



# PALMETTO HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Celebrating Life in Christ  
By Reaching Out and Building Up  
For God's Kingdom and Glory*

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 93*

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.  
Your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,  
mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the Lord on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, forevermore.

## SONG OF EXALTATION

Come, thou Almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,  
gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.

## *Come Thou Almighty King (#101)*

Come, Holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

## INVOCATION

### SONG OF ADORATION

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength  
receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

### *I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art (#168)*

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:  
make us to taste the sweet grace found in  
thee  
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

## **SCRIPTURAL CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Psalm 130:1-4*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared..

## **PASTORAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Psalm 130:5-8*

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

## *Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

## *Shorter Catechism Questions 86, 87, and 33*

*Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.

*Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?*

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

*Q. 33. What is justification?*

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

## SONG OF APPROACH

*The Goodness of Jesus*

Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied he is all that I need  
May it be come what may that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer  
Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water, never thirst again  
Rest here in His wondrous peace (*Chorus*)

Come and find your hope now in Jesus  
He is all he said he would be  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart  
Rest here in His wondrous peace (*Chorus x2*)

*May it be come what may that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus*

## OFFERTORY

## SERMON

*Romans 4*

**4:1** What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? **2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. **3** For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

**4** Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. **5** And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, **6** just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

**7** "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

**8** blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

**9** Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. **10** How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. **11** He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still

uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, **12** and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

**13** For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14** For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. **16** That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, **17** as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. **18** In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” **19** He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. **20** No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, **21** fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. **22** That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” **23** But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, **24** but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, **25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

### **Case in Point**

1. Righteousness by Faith is Imputed (vv. 1–8)
2. Righteousness by Faith Transcends Outward Signs (vv. 9–12)
3. Righteousness by Faith Fulfills a Promise (vv. 13–17)
4. Living by that Faith (vv. 18–22)

## SONG OF RESPONSE

## *May the Mind of Christ My Savior (#644)*

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling  
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing,  
this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me  
as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel,  
seeing only him.

## BENEDICTION

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>Women's Soc Evnt</b> March 14, 6-8pm	The Women's Ministry team will be hosting a Ladies Night Out in March. Come enjoy some time together at City Market Food Hall at Bridgeway Station. Mark your calendars!
<b>Missions Emphasis Sunday</b> March 30 <sup>th</sup>	We will connect with supported missionaries on Sunday March 30 <sup>th</sup> . Keith Knowlton and Wes Baker will join us in person, and we will connect via Zoom with other missionaries.
<b>Senior Fellowship</b> Mar 12, 9:30—11:30	The Senior Fellowship will meet at the church this Wednesday morning for a time of fellowship. We are primarily of age 60+ and/or retired folks, but anyone is welcome!
<b>Mullins, SC</b> June 9-13	We will join Mullins Pres. for Mission Mullins! This is a service-oriented trip for adults, teens, and middle schoolers down to 6th grade. Registration will come in a few weeks.
<b>VBS and Setup</b> 6/2-6 and 6/16-20	Please mark your calendars for VBS! Setup will be June 2 <sup>nd</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> , and the day camp will take place June 16 <sup>th</sup> through the 20 <sup>th</sup> . We will need volunteers for both. Details to follow!
<b>Women's Retreat</b> 4/25-4/26	Held at Lake Keowee, ladies can look forward to this special time together. The cost is just \$30! We will explore "Joy in the Desert," building upon Psalm 63. RSVP in the weekly update.
<b>OCC Collection</b> March	We are collecting Band-Aids, Chap Stick, floss, brushes, combs, and toothbrushes during the month of March for Operation Christmas Child. Place your donations in the OCC box in the foyer.
<b>Weds Night Pgm</b> Wed, 6pm	We will continue The Engagement Project this Wednesday night. This is a series aimed at helping us intentionally engage with our neighbors.

## WEEKLY SERVICE ROTATION

	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Allie K. & Allene D.	Lauren & Chase H.	Abbie & Michael M.
<b>Toddler Nursery</b>	Allene & Bill D.	Sarah & Brian M.	Amy H. & Meg E.
<b>SS Nursery</b>	Suzy S. & Julie W.	Amanda W. & Precious S.	Susan & Johnny M.
<b>Deacon on Duty</b>	Perry E.	Scott H.	David B.
<b>Sound Room</b>	Tommy C.	Andrew A.	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Mary & Craig T.	Connie & Eric A.	Donna & Keith P.

## THIS WEEK AT PHPC

Mon Mar 10	Tues Mar 11	Wed Mar 12	Thurs Mar 13	Fri Mar 14	Sat Mar 15	Sun Mar 16
		9:30am - <i>Senior Fellowship</i> 6pm - <i>Wed. Program</i>			<i>Women's Social</i> 6:00pm	

## GIVING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week's Giving	Last Week's Budget	Fiscal YTD Giving	Fiscal YTD Budget	Last Week's Attendance
\$23,262	\$11,090	\$379,080	\$388,138	148

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