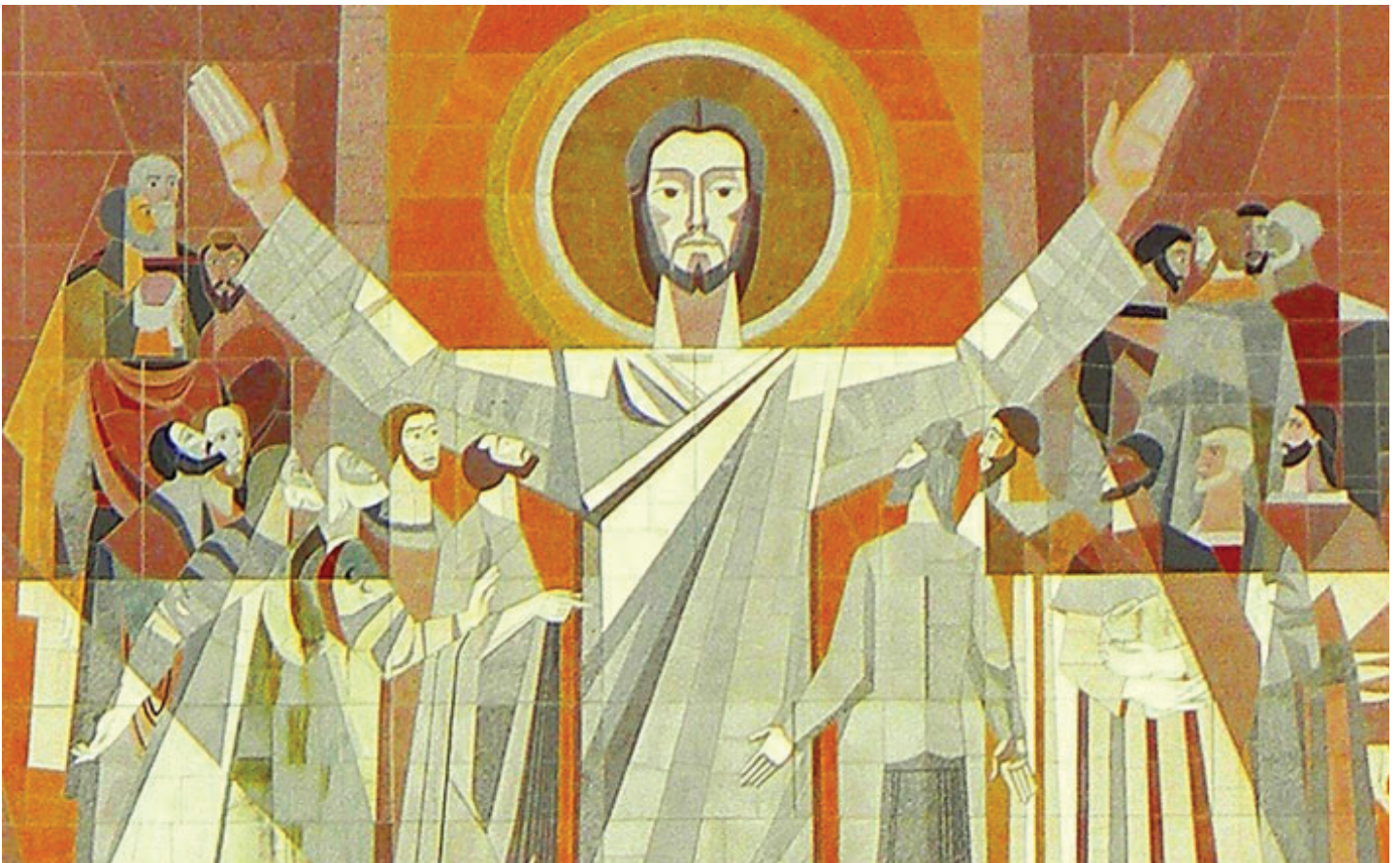


WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 21, 2023

8:45AM CHAPEL

11:00AM SANCTUARY

✠ Please rise in  
body or in spirit.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND INVITATION

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

(8:45)

*Siciliano*

J.S. Bach

(11:00)

*Sarabande from Cello Suite No.1*

J.S. Bach

ACOLYTE (11:00)

### INTROIT

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God, all kingdoms of the earth!  
Sing praises to our Lord.

**Sing to the one who rides through heaven,  
Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

Recognize how strong God is!  
His majesty extends over Israel;  
his strength is in the clouds.

**You are awesome, God, in your sanctuaries –  
the God of Israel who gives strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

(adapted from Psalm 68:32-25)

### ✠ HYMN 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God,  
out of love you sent Jesus to this world and became one of us.  
Christ taught us how to live with an unwavering faith.  
He led us in the way of truth that rests in You.  
Yet, too often we take your grace for granted.  
We distance ourselves from one another,  
pursuing division over beloved community.  
We progress, but with hardened hearts, concerned with our individual agendas.  
Softens our hearts and open our minds,  
that your will and truth will transform us once again.  
Fill us with grace and forgiveness,  
that we may become one, as you and Jesus Christ are one.  
Take our brokenness and make us whole.**

SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The waters of baptism comfort us in the truth that God's grace abounds!  
His everlasting love heals us and restores us.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

This morning  
we celebrate  
Baccalaureate  
Sunday and  
acknowledge  
the accom-  
plishments of  
our high school  
seniors. As we  
prepare to send  
them out into  
the next chapter  
of life, may we  
remember the  
vows that we've  
taken as a  
congregation at  
their baptisms to  
love and nurture  
them in the way  
of faith.

✠RESPONSE

HYMN 582, VERSE 1

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another as we share the love and peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*At the 11am service, children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship;  
those second grade and older will return to the pews.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

FIRST READING

1 Peter 5:6-11

SECOND READING

John 17:1-11

SERMON

*Represented by Christ*

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45)

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.**

The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.

## RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (11:00)

### A PRAYER FOR AND COMMISSIONING OF GRADUATES

Lord, we come in awe on this day of celebration of our children's magnificent achievement and with pride that we have been privileged to be participants in their dreams. As their dreams now take them to new places and happenings, take them ever more fully into your will that they may always find comfort and guidance in your presence.

**Lord, we thank you for our graduates and ask that you would continue to nurture their dreams. Help them to seek your will in all that they do, and give them the grace to hold fast to their faith through all the days ahead. Give them courage and strength to persevere. Amen.**

Now, on behalf of this congregation, we send you out as Christ's witnesses into the world. Go forth, knowing that you are missionaries to the world, representing God and this congregation wherever you go. Go with God's power and wisdom, God's discipline and love, God's grace and peace and abundant joy.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:45) *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood

(11:00) *See What Love* Felix Mendelssohn

#### ✠ DOXOLOGY

##### HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

#### ✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We don't just pray the Lord's Prayer for ourselves, we pray it on behalf of the world - those who don't have their daily bread and those who are burdened by debt. We are called to be God's answer to this prayer.

During the service today, we recognize our high school graduates. Please remember them in your prayers as they take this next step in life.

# BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 295

*Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 1

AR HYD Y NOS

*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

As our time of worship comes to an end, our life of worship and service begins; we depart to be the church in the world!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune*

Craig Phillips

*The Flowers in the Chapel*

*are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of  
Betsy Beach and Joe Ross.*

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Lucille Bergeret Bowling  
by her daughter, Julia Burnett.*

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Harrison Pack, Acolyte

(8:45) Olivia Marsh and (11:00) Charlie Millinor, Youth Readers

Holt Andrews

Marcia Andrews

(8:45) Genesis Choir and Janet Kuntz, flute

(11:00) Chancel Choir and John Kuntz, cello

*Front Cover: “Word of Life” mural by Millard Sheets,  
from Art in the Christian Tradition a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.*

*Large print hymnals are now available in the Tower Room and the Chapel.  
If needed, please ask an usher to locate one for you.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 21, 2023

## PASTORAL CONCERN?

If you need to contact a Minister for a Pastoral Concern, call 864-208-2142 day or night. The minister-on-call will answer your call as soon as possible.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Purnell Room on the second Sunday of the month - **June 11** - at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 864-208-2125 / [jhull@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jhull@fpcspartanburg.org).

## GYM HOURS

Mon-Thursdays: 7am-8pm  
Fridays: 7am-2pm  
Saturdays: 8am-12noon

## CHAPEL OPEN

The Chapel is open for Prayer Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. You may place any personal prayer needs in the Chapel prayer box and a member of our staff will pray over your requests.

## BLUE WORSHIP BAGS

are available in the Narthex and Tower Room (Traditional Worship) and in the back of Fogartie Hall (MorningSong) for your child to use during worship. After worship, please return the crayons and bags to the baskets. The activity sheet is for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

## TODAY - BACCALAUREATE RECOGNITION

This morning, we will have a special portion of the 11:00am Sanctuary worship service to recognize our seniors:

*Sallie Barre, Hugh Converse, Logan Donovan, Jr., Luke Fisher, Alex Googer, Michael Irwin, Mac Kimbrell, Sarah Kneisley, John Kuntz, Charlie Millinor, John Mullen, Anne Phillips, Katie Reynolds, Lizzie Rogers, Evan Roughton, Ebbe Stille, Rookhie Sullivan, Drew Summers, Thomas Van Vleet, Liza Webster, Elliott Wesson, and Josie Workman.*

A reception in the Chapel Courtyard area will immediately follow the service. We invite you to greet them and congratulate them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

## REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE - RESPOND BY MAY 22

On Sunday, May 28, the church will honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have passed on. We will print the information in the worship bulletin. Please contact Joanie Shackleton ([jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org)) **prior to May 22** with the <sup>(1)</sup>name of the person, <sup>(2)</sup>their rank, <sup>(3)</sup>branch of service, and <sup>(4)</sup>dates of service.

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28 - PENTECOST WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church and the power of the Holy Spirit with ONE Worship service at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. This service will be a time to open ourselves to God's creative new future. **Remember to wear red**, which symbolizes the work of the Holy Spirit.

## J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON - MAY 31

On Wednesday, May 31, all church members are invited to the JOY Fellowship Spring Lunch at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. The guest speaker is our very own Rev. Ansley B. Page. There is no charge for the luncheon, but reservations are needed for planning purposes - so don't delay, sign up today! Join us as we Radiate Joy! (*This event is planned by our Just Older Youth Fellowship Committee.*)



## FPC SPARTANBURG SERMONCAST

Missed last week's worship service? Want to revisit your favorite sermons while on the road, at work, or anywhere at all? Now you can! Our sermons are now available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, or wherever you find your podcasts!

## SUMMER STUDIES APLENTY!

### GODSPEED - BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 4

This summer, through our joint Adult Sunday School class and worship, we will slow down to explore the kind of life and relationships into which God invites us. Join us for this study entitled "Godspeed" written by Julie and Matt Canlis and featuring videos from N.T. Wright, Eugene Peterson, and others. Gather in Fogartie Hall at 10:00am each Sunday in June and July (not meeting July 2) as your pastors lead us in seeking to "slow down in order to catch up with God." Come as often as you are able!

### SUMMER C.S. LEWIS BOOK STUDY - STARTS JUNE 1

Interested in reading and discussing C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity with a group? Come join us on Thursday mornings from 10am-11am in the Arthur Center! We will start on June 1 and end on July 13. If you'd like to be added to the email list, please contact Leslie Lang: [llang@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:llang@fpcspartanburg.org).

### YOUNGER WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY

We will meet on three Monday evenings (June 5, 12, and 26) 6:00-7:30pm on Donna Pulliam's porch and discussing No Cure for Being Human by Kate Bowler. *If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Leslie Lang, Donna Pulliam, or Carter Smith.*

### SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton, Arthur Center, Wednesdays, June 21- July 26, 7:00 pm. A comprehensive and easy-to-read walk through the themes of Jesus's life and ministry. Each week we will open the Bible and talk through what it means for us today. Perfect time to connect with faith sisters and grow in faith! For the novice and the scripturally well-versed. Mark your calendars, order your book, and *RSVP to [apage@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:apage@fpcspartanburg.org)*.

### CALLING DADS AND MOMS FOR A BOOK DISCUSSION

Bags: Helping Your Kids Lighten the Load by Chris Sasser. Summer is a great time for reflection and for changing things up. Let's take the opportunity to join other parents to reflect on today's kid pressures of performance, comparison, and individuation. For the parents of older elementary - college age. *RSVP to [apage@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:apage@fpcspartanburg.org)* if you are curious or interested so we can find dates and times to suit.

### CALLING READERS AND THINKERS...

Join Ansley Page for a few summer evenings to discuss No Cure for Being Human (and other truths I need to hear) by Kate Bowler. This church history professor wrestles with cliché and truth as she reflects on the evolution of her faith after her stage 4 cancer diagnosis at 35. *RSVP to [apage@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:apage@fpcspartanburg.org)* if you are curious or interested so we can choose suitable dates.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

*Baccalaureate Sunday*

- 8:45am Traditional Worship  
(Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship  
(Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

*Day of Pentecost*

- 11:00am Worship  
(Sanctuary)

## LOOKING FORWARD

### MAY 29

*Memorial Day*

*(All Church Facilities Closed)*

### MAY 31

*J.O.Y. Spring Luncheon*

### JUNE 4

*Summer Sizzle: VBS Kickoff*

### JUNE 5-8

*Vacation Bible School*

### JUNE 24

*Family Day at Montreat*

### JUNE 25

*Blood Drive*

*Summer Sizzle: Sundaes and Undies*

### SUNDAYS IN JULY

*ONE Worship Service at 11:00am  
With a Special Music Focus Each Week*

### JULY 4

*Independence Day*

*(All Church Facilities Closed)*

### JULY 10-13

*Middle School Mission Week*

### JULY 15

*Family Day at Montreat*

### JULY 22-28

*Montreat Youth Conference*

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory.”*

- Theodor S. Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss)

### Ministers: All Members of the Church

*We are a community of believers committed to “Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”*

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**Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise**  
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Youth and Campus Ministries

**Rev. Ansley B. Page**  
Pastoral Associate for Engagement

**Holt Andrews**  
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**Marcia Andrews**  
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**Kara Clark**  
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