

# The Church Gathers for Worship

April 26, 2026 at 9:35 AM

## Order of Worship

The Prelude .....Musicians  
 The Prayer For Steadfastness.....Dea. Jeffrey Sligh  
 Dea. Jimmy Cecil

### PRAISE & ADORATION:

The Call to Worship.....Rev. Marian Hawthorne  
 The Invocation/Prayer of Confession. ....Rev. Marian Hawthorne  
 The Prayer Response ..... “The Lord’s Prayer”  
**The Hymn of Praise**“.....*“At the Cross”*.....Choir/Congregation  
 The Scripture in Response..... *Psalms 46:1-11*..... Rev. Marian Hawthorne  
 The Greetings ..... Rev. Marian Hawthorne  
 The Musical Selection.....Men of Praise Choir  
 The Moment in Black History.....Sis. Carrie Black  
 Sarah Rector 1902 -1967

### THANKSGIVING

The Offertory Prayer & Period of Giving ..... Pastor Simmons  
 The Pastoral Reflections..... Pastor Simmons

### HEARING FROM GOD

The Musical Selection.....Men of Praise Choir  
 The Spoken Word..... *“What Does It Mean to Know God?”*..... Pastor Simmons  
 The Call to Discipleship ..... Pastor Simmons  
 The Hymn of Invitation .....“*Where He Leads Me*”  
 The Call to Prayer.....Dr. Reginald A. Logan Jr.  
 The Hymn of Benediction .....“*He’s Sweet, I Know*”  
 The Benediction ..... Pastor Simmons

## HYMN OF INVITATION

### “Where He Leads Me”

#### Verse 1

*I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,  
 I can hear my Savior calling, “Take thy cross and follow, follow Me.”*

#### Verse 2

*I’ll go with Him through the garden, I’ll go with Him through the garden,  
 I’ll go with Him through the garden, I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.*

#### Verse 3

*I’ll go with Him through the judgment, I’ll go with Him through the judgment,  
 I’ll go with Him through the judgment, I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.*

#### Verse 4

*He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory,  
 He will give me grace and glory, And go with me, with me all the way.*

#### Chorus

*Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow,  
 Where He leads me I will follow, I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REMINDER!

**Don’t forget to sign the Attendance Card located on the clipboard on your pew.**

Your Agape Care family invites you to a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM at RFBC. *Life Blooms Eternally* is an event where we come together to memorialize and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed.

**Vacation Bible School 2026 will be June 29 – July 2, 2026. We need K5-12 teachers. We will have a VBS Workers meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM in Room #204. Thank you. Sis. Winnical Robinson.**

Prisma Mobile Health Center will be at RFBC Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Please sign-up at the Admin. Assistant’s Office prior to Thursday, April, 30, 2026 during the designated time.

**The Health and Wellness Ministry – To those 65 and older, you are selected to our chosen group for May. Please come play Health Bingo with us Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 2:00 PM in Room #205. Contact Sis. Yvonne Posley for more information.**

**Region #4 Announcements** - (This is a reminder) The "1000 Men for Education" initiative to raise funds for Morris College needs your support. We encourage both men and women to help us achieve our goal of raising \$10,000 for Region #4. Please make your donations online using the link provided (\$BaptistBrotherhood). Be sure to indicate that you are from Region #4 in the remarks, comments, or memo section.. The deadline for all donations to Morris College in Region #4 is May 3, 2026. Thank you, Region #4!

The **\*\*Region #4 Bible Bee\*\*** will be Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Seneca, SC. Registration is 8:00 AM 9:00 AM. Registration cost for the Regional Bible Bee is \$50.00 per church and \$5.00 per youth. Please support the Bible Bee. This event aims to encourage our youth to read and understand the Bible while also promoting Morris College and all it has to offer. Thank you, Dea. Anthony L. Tate.

**The Reedy River Baptist Association is pleased to announce the Unsung Hero Gala Friday, May 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Reedy Fork Baptist Church. The attire is formal. Join us for an elegant evening of celebration and appreciation as we recognize the Unsung Heroes within our churches and communities. Our Unsung Hero for 2026 is Min. Anna B. Cecil.**

You are cordially invited to the Golden Age Ministry’s Sneakers and Gown Gala, Friday, May 22, 2026 from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM at the Reedy Fork Baptist Church Family Life Center. Formal Attire please. Tickets \$25.00. Tickets available for purchase on the RFBC App and in the Administrative Assistant’s Office.

Favor Upstate – Family Recovery – Strengthening Communities. Thursdays 2:00 – 4:30 PM Family Coaching, 6:00 – 7 :00 PM Family Group. RSVP Anthony R. Wilson @ 864-625-8616.

**Voting is a patriotic duty of every American citizen. It gives people the power to decide and plays a vital role in a free and fair society. All the information needed before voting is available in one place. As an eligible voter in South Carolina, visit [MyscVOTES.com](https://www.myscvotes.com) to stay informed about the latest updates regarding the voting process and what you should do to register and participate in the upcoming elections successfully. Early voting in Greenville County begins Tuesday, May 26 – June 5, 2026. To request an absentee ballot by mail, contact the Greenville County Voter Registration Election Office at 864-467-7264. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7:00 PM on election day. More information is available at the Admin Assitance Office.**

If you or a member of your family are sick, in the hospital or has passed away, please notify the church ASAP. (864-243-3495 Ext. 0 – Admin Asst. or Ext. 1 – Pastor Simmons).

## RFBC WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 – MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026

TIME	MINISTRY	LOCATION
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>John/Valerie Harris</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
8:30 AM	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Worship	FLC.RFBC App, & Facebook Livestream
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>David/Ruth Lewers</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Administrative Building
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Janice Alford – Grief Counseling	Community Office
7:00 PM	RRBA Ushers Meeting	Martin Webb
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Monday – Friday	RFBC CCD After School Program	RFBC and RFBCCD
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Beattie/Rose Robinson</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Administrative Building
4:00 PM	RFCCD Afterschool Music Class	Class Room #205
4:00 PM	Celebration of Life Service	FLC
6:30 PM	Voices of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Room #205
6:30 PM	VBS Ministry Meeting	Room #204
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Thomas/Angela Simmons</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Administrative Building
10:05 AM	In-Person Bible Study	Choir Room #205
7:05 PM	In-Person Bible Study	Choir Room #205
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Wilhelmenia Hill</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Administrative Building
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	PRISMA Health Mobile Unit	RFBC
2:00 PM -7:00 PM	Favor Upstate - Family Recovery	Room #203
6:30 PM	Voice of Faith Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room #205
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> (OFFICE CLOSED)</b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Gail Cook</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Maurice/Rochelle Sullivan</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM	Dea. and Dea.s’ Wives Ministry	Room 202 & 203
<b>HOSPITAL/CONVALESCENT CENTER</b>		
SIS. MARY DENNIS SIS. MARY GARRETT SIS. WINNIE TUBBS	N.H.C. MAULDIN, 850 E. BUTLER RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29607 WINDSOR HOUSE, 1931 PELHAM RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29615 BROOKSTONE TERRACE CHANTICLEER, 355 BERKMAN LN GREENVILLE SC	

### PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT IN

Evelyn Burts Bobby Chapman Sarah Chapman Brittany Copeland Ray Dennis Jerry Earl Lonnie Epps Dorlee Evans	Mary Evans Barbara Harris Joe G. Hawthorne Tamica Hawthorne Clarence Henderson Joanette Henderson David Lewers Sr. Willie R. Lewers	Reginald Logan Jr Jennifer McKinney Mattie McKinney Aimee Nava Elizabeth Robertson Melvina Robertson Connie Robinson	Kenneth Robinson Michael Robinson Vanessa Robinson Ruby Rosemond Gail Samons Joyce Shockley Albert Sweeney Jessie Thomason
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## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The Lord is our Shephard.  
**Congregation:** We are Christ's sheep.  
**Leader:** The shepherd shelters us in green pastures.  
**Congregation:** In Christ we dwell secure.  
**Leader:** The Shepherd nourishes us and restores our souls.  
**All:** Christ is our shepherd and gate of the Most High.

## THE SCRIPTURE IN RESPONSE: PSALMS 46:1-11 (NIV)

**Leader:** <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
**Congregation:** <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
**Leader:** <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.  
**Congregation:** <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
**Leader:** <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.  
**Congregation:** <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
**Leader:** <sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
**Congregation:** <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
**Leader:** <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.  
**Congregation:** <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."  
**All:** <sup>11</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.



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**Service Times:**  
*9:35 AM In-Person Worship*



*Enter to Worship*

*Depart to Serve*

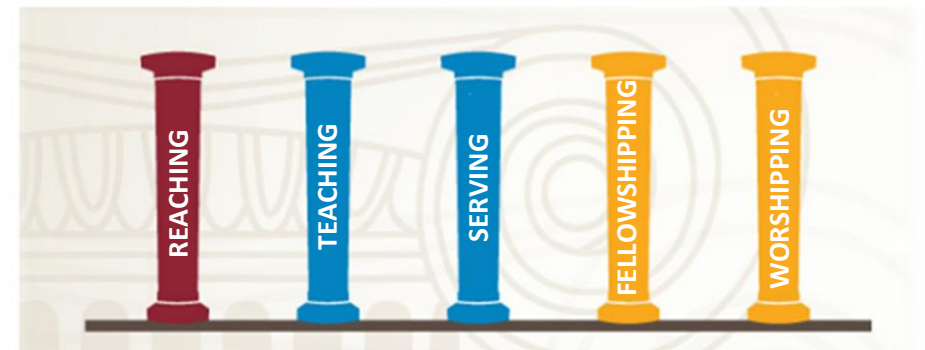
## Psalms 46:1-11 (NIV)

**"What Does It mean To Know God?"**

*vs. 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

## Our Mission

This church seeks to glorify God by **Reaching** people for Christ; providing **Teaching** opportunities for them to grow in Christ. **Ministering** to the needs of the congregation, community, and the world; devoted to enjoying **Fellowship** of one another, and continually **Worshipping** together.



## Our Vision

**"Reaching The Unchurched For Christ"**

**Come walk with us; we will do thee good!**