

# The Church Gathers for Worship

May 17, 2026 at 9:35 AM

## Order of Worship

The Prelude.....Musicians  
 The Prayer For Peace.....Dea. Eric Robinson  
 Dea. John Harris

### PRAISE & ADORATION:

The Call to Worship.....Min. Alfreda Bryant  
 The Invocation/Prayer of Confession.....Min. Alfreda Bryant  
 The Prayer Response.....“The Lord’s Prayer”  
 The Hymn of Praise.....“Oh, I Want To See Him”.....Choir/Congregation  
 The Scripture in Response.... *Psalms 27:1-14 (NIV)*.....Min. Alfreda Bryant  
 The Greetings.....Min. Alfreda Bryant  
 The Musical Selection.....Voices of Praise Choir

### THANKSGIVING

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

### HEARING FROM GOD

The Musical Selection.....Voice of Praise Choir  
 The Spoken Word....“My Light and My Salvation”.....Pastor Simmons  
 The Call to Discipleship.....Pastor Simmons  
 The Hymn of Invitation.....“I Need Thee Every Hour”  
 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

### “I Need Thee Every Hour”

#### Verse 1

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford*

#### Verse 2

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby; Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh. [Refrain]*

#### Verse 3

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain; Come quickly and abide, or life is vain. [Refrain].*

#### Verse 4

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, most Holy One; O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. [Refrain]*

#### Refrain

*I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REMINDER!

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

Vacation Bible School 2026 will be June 29 – July 2, 2026.

Congratulations to Dea. Anthony Tate. Dea. Tate was appointed Vice President At-Large of the SC Baptist Brotherhood at the BECM of South Carolina Annual Session. He is still looking for a replacement for Region 4 Vice-President. If you are capable and competent, please see Dea. Tate.

ATTENTION GRADUATES! In preparation to recognize our 2025 & 2026 high school and college graduates who graduated between July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, you are requested to complete and submit the graduate info sheet by June 7, 2026 to the administrative assistant or Dr. Matrissa Bennett at [matrissab@gmail.com](mailto:matrissab@gmail.com). The church will recognize/award those individuals who are members of RFBC and are regular attendees/participants who are: 1. High School Graduates, 2. First time college graduates with a bachelor's or associates degree, 3. Persons who have completed graduate degrees, 4. Persons who submit and complete the necessary forms by the deadline. Persons qualifying for Scholastic Achievement Graduate recognition will receive an invitation to participate in the AAA Ceremony on June 27, 2026.

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. Deadline for purchase is Monday, May 18, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

Congratulations, Region #4! I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions to the “1000 Men and Women for Education” initiative supporting our beloved Morris College. I am pleased to announce that Region #4 has contributed a total of \$4,374.50 to the “1000 Men and Women for Education” initiative. This generous contribution has earned Region #4 the honor of being recognized as the region with the highest total for the 2026 fiscal year. Bro Anthony Tate.

Health and Wellness Ministry and PRISMA Health – Stroke Awareness Event - Know the risks. Spot the signs. Act fast. Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability, but many strokes can be prevented through healthy lifestyle choices. And with early action, the impact of a stroke can be lessened. Join Prisma Health and RFBC for a special community event. Trusted medical professionals Dery Miller, MD and Sarina Brown, FNP will provide practical insight into stroke risk factors, warning signs and steps to protect yourself and loved ones. Join Us Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 10:00 AM for light refreshments and to learn more. To register or ask questions, contact RFBC at 864-243-3495.

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.

The Sligh Family sincerely thank you for your prayers, calls, visits, gifts, and loving support during the loss of our loved one, Gary. Your kindness will always be remembered.

To the Children's Ministry – Your kindness made all the difference...and your thoughtfulness touched my heart. Thank you, Vanessa Robinson.

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.

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: MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 – MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026

TIME	MINISTRY	LOCATION
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<i>Theasal/Ethel Perry</i>	267-807-9605, 769-622
8:30 AM	Sunday School	
9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Worship	FLC.RFBC App, & Facebook Livestream
<b>MONDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<i>Jeanett Chapman</i>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Janice Alford – Grief Counseling	Community Office
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Monday – Friday	RFBC CCD After School Program	RFBC and RFBCCD
6:00 PM	RRBA Ushers Meeting	Martin Webb
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<i>Maxie/Alice Burton</i>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	
4:00 PM	RFCCD Afterschool Music Class	Class Room #205
6:30 PM	Golden Age Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room #205
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<i>Lisa Jackson</i>	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
4:00 PM	Sunday School Teachers Meeting	Choir Room #205
7:05 PM	In-Person Bible Study	Choir Room #205
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<i>Thaya Posley</i>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Administrative Building
6:00 PM	Golden Age Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 PM -7:00 PM	Favor Upstate - Family Recovery	Room #203
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> (OFFICE CLOSED)</b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<i>Deborah Madden</i>	267-807-9605, 769-622
1:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Church Directory Photos	Library
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Sneakers and Gowns Gala	RFCCD
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<i>Simmons Sisters</i>	267-807-9605, 769-622
11:00 AM	Golden Age Ministry Meeting	Room 205
10:00 AM	Voices of Faith Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Church Directory Photos – Ministries	Library
<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

<i>Evelyn Burts</i>	<i>Mary Evans</i>	<i>Reginald Logan Jr</i>	<i>Kenneth Robinson</i>
<i>Bobby Chapman</i>	<i>Barbara Harris</i>	<i>Jennifer McKinney</i>	<i>Michael Robinson</i>
<i>Sarah Chapman</i>	<i>Joe G. Hawthorne</i>	<i>Mattie McKinney</i>	<i>Vanessa Robinson</i>
<i>Brittany Copeland</i>	<i>Tamica Hawthorne</i>	<i>Aimee Nava</i>	<i>Gail Samons</i>
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<i>Jerry Earl</i>	<i>Joanette Henderson</i>	<i>Melvina Robertson</i>	<i>Albert Sweeney</i>
<i>Lonnie Epps</i>	<i>David Lewers Sr.</i>	<i>Connie Robinson</i>	<i>Jessie Thomason</i>
<i>Dorlee Evans</i>	<i>Willie R. Lewers</i>		

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Through fire and testing,  
 Congregation: God brings us to a place of blessing and promise.

**Leader:** The Holy Spirit leads us onto the great path of love.  
 Congregation: Gather us in, O God.

**Leader:** Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.  
 Congregation: Bring us into the presence of the Holy One.

**Leader:** From suffering and pain, save us.  
 Congregation: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**Leader:** On the highways of ire, guides us.  
 Congregation: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

*All:* As we worship today lead us into your presence.

## THE SCRIPTURE IN RESPONSE:

### "PSALMS 27:1-14 (NIV)

**Leader:** **1 The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

Congregation: **2** When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

**Leader:** **3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.**

Congregation: **4** One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

**Leader:** **5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.**

Congregation: **6** Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**Leader:** **7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.**

Congregation: **8** My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

**Leader:** **9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.**

Congregation: **10** Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

**Leader:** **11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.**

Congregation: **12** Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

**Leader:** **13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

*All* **14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

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*9:35 AM In-Person Worship*



*Enter to Worship*

*Depart to Serve*

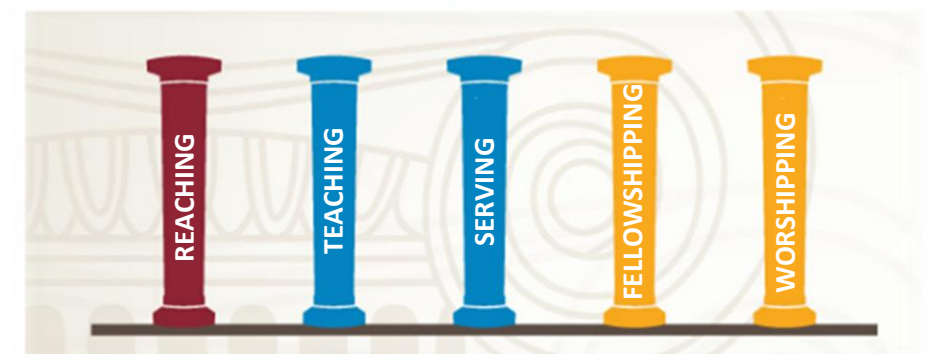
### Psalms 27:1-14 (NIV)

### "My Light and My Salvation"

*vs. 1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"*

### 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!