

Fairview Presbyterian Church



Celebrating 240 Years of
God's Faithfulness

1786-2026

The Lord's Day Evening Worship Service
Sunday, September 27, 2026
5:00 PM

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 95:1-7

*HYMN OF ADORATION | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #43

*INVOCATION

CHOIR ANTHEM | *Fanfare and Concerto on Holy, Holy, Holy*
Arrangement by Brad Nix and Jon Paige

TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY | *He Leadeth Me*

Arranged by Mary McDonald, sung by Michael Cheek

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONFESSION OF SIN | Adapted from *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

Faithful heavenly Father, because of your steadfast love, forgive us. We have not walked according to your rules or kept your commandments. You are a covenant-keeping God, but we have forsaken your law and violated your statutes. Though you have always been faithful to us, we are unfaithful to you many times each day in our thoughts and with our words and actions. Because we are a covenant-breaking people, we have earned your anger and violent stripes of bitter anguish. Help us, Holy Spirit, in our great weakness to believe that guilty and vile sinners like ourselves become spotlessly clean in the redeeming blood of Christ. Grant us overwhelming joy in Jesus the Man of Sorrows who made full atonement for us, and help us to believe and enjoy the truth that it is truly finished. For your forgiveness we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE | Lamentations 3:19-24

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of

the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

HYMN OF PREPARATION | *O Word of God Incarnate, #269*

SERMON TEXT | Psalm 100

SERMON TITLE | *A Call to Worship*

Rev. Kenneth Collins Maple

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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | *All People That on Earth Do Dwell, #100B "Old Hundredth"* from the Trinity Psalter Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Romans 15:7 says, "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Considering that verse, welcome in the name of Christ! If you are visiting with us this evening, we are so glad you are here. If it's your first time, would you kindly fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack and place it in the offering. We do have a nursery this evening for children from birth to three years old. Following the worship service, we will have a meal and a time of fellowship in our Family Life Center. You are invited! Thank you for joining us this evening!

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

When I first stepped onto these Fairview grounds, I had no idea that more than 16 years later, (albeit with some moves in between) I would still be here. That's quite a history for a young man starting out in ministry. Even more than that, I had no idea of the history of this church. Fairview is the oldest Presbyterian church in Greenville County, and the 14th oldest PCA church in the country. But don't just learn about our history; join us in the present day as we remain committed, to quote the PCA's slogan, "faithful to the Scriptures, true to the reformed faith, and obedient to the great commission."

Pastor Kenneth Collins Maple

HISTORY OF FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fairview Presbyterian Church was established in 1786 and is the oldest Presbyterian Church in Greenville County. The church was named Fairview in honor of the old gray stone church in Antrim County, Ireland, from which its founders came to America in 1773.

John Peden, James Alexander, Samuel Peden, and David and James Nesbit, with their families, originally built a small log house of worship at this place. The land was granted in lieu of payment to the soldiers of The Revolutionary War.

Our present building is the fourth one, and was completed in 1858. The square columns of the portico contain brick from the previous sanctuary on this location. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places, being considered "a fine example of the vernacular classic revival widely used in the deep South until 1865." (Clemson University Department of Architecture)

On these grounds in 1861, a group of men gathered to form the Bozeman Guards which marched to the defense of the Confederate States.

In our rock walled cemetery are buried several Revolutionary War soldiers, as well as forty-five Confederate soldiers. The oldest marked grave in the cemetery is that of Elizabeth Alexander, dated 1797.

Two historic customs that we still observe today are: offering the Lord's Supper to communicants seated on benches at long tables, and receiving offerings in a cloth pouch affixed to a long slender wooden rod.

We joined with the Presbyterian Church in America soon after its formation in 1973. The PCA came into existence because of a need for a strongly scriptural, evangelical, and Reformed witness to Christ which truly honors God and the authority of His word. Our doctrinal statement is the historic Reformed Westminster Confession of Faith, finalized in 1647 in England.