

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dennis Tedder
Liturgist: Lisa Johnson
Music Director: Emery Schramm
AV: Billy Forrester

Ushers: Linda Conrad, McCrady Gwinn, Alan Tucker, Luca Tucker

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1st - October 11th - Pastor Trish Out of Office

October 4th at 11:30 AM - Children's Sunday School

October 4th at 11:30 AM - Youth Group

October 5th at 5:30 PM - Worship Committee Meeting

October 6th at 9:30 AM - Prayer Ministry

October 7th at 5:30 PM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

October 7th at 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

October 8th at 8:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

October 8th at 5:00 PM - Property Committee Meeting (Parlor)

October 8th at 6:00 PM - "A Politics of Value" with Rev. Indy Dennis

October 10th at 9:00 AM - Soup Kitchen

October 11th at 9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School

October 11th at 11:30 AM - Children's Sunday School

October 11th at 12:00 PM - Christian Education Committee Meeting

October 11th at 2:00 PM - Missions & Outreach Committee Meeting

October 11th at 2:30 PM - Sisters in Christ

THE SESSION

Janice Tucker - *Administration*
Stephanie Norton - *Christian Education*
Carolyn Tucker - *Congregational Care*
Melinda Dumpert - *Fellowship*
Gordon Gilles - *Finance*
Steven Huskey - *Missions/Outreach*
Barry Graden - *Property*
Sarah Lasitter - *Worship*
Lisa Johnson - *Clerk of Session*

Meet Our Guest Pastor!

A member of Foothills Presbytery for the past 20 years, Dr. Dennis Tedder served as pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC until retiring in 2025, one year and a few days ago. His previous pastorates included First Presbyterian, Clinton, SC, Bethesda Presbyterian, Camden, SC, and Franklin (VA) Presbyterian. He and spouse Anne, who served stints as a church educator as well as on the Anderson YMCA staff, have two adult sons and two delightful daughters-in-law. A native of Florence, SC, Dennis is grateful for life in the upstate, though he has strong feelings about proper Carolina barbecue.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Welcome to Grace Covenant

Grace Covenant is a neighborhood church living to be God's voice of hope in the world. We seek to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, to live with humility and gentleness, and with patience and love for one another. Our greatest aspiration is to make Christ's example of love real for all our neighbors.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 8:9

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich,
yet for our sake he became poor,
so that you might become rich through his poverty.

✠Hymn No. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

Corporate Prayer of Confession

You know us, redeeming God: we are anxious about earthly cares. Daily we give our greatest attention and energy to transient things. We fail to hold fast to your gifts that shall endure. We ask that your Holy Spirit free us from false choices and faithless living. We have stumbled and call upon your gracious giving in Jesus Christ to lift us up and show us your way... (silent prayers of confession)

Word of Grace

From Psalm 34:8

People of God, hear the good news: The invitation is extended to us today and always:
O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠Choral Response

Glory Be to the Father

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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.

Time for Children

Children preschool age through 5th grade are invited to the chancel area at this time. Children four and younger may then go to the nursery; children five and older are to return to their seats and are encouraged to remain with us for worship.

Anthem

Bread of Life

Joel Raney

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Mark 14: 1-9

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2: 1-11

Sermon

The Gift

Rev. Dr. Dennis Tedder

✠Affirmation of Faith

From The Study Catechism, PCUSA

What is God’s purpose for your life?
God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?
I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Offering

✠Choral Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✠Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

✠Hymn No. 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING’S WESTON

✠Charge

✠Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

✠Please rise in body or in spirit