Hill community. Dr. Dave's service has been especially focused on mission, advocacy, youth & adult Christian education, and the health and well-being of the wider community. He has served as Moderator of First Presbyterian Church's Mission and Outreach Committee and currently serves as Moderator of Providence Presbytery's Community of Witness for Mission and Advocacy. His concern for the health of the community is reflected in his involvement with the Tobacco Free York County Coalition, the Smokefree South Carolina Advocacy Workgroup, Healthcare for All South Carolina, and the Faith & Health Coalition of York County. While he could easily be enjoying retirement, Dave continues to invest his time and experience in the community on a number of area committees including the Ebinport Elementary School Improvement Council.

Bev's service and legacy can be seen in the many ways she has generously and faithfully strengthened the community of faith at First Presbyterian Church. Bev has taught children's Sunday School and served as an active youth advisor and helped lead numerous youth mission trips when her own children were teenagers. Over the years, she has invested deeply in the congregational life of FPC, helping plan retreats, fellowship opportunities, and special events. Her service has also extended beyond the congregation through her work on the board of the South Carolina Inn at Montreat and Bethelwoods Camp. As a former Moderator of the Fellowship Committee, Bev coordinated countless church dinners and gatherings that helped nurture the relationships at the heart of our congregation. She currently serves as Co-Moderator of the Worship Committee, faithfully attending to the many details that enrich and support the worship life of the congregation each week.

Dave and Bev celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their three children and their spouses, seven grandchildren, and extended family in Montreat, a place they consider one of their "thin places," where the presence of God seems especially near. Their life together has been marked by faith, advocacy, service, and devotion—to God, to one another, to their family, to their church, and to their community. Their shared witness is beautifully reflected in the words of the prophet Micah: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

MARSHA & ARTHUR BLACK

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - YORK, SC



First Presbyterian Church in York is proud to have Marsha and Arthur Black as our Legacy of Faith Award honorees for 2026. Arthur is a cradle member of First Presbyterian and Marsha joined when she married Arthur. Arthur has served as a Deacon or Elder throughout the years as well as Elder Emeritus. Marsha has served as a Deacon since joining. Marsha and Arthur have served on committees throughout the years as well. They are steady regulars that sit on the front row of the back of the church. One of their traditions is to donate and help to put up all the Christmas decorations which include a 10+ foot tree, over a dozen fresh wreaths with bows and other greenery to spruce up our church during the Advent season. Marsha is an amazing cook who often helps with meals for various events. She participated in our adult Easter play performed before a packed house at the church. Of all the blessings they provide for the church, the most important is their presence each Sunday and constant care and comradery with other church members. We are so grateful for their dedication and their gifts of time and talents to FPC York!

ELLEN ARMSTRONG TONEY

FISHING CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - CHESTER, SC



For 40 years, Ellen Armstrong Toney has been a faithful member of Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church. Her faith began as a child, attending church with her parents and two sisters, Ernestine and Freeda, where she learned about Jesus and developed a desire to live as an example of His love.

Throughout her life, Ellen has leaned on her faith through difficult times and faithfully shared the hope, comfort, and peace she has found in Jesus with her family, friends, coworkers, and others she has encountered.

Ellen has faithfully served the church through her participation in the choir and by caring for others in meaningful ways. She warmly welcomes visitors and sends them cards, remembers birthdays, reaches out to those who are sick, and checks on members who have not been able to attend church.

Ellen is being honored with the Fishing Creek Legacy Award for her years of faithful service, enduring commitment to Christ, and the love and encouragement she has shown to those around her. Her life is a testament to her belief that Jesus is her Lord and Savior and truly her “all in all.”

THOMAS WILLIAM ROSS, SR

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - BLACKSBURG, SC



William Thomas Ross Sr. commonly called W.T. Ross also known as Papa T is the Father of Hopewell Presbyterian Church. He has actively served as a member for 30 years. He is the Father of Thomas William Ross Jr. also this years nominee and the Husband of our last recipient of Hopewell Presbyterian Church Helen Ross. Papa T actively models a Legacy of Faith in his works for the Lord down through the years in the church, community, and works in Providence Presbytery through HPC. He is a foundational piece of our church legacy and has vast knowledge in his wanning years to aid the younger church participants in their works for the Lord.

William Thomas Ross Sr. is an exemplary man of God who is being honored here today for the love of God shown through his works. He has worked tirelessly for God's Glory in any and every capacity. He has left an ever lasting Legacy of Faith for his family, friends, and community at large. As a testament of his faith, he embodies the scripture "Faith without works is dead" and serving the Lord with all his heart. His works through the years at Hopewell Presbyterian Church are too numerous to list.

On behalf of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, where we believe "We Are All In This Together" because there is one Lord, one Faith, One Baptism we salute W. T. Ross for his lifelong contributions of love shown through his faithful works within our church and presbytery. Lastly, his family is a source of encouragement and a vital component to serving in faith and planting good seeds. William Thomas Ross Sr. has been nominated for this prestigious award as a means of acknowledging his strong faith and enduring works in the vineyard.

THOMAS WILLIAM ROSS, JR

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - BLACKSBURG, SC



Thomas William Ross Jr. of Hopewell Presbyterian Church actively models a Legacy of Faith in the church, community, and the city of Blacksburg SC. Brother Thomas commonly called "Tommy Ross" shows the love of God through work within our church and church family tirelessly. He is one that can be called upon day or night and heeds the voice of his calling in the ministry of helps. Brother Tommy has had to overcome hardships and tragedies in his life, but has continued to serve the Lord.

As his Pastor, I believe it is his foundational belief I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work John 9:4. He has served in various capacities at Hopewell Presbyterian Church for the good of those that love the Lord for 20 years. He models a Legacy of Faith for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren they are a source of encouragement and reason to continue in faith and plant good seeds. In the model of train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they won't depart from it.

On behalf of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, where we believe "We Are All In This Together" because there is one lord, one faith, one baptism. It brings me great honor as to nominate Thomas William Ross Jr. as this years recipient of the Legacy of Faith Award 2026. His nomination for this prestigious award is evidence of his enduring works in the vineyard.

DELORES & HARRY TUNE

OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROCK HILL, SC



Delores and Harry Tune have been members of OAPC for over 62 years. They are both deeply involved in the music ministry of the church, singing in the choir and playing in ensembles. Harry is the church's go-to trombone man. Harry is a Deacon and Elder, and has led various committees, his longest stint being with the Personnel Committee. Delores is a Deacon and Elder, and an indispensable weekly volunteer in the church office; co-leader of a Presbyterian Women's Circle; and an organizer of our Red Cross Blood Drives. If the church is doing something, the Tunes are there, and most likely in leadership. It is not an exaggeration to say that Delores and Harry Tune have poured their lives into OAPC, and their spirit of kindness, generosity, and service permeates the congregation. We thank God for their legacy of faith and celebrate them wholeheartedly.

LARRY & JANIE ROLLINS

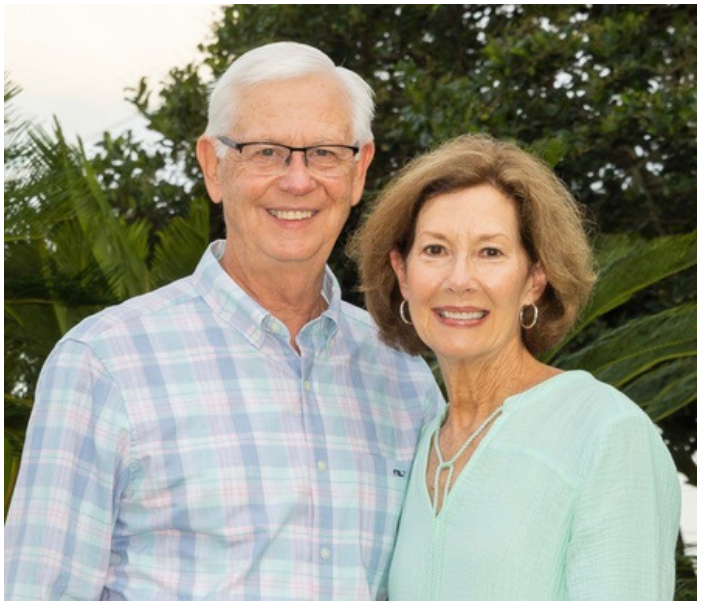
TIRZAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - YORK, SC



Larry & Janie Rollins came to Tirzah over 22 years ago. Though Larry was initially hired as the church pianist, both quickly became much more. Janie immediately joined the choir and later stepped-in to lead both adult & children's choirs. Larry became involved in the Men of the Church, where he served as an officer for many years. Janie joined in Presbyterian Women's groups, leading at Tirzah & on the Presbytery level. She also taught children's Sunday School, VBS, & has led countless mission initiatives. Both remain an integral part of Bethelwoods' Third Tuesday Together group, & have served for many years as our ambassadors to Presbyterian Communities of SC. Most of all, the Rollins quickly became part of the Tirzah family, supporting their brothers & sisters with calls, meals, cards, prayers, & heartfelt care whenever there's need. Their love for the Lord is abundantly evident in their service to God's Church, the communities around them, & their compassion for neighbors throughout the Presbytery, the state, & around the world. They truly praise God, not only with their musical gifts, but with every aspect of their lives. It is a privilege to serve alongside them & a joy to honor them today.

RUTH & GARY BOETSCH

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FORT MILL, SC



Ruth and Gary have been members of Unity since 1980 and have served in a wide variety of ways across those 46 years. Both have served as elders and Gary as a deacon. For many years they coordinated the Family of Faith Bible Study Group and attended Monday Musings. As a member of the Worship and Music Ministry Team, Ruth helped train and support acolytes and offered her own musical talents on the violin. Gary was a trusted member of the Human Resources Ministry Team, dedicated time to the church grounds on workdays, and was an active member of the Men's Ministry and various church golf groups. Together they would volunteer to serve communion and worked behind the scenes on the sanctuary guild. In fact, Ruth and Gary's prayerful presence, generous spirit, and faithful work were integral to the construction of the new sanctuary. This summer Ruth and Gary moved to be closer to family, but have retained their membership at Unity. We miss them and yet know they are already a blessing to new friends and neighbors in the same ways they have been a blessing to us. And so, in celebration of their many gifts and years of service to the Lord, Unity Presbyterian Church is delighted to recognize Ruth and Gary Boetsch as 2026 Providence Presbytery Legacy of Faith Honorees.

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STEVE & KAREN CHASE

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FORT MILL, SC



Steve and Karen Chase joined Unity in 1991 and have served faithfully for the last 35 years. Steve has served as an elder and deacon, and especially since his retirement, he has embraced the Men's Ministry and Buildings and Grounds, serving as moderator or chair of both groups as well as a dedicated volunteer. Steve is at the church almost every Friday to complete a variety of projects and will often come early during summer mornings to water flowers and plants around campus. Director of Operations Zeno Wall shared, "Steve's continued presence on campus, his willingness to support our efforts in so many areas, and the insight he still shares today all reflect his steadfast faith and deep commitment to Unity. Most importantly, I am grateful to call Steve my friend." Karen has served in similar ways as a dedicated member for many years of the Human Resources Ministry Team, a church office volunteer, and as a member of the Wednesday Bible Study. She recently completed a scrapbook of Unity's history. Her contagious and welcoming spirit makes a place for everyone, and her faithful invitations help our congregation and ministry grow. And so, in celebration of their faithfulness and years of service to the Lord, Unity Presbyterian Church is delighted to recognize Steve and Karen Chase as 2026 Providence Presbytery Legacy of Faith Honorees.

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain".

1 Corinthians 15:58

Thank you to Presbyterian Communities and Providence Presbytery for this annual recognition event!