# First Presbyterian Church

## Spartanburg, SC



## May 31, 2026

### Service for the Lord's Day
### Trinity Sunday

Summer Worship

10:00am | Sanctuary

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## Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Invitation** — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

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

**Introit** — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* — Cindy Berry

**✞Call to Worship** — Rev. Leslie L. Denny

From Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
**let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
**and extol him with music and song.**
Come, let us bow down in worship,
**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**
for God is our God
**and we are the people of God's pasture, the flock under his care.**

The Psalms are written for use in worship and, used as a call to worship, remind us that we are brought together as a congregation on Sunday morning for an encounter with our God, the living God of every time and every place.

**✞Hymn 1** — *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* — Nicaea

**Prayer of Confession** — Rev. Ansley B. Page

From Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**
**according to your steadfast love remember me,**
**for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**
Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
**For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**
**Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.**
**Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.**
**Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**

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

**✞Response: Hymn 581** — Gloria Patri

*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.*

**✞Passing of the Peace**

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

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Life of the Church — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

# Proclaiming the Word

## The Word for Children

*Children ages three years to fourth grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship.*

Anthem — *Amazing Grace* — Becky Slagle Mayo

First Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Second Reading — Psalm 13

Sermon — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

*When You Are Tired of Waiting*

Anthem — *Carry Me* — Kyle Hill

We are delighted to welcome the Doxology Youth Choir from Peachtree United Methodist Church in Atlanta to our worship service today. This 33 voice choir is made up of 6th-12th graders and sings periodically in worship and around the Atlanta area. Each year Doxology takes a one week tour in the Southeast...we are their first stop in 2026! The choir is directed by Kathy Fletcher, who is the mother of FPC member Kristen Gill.

# Responding to the Word

## ✠Affirmation of Faith

### 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.**

## 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 — *Jericho* — Mark Hayes

## ✠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

## Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 686 *God of Our Life* Sandon

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

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response: Hymn 748 Tallis' Canon

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,*
*that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

Closing Voluntary *Psalm XIX* Benedetto Marcello

*<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>*
*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*
***Lucille Bergeret Bowling***
*by her daughter, Julia Burnett.*

*<u>The Flowers in the Tower Room</u>*
*are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of*
***Janet Robin Burtnett and Lewis Craig Foster.***

**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!**

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

After *The Word for Children* in the 10:00am Summer Worship Service, children 3K-4th 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.

**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.*

ShelbyNext (No log in required) Venmo

# Life of the Church

Sunday, May 31, 2026

## Summer Sermon Series: Selah

Today, we start our summer sermon series, "Selah." Throughout the Psalms appears the mysterious word "Selah." The word is most likely a musical or liturgical cue inviting listeners to pause, reflect, and take in what has just been heard. In many ways, that is exactly what the Psalms themselves invite us to do. They are the Bible's soundtrack for the soul, giving voice to joy and grief, gratitude and anger, hope and praise. Like the songs we return to in different seasons of life, the Psalms help us express emotions that can otherwise be hard to put into words. We invite you to join us this summer as we slow down and listen to these ancient songs of faith, discovering together how they continue to speak honestly and beautifully to every season of our lives.

## Celebrate with us Today!

Join us **after worship today near the playground** for Lemonade on the Lawn as we gather outside for cake, lemonade, and fellowship to celebrate the start of summer together. During this time, we will also honor and thank the many volunteers who serve First Presbyterian in faithful ways throughout the year. We will also kick off Vacation Bible School, which begins Monday, June 1; families participating in VBS are invited to pick up their shirts during the event and get ready for a wonderful week of faith, fun, and discovery.

## Summer Psalm Playlist

**Everyone is invited to add to our Summer Psalm Playlist located in the Tower Room.** Fill out a provided card with your favorite psalm and share why it is a favorite, when you came to love it, or a favorite setting of it, e.g. in a song or poem or book or piece of art. The cards will be pinned on the board so others can enjoy it too. For those unable to get to church, send Ansley an email and we'll fill out a card for you (apage@fpcspartanburg.org). We can't wait to see how the psalms bless your lives and how we can bless each other!

## Invitation to Wear a Name Tag

This summer as we gather for one worship service each week, you will be offered a name tag. Knowing each other is key to strengthening our faith community. A name tag is an invitation to belonging. Because church is more than a building. It is a community of belonging that we create together: one name, one friend, one grace-filled moment at a time. Thanks for helping us share and show the love of Jesus in this place!

## JOY Fellowship Patriotic Party

Celebrate summer with JOY Fellowship—Just Older Youth, our 55+ ministry—at a special Patriotic Program and Ice Cream Social on **Monday, June 8 from 2:00-4:00pm in Fogartie Hall.** Enjoy an afternoon of inspiring patriotic favorites, delicious ice cream, and fellowship as we gather to celebrate faith, freedom, and community. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

## Young Adult Pickleball & Pizza

Young adults are invited to join us for a relaxed evening of pickleball, pizza, and fellowship on **Tuesday, June 9 from 5:30-7:30pm!** We will meet in the FLC Gym for pickleball and then head across the street to Venus Pie for dinner. Whether you are a seasoned player or brand new to the game, this will be a fun opportunity to connect, enjoy friendly competition, and spend time together in community. No sign up required!

## Montreat Women's Connection

**Sign up now!** We only have ***2 spots*** available for the Women's Connection Conference at Montreat on **August 14–16, 2026**! Gather with women from across the region to worship, reflect, and renew your hope in God's faithful presence, with keynote speaker Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

## Join a Summer Book Study

### Summer Rohr Book Club

*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr
Led by Juli Robertson, Merrit Ray, & Ansley Page
Tuesdays, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28
5:30-6:30pm | Arthur Center

This four-session book study will explore the first half of life as a time of discovering who we are and the second half as a deeper journey of authentic expression, gratitude, and spiritual growth. To register, email Ansley Page at apage@fpcspartanburg.org

### Leslie's Summer Book Group

*An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*
by Barbara Brown Taylor
Led by Leslie Denny
Thursdays, June 11-July 23
9:30-10:30am | Arthur Center

The summer book group returns for a thoughtful conversation about discovering the sacred in the ordinary rhythms of daily life. To register, email Leslie Denny at ldenny@fpcspartanburg.org

### Summer Women's Study

*The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World*
by Adam Hamilton
Led by Ansley Page
Wednesdays, June 17-July 29
5:30-6:30pm | Purnell Room

Come explore the life-changing message of Jesus through Scripture, reflection, and conversation. Bring a friend! To register, email Ansley Page at apage@fpcspartanburg.org

## T.O.T.A.L. Ministries Food Drive

**Next Sunday, June 7**, we will be collecting food pantry donations for TOTAL Ministries, a local mission partner serving neighbors in Spartanburg County. These donations help provide food and care for families and individuals facing hardship in our community. This is a simple and meaningful way to support our neighbors and share Christ's love through practical care.

## Summer Youth Gatherings

All Youth (rising 6th-12th graders) are invited to join us this summer for three exciting outings together: **the Spartanburgers Game on Thursday, June 11, Zen Tubing on Thursday, June 18, and our Carowinds Day Trip on Thursday, June 25.** These summer gatherings are great opportunities to build friendships, make memories, and enjoy time together outside the church walls. **Scan the QR code to register for all events by May 31.** Check out the Summer Guide for more information about all Youth opportunities available this summer.

## Summer Adventure Series

This summer, we're inviting our church family to step outside, slow down, and experience God's creation together. "Get Outside" is a series of simple, joy-filled outdoor gatherings designed for fellowship, breathing in some fresh air, and a little adventure along the way. Come as you are and bring a friend to enjoy hiking, tubing, and kayaking! Registration is open! Check out the Summer Guide for more information or scan the QR code.

## Participating in Worship

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care

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

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Pastoral Associate
Engagement

## Summer Sunday School | 9:00am

(No Sunday School on July 5)

### Combined Adult Sunday School

**Psalms and the Art of Faith - Purnell Room**

The Bible describes God as Creator, and those created in God's image carry God's creative spark within them. Throughout Scripture and history, storytellers, poets, musicians, and artists have used their gifts to reflect the beauty of creation, the depth of human experience, and truths that words alone cannot always express. This summer, as we explore the Psalms in worship, artists in our congregation will share their work, creative process, and reflections on the role of God and faith in what they create.

**Next Sunday's Topic (6/7):**
The Artistry of the Psalms led by Craig Foster

### Children's Sunday School

**Summer "PRAYground" - Playground**

All children (4-year-olds to rising 5th graders) are invited to enjoy a relaxed Sunday morning time for prayer and play with friends on the playground.

*During Children's Worship*, children (3-year olds to rising 5th graders) will spend more dedicated time in God's Word through age-appropriate lessons, activities, and conversation.

### Youth Sunday School

**Summer Study - Youth Room**

Youth will study the epistles written by Paul with Rev. Sam Harrelson, Rev. Merianna Harrelson, and Mason Thomas! We will explore the questions, "What does it mean to walk with God?" and "How is our faith reflected in everyday life?"

## Today's Musicians

**Special Guest**

Doxology Youth Choir
Peachtree United Methodist Church
*Kathy Fletcher, director*

**Summer Worship**

Marcia Andrews

*Front Cover:*
***"Moonlight Marine"***
***by Albert Pinkham Ryder***

## Calendar

**May 31**
5th Grade Call Up

**June 1-4**
Vacation Bible School

**June 8**
JOY Fellowship Patriotic Party

**June 9**
Young Adult Pickleball & Pizza

**June 13/July 18**
Montreat Play Dates

**June 15-18**
C.A.S.T. Camp

## Looking Ahead

**June 28**
Lemonade on the Lawn

**July 8**
Spartanburgers' Baseball Night

**July 15**
Mid-Summer Dinner & Trivia

**July 20-24**
C.A.S.T. Camp

**July 22**
Progressive Just Dinner

**July 26-August 1**
Montreat Youth Conference

**July 26**
Lemonade on the Lawn

**August 4**
Tickled Pink Pop-Up Party

**August 14-16**
Montreat Women's Connection

**August 30**
Rally Day

**November 13-15**
Congregational Retreat

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

# To Ponder Prayerfully

*"My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.*
*I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.*
*Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.*
*It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.*
*What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!*
*All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?"*

- Robert Lowry, 1869

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