First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



January 11, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

8:30am Early

9:00am Contemporary

11:00am Traditional

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg – we are delighted that you are joining us for worship today! First Presbyterian is a community of believers in the heart of Spartanburg seeking to know and share the transformative love of Jesus Christ with others. Here you will encounter people who come from all walks of life representing diverse beliefs and faith experiences. What binds us together is our common hope in Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship, and mission we seek to root our lives in scripture, nurture our unity in Christ, and serve our neighbors in faith! No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome here.

Peace,

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship or fill out the friendship register. We would love to get to know you better!

Pastoral Concern? Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor before or after worship. If you need to contact a Minister, call 864-208-2142 day or night.

Children of All Ages Are Welcome in Worship!

Activity Bags located in the welcoming areas of each worship venue are available 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.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3 in the Clark Building in Room 105.

After *The Word for Children* in the 11:00am Traditional Service, children 3K-1st grade may attend Children's Worship with Ms. Kara. After the service, families are asked to pick their children up from Room 202 of the Clark Building.

To Aid in Worship Advanced listening technology, large-print hymnals, and large-print bulletins are available upon request for the Chapel and Sanctuary. Please locate an usher for assistance.

Worship Online Livestreaming of the Contemporary and Traditional Worship Services is available at fpcspartanburg.org/worship. Additionally, sermons are on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, or wherever you find your podcasts!

Ways to Give There are many ways you can support the missions and ministries of First Presbyterian. During worship, place your gift in the Offering Plate or scan one of these QR Codes (you may give via **ShelbyNext** or via **Venmo**). Additionally, you may mail a check to the church office (address on back of bulletin). Thank you. *Questions? Contact Church Financial Officer Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.*

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Venmo

Early Worship
8:30am
Chapel

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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

Opening Voluntary — *Psalm 18* — Benedetto Marcello

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

God takes a stand in the midst of the people.
Calling for justice for the weak and the poor.
The foundations of the earth tremble.
Yet God's mercy endures forever.
Come, let us worship the Lord.
Let us worship the God whose mercy endures forever.

✞Hymn 550 — *Give Praise to the Lord* — Laudate Dominum

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
you show us what it means to love our neighbor,
yet too often we pass by on the other side.
We see suffering and keep our distance.
We choose safety over compassion and convenience over mercy.
Forgive us for the love we withhold.
Turn us again toward the road where grace is needed,
and teach us to love with courage.

Silent Confession

In the prayer of confession we pause to tell the truth about ourselves and our world. It's not always an easy practice, but we trust that it is grace that calls us to confession and grace that sets us free. The honest speech of confession makes newness possible.

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

✞Response: Hymn 447 — We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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✞Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Life of the Church

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Luke 10:25–37

Sermon ***Mighty Waters**: Love Kindness* Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from "A Declaration of Faith," which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation is intentionally written in a form to be easily used to worship.

✙Affirmation of Faith
from A Declaration of Faith

In his concern for justice in the social order
God has never forgotten the needs of individuals.
In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts
of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers.
We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.
We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving,
for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Set Me as a Seal* K. Lee Scott

✙Doxology: Hymn 606 Old Hundredth
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✙Hymn 693 *Though I May Speak* Gift of Love

✙Charge and Benediction

✙Benediction Response
Hymn 175, verse 1 Lafferty
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary *Voluntary in A Major* William Selby

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Instrumental Prayer		*Living Water*
Welcome		Rev. L. Craig Foster
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Evidence*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Ansley B. Page
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Living Water*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Anthem		*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)*
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 82	Piper Catolico
Second Scripture Reading	Luke 10:25–37	
Sermon	***Mighty Waters:** Love Kindness*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
✞Affirmation of Faith from A Declaration of Faith		
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*How Can I Keep From Singing*
✞Benediction		

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Sanctuary

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Acolyte — Dorothy Hoy

Introit — *As Morning Dawns* — Wareham

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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

In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful — In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

First Scripture Reading — Psalm 82 — Millie Halliday

Second Scripture Reading — Luke 10:25–37

Sermon — ***Mighty Waters:** Love Kindness* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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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.

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✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 693 *Though I May Speak* Gift of Love

The charge sends us into the world to live God's will as we have encountered it in worship. The benediction - literally "a good word" - is God's blessing spoken over us as we go.

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The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Oren Judy
by Linda Martin, Randy Judy, John Judy, and Joan Gibson.

Life of the Church

Sunday, January 11, 2026

January Sermon Series

In a world marked by deep injustice, division, and suffering, the call of God still echoes through the voices of the prophets: Let justice roll down like mighty waters. This three-week series, ***Mighty Waters: God's Call For Justice, Mercy, and Humble Discipleship***, invites us to confront the brokenness around us - not with despair, but with a faith that does justice, loves mercy, and walks humbly with God. Rooted in Scripture and grounded in hope, we'll explore what it means to embody God's vision of justice in our time and in our lives.

Today: Meet & Greet Merianna

All youth and parents are invited to a meet-and-greet with Rev. Merianna Harrelson, our new **Director of Youth and Family Ministry**, **today, January 11**, 6:00-7:00pm, in the Family Life Center. Merianna will briefly greet parents and youth in Fogartie Hall, then students will head to the gym for games while parents remain in Fogartie for questions, conversation, and fellowship. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Carrie Coleman (ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org).

Today: Ready to Join FPC?

Come to the Parlor today at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Can't join today, but interested in joining? Contact Cathy Bagwell (cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org) for details.

Today: Discover FPC

Learn more about First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg at the **Discover FPC Class** on Sundays - **January 11, 18, and February 1**. The class will meet at 10:00am in the Large Private Dining Room. Learn more at fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc. Questions? Contact Cathy Bagwell (cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org).

Wednesdays at First- Jan 14

5:00pm	Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
5:00pm	Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
6:15pm	Recreation for Children (Gym)
6:30pm	Spartanburg NOW (Social Hall)
6:30pm	Youth Fellowship
7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code.

January 14 Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Carrot Souffle, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert, and Beverage. Children can eat from the adult menu or have Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Dessert, and Beverage.

Spartanburg NOW this Week

This Wednesday, our guest speaker for Spartanburg NOW will be David Summers. In July of 2025, David Summers was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Northside Development Group. You can come for dinner (please make reservations using the QR Code above) and stay to hear Mr. Summers, or join your church family in the Social Hall at 6:30pm to hear an update on the Northside journey.

100th Anniversary Celebration

On **Sunday, January 25**, we will celebrate 100 years of First Presbyterian Church's location at 393 East Main Street - a century of faith, community, and God's steadfast presence - with two worship services, at **9:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary**. Between services, enjoy refreshments, warm fellowship, and shared memories at **10:00am in Fogartie Hall**. Mark your calendars now to celebrate this milestone!

JOY Fellowship Trip - January 22

The Just Older Youth Fellowship Committee has planned an outing to the Model Trains Station in Taylors on Thurs, January 22. Admission is $8 per person. Sign up with the QR Code. Be sure to bring money for lunch, too! Deadline to RSVP is Friday, January 16.

MLK Unity Week

Walk As One: Saturday, January 17

The annual Walk As One will begin at 9:00am at the Robert Hett Chapman III Center for Philanthropy (431 E Kennedy St). Refreshments, activities, and more will follow after the walk.

Community Celebration: Sunday, January 18

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration will take place at 3:00pm at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium.

MLK Day of Service: Monday, January 19

There are multiple volunteer opportunities around Spartanburg. Visit the United Way of Piedmont website to pick your MLK Day of Service project.

Pastoral Counselor

We are pleased to announce that **Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson** has joined our staff in a part-time capacity as a Pastoral Counselor. She has begun seeing clients on by appointment only. Please email Heidi at hcrobinson@fpcspartanburg to set up an appointment.

Photos on Church Grounds?

Our beautiful campus is a great place to capture Christmas cards, weddings, proms, and other special moments. Before you do, please review our photo guidelines located on the church website (campus/policies) and contact Cathy Rush (crush@fpcspartanburg.org) to let us know you're planning to be on campus with your photographer. This helps ensure there will be no conflicts with worship services or other events.

Tickled Pink 2026

Tickled Pink Women's Bible Study kicks off 2026 on **Tuesday, January 20**, at 9:15am in Fogartie Hall. The evening group will meet at 5:30pm in Room 207 in the Family Life Center, 2nd Floor. Our new study, ***Seeing Jesus Here and Now***, will turn the prism of Luke's Gospel to see Jesus – really see him – in miracles, parables, conversations, and encounters. Then together we will look for Jesus close at hand in our here and now. All women are invited to be a part of our study and fellowship. Come for the Bible study. Come for the fun and friendship. Just come! Bring a friend too! Questions? Email Ansley Page (apage@fpcspartanburg.org).

Bring Your Keycards!

We encourage all members to bring their keycards to church. These not only serve as access to the building but also demonstrate our commitment to Christian hospitality (learning each other's names!).

Donations Needed

The Neighborhood Meal Ministry needs outdoor blankets, sleeping bags, and heavy winter coats (in larger sizes). Donations can be dropped off at the Arthur Center or the Family Life Center desk.

Chapel Open

The Chapel is open for prayer Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. You may place prayer needs in the designated box, and our staff will pray over your requests. Additionally, please visit with a pastor before or after worship to let us know of any prayer concerns. If you need to contact a minister, call 864-208-2142 day or night.

Gym Hours

Our gym is open Monday-Thursday from 7:00am-8:00pm; Friday from 7:00am-2:00pm; and Saturday from 8:00am-12noon. If you plan to access the fitness area/walking track, please bring your keycard.

Sunday School
10:00am

Children and Youth

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)
Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)
1st & 2nd Grade - Room C202
3rd & 4th Grade - Room C203
5th Grade - Room C206
Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

Adult Sunday School

Bible Alive – Room 2215 & Zoom
An extensive book-by-book study of the Bible

Emmaus – Purnell Room
A journey with eyes open towards Jesus, with fellowship and a fresh new scripture-based lesson each week.

Faith Forum - Social Hall
All ages are welcome to the Faith Forum!
January: Our Associate Pastors will build on the ***Mighty Waters*** sermon series.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship
Holt Andrews
Marcia Andrews

Contemporary Worship
Kolby Carrouth, drums
Alexa Cotran, vocals
Landon Hammett, vocals
Anna Harkey, violin
Leigha Keller, piano/vocals
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals
Jeff Key, electric guitar
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship
Holt Andrews
Marcia Andrews
Chancel Choir

Front Cover: "Good Samaritan" by Paula Modersohn-Becker

Offertory

Set Me as a Seal
René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon thy heart,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

Calendar

January 11
Discover FPC Class Meets
New Member Joining
Meet Merianna Harrelson

January 14
Wednesdays at First

January 17
MLK Walk as one

Looking Ahead

January 18
MLK Community Celebration

January 19
All Church Facilities Closed
MLK Day of Service

January 25
Celebration of 100 Years at 393 East Main!
Worship at 9:00am and 11:00am
in the Sanctuary

February 11
Annual Meeting

February 15
Youth Sunday

February 17
Presbytery Meeting

February 18
Ash Wednesday

February 21
High School Ski Trip to Beech Mountain

Keep up with all Life of the Church events at fpcspartanburg.org.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"One cannot define one's neighbor; one can only be a neighbor."

- Franz Leenhardt

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

Rev. Leslie L. Denny
Associate Pastor
Young Adults and Missions

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Pastoral Associate
Engagement

Holt Andrews
Pastoral Musician

Marcia Andrews
Associate Director of Music;
Organist

Kara Clark
Director of Children's Ministries

Rev. Merianna N. Harrelson
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Carrie Coleman
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson
Pastoral Counselor

Jane Mullins
Director of Hospitality

Pano Stathakis
Kitchen Assistant

Kris Graham
Director of the Weekday School

Lisa Cunningham
Contemporary Worship Music Leader

Lee Raines
Facilities Administrator

Jim Pitts
Campus Safety and Services Manager

Lynise Clarke
Director of Finance

Joanie Shackleton
Assistant Director of Finance
and Mission Support

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor

Cathy Bagwell
Visitor and New Member Coordinator

Ian Ritchings
Communications Coordinator

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Weekday School, Children's and
Adult Discipleship

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and
Admin to Music

Kerri Bell
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Andy Mayfield
Grounds Manager

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