

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM

1807 LINDALE RD., ANDERSON, SC 29621

CRAFTS, GAMES, HOT CHOCOLATE,  
ROASTED MARSHMALLOWS,  
AND LOTS OF CANDY



We need lots of volunteers, candy, and new/gently used stuffed animals. If you are interested in helping, please contact Timothy Clardy. (Please bring candy and stuffed animal donations to the church office or drop off in the vestibule.) We also need soup/chili and individually packaged desserts. Please contact Nichole Niemeyer if interested in helping with food.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE OF  
REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - 9:30 AM



Join us for this meaningful and  
reflective service as we come together  
to honor and remember our beloved  
FBC members who have passed away  
over the past year.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the vestibule. DO NOT pack soap or toothpaste. Return your shoe box November 23. Contact Cathy Drew with questions (864)617-1014

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Jackie Oakley on her passing on October 11, 2025.

Libby Hendrix and family on the passing of her nephew, Mike Thompson.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS  
BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, October 28  
10:00 AM in the Bridal Suite

Mission Focus:  
The Patrick Harris Hospital  
Christmas Gift Packs

Please Note: We'll meet on the Third Tuesday  
for November (18) and December (16)

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Tuesday, October 28

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)

Wednesday, October 29

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions  
Youth Group (Gym)

6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 PM Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 31

5:30 PM Halloween Carnival (1807 Lindale Rd.)

Sunday, November 2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:30 AM Worship—All Saints Remembrance

10:30 AM Sunday School

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Offertory Prayer: Hannah Wimpey

Visitor Outreach: Tom Allen

Children's Worship: Tracey Ramsey and Debbie Cooley

Security: Charlie Ballentine and Dale Ellenburg

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month



FIRST BAPTIST  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Welcome

October 26, 2025

Welcome!

We're so grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to engage fully in the worship, study, service, and fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this congregation has gathered in response to God's presence among us—worship is at the heart of who we are. It defines us, unites us, and brings us joy as we gather together in God's name.

Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we're glad you're here. Our prayer is that you encounter God in a meaningful way during our time of worship.

If you're a first-time guest, please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located on the back of the pew. You can use it to join our mailing list, share a prayer request, or reach out to our staff with any questions. If you're exploring your faith, we're here to walk alongside you and help you discover more about Christianity, our church, and what it means to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We're so glad you've joined us today. May you experience God's love and grace in a powerful way this morning.

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:  
Greg Shore

Visitor Outreach:  
Charlie Campbell

Children's Worship:  
Elana Roach and Liz Marvin

Security:  
Wes Wallace and Chad Walker

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager

Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager

Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence

Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director

Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist

Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

# The Worship of God

**Prelude**  
We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Welcome Mathias Richardson

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Anna Laura Page  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Hymn No. 395 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

Responsive Reading: Prayer of St. Francis Mathias Richardson

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
**People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

Leader: Where there is injury, pardon.  
**People: Where there is doubt, faith.**

Leader: Where there is despair, hope.  
**People: Where there is darkness, light.**

Leader: Where there is sadness, joy.  
**People: O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,**

Leader: To be understood as to understand,  
**People: To be loved as to love.**

Leader: For it is in giving that we receive,  
**People: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

Leader: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
**ALL: Amen.**

Invocation Mathias Richardson

\*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

**Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship**  
While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at [andersonfbc.org/give](http://andersonfbc.org/give), through our church app, or by texting fbcanderson and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Blessed Be Your Name* - Redman  
*Lord, I Need You* - Nockels

Offertory Prayer Greg Shore

Offertory Music *He Leadeth Me* arr. Max Smith

Praising God For His Gifts To Us GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

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.

\*Please stand if able.

Anthem *Grace* Carolyn Hamlin  
Sanctuary Choir

Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day,  
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;  
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,  
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.  
Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me,  
Your hand will protect me. I rest in your care.  
Your eyes will watch, your love forgive, and when I am faltering,

I still will find you there.

Each new day’s design is charted by your hand and  
Graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.  
Keep my steps faithful when I go.  
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.  
Your eyes will watch, your love forgive,  
And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.

(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)

Morning Prayer Larry Mitchell

*Prayer concludes by saying in unison:*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture **Mark 9:38-50**  
(Pew Bible Page 1000)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Drawing Lines and Drawing Circles”** Jim Wooten

\*Hymn No. 611 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *A Joyous Song of Praise* *Samuel Wesley*  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

**Children’s Worship**  
We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children’s Worship during the service this morning. Our Children’s Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

**The Invitation**  
We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer’s baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We’d love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.