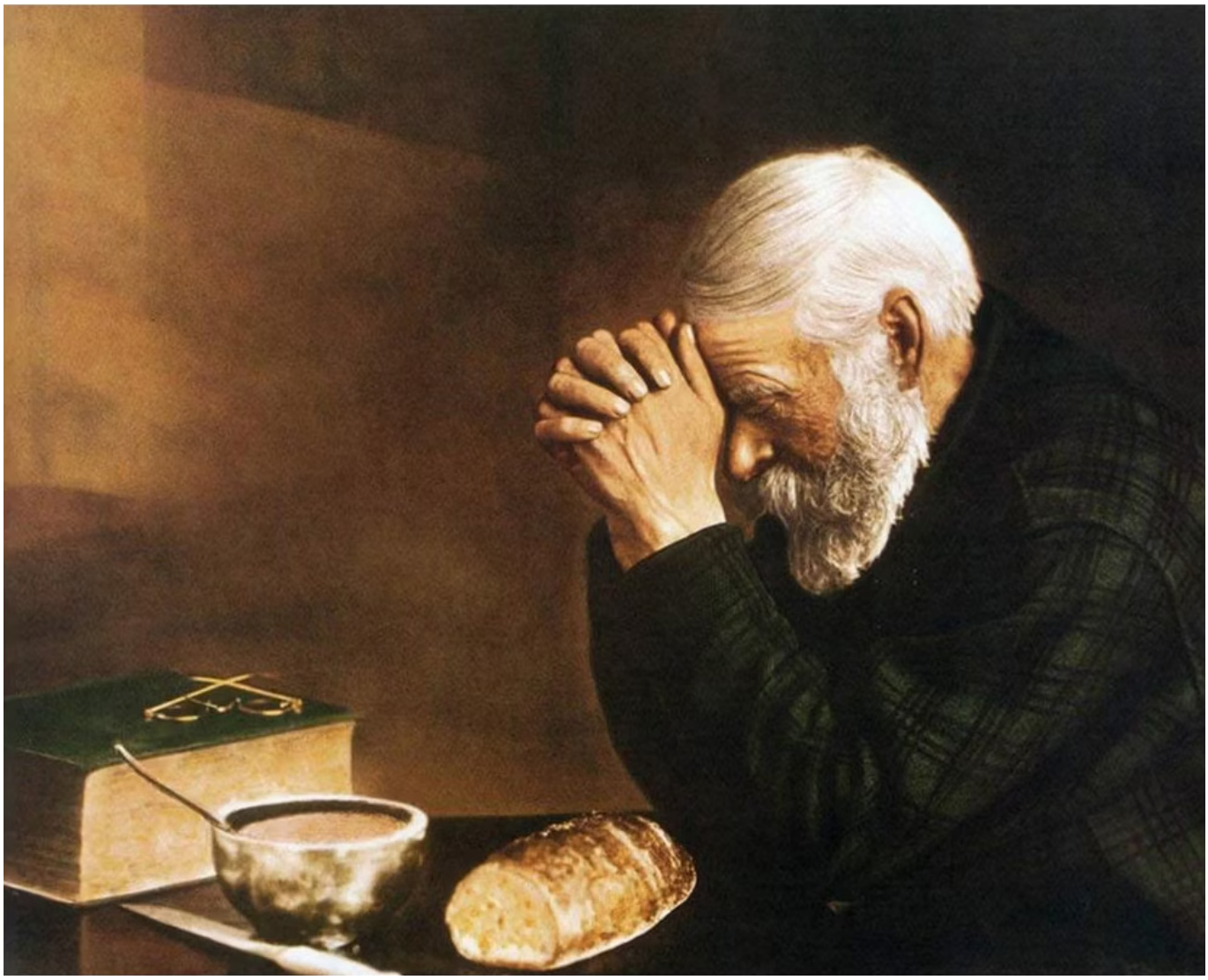
First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



June 14, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship

10:00am | Sanctuary

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. L. Craig Foster

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

Opening Voluntary — *O God Beyond All Praising* — Gustav Holst

Introit — *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God* — woza nomthwalo wahko

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

From Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.
Let us worship God!

✞Hymn 39 — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Leslie L. Denny

Holy and gracious God, you bless us so richly and supply our needs,
and yet we too often focus on what we do not have.
Though you have always been with us and have provided for us,
we fear that we will not have what we need for the future.
You call us to generosity and care for neighbor,
but we too often hoard what you have given us to share.
Forgive our ingratitude and open our eyes to your presence and your care,
that we might trust in your steadfast love once again,
and live the kinds of lives you call your disciples to live.

Silent Confession

Many of us learned this hymn as a child. These simple words powerfully convey the deep reality of God's goodness in forgiveness and care in language that everyone, young and old, can understand.

Assurance of Pardon

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

✞Response: Hymn 658 — God is so good

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.

✞Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Church — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

Sacrament of Baptism — *Jane Moyer Ruffin*, *John Dalton Ruffin*, *Children of Claudia and Stuart Ruffin* — David Beacham, Elder; Bridge Strauss, Reader

Response — *Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.* — Jesus Loves Me

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

First Reading — Exodus 16:13-21, 31, 35

Second Reading — Psalm 136

See Hymn #75 and please join in the refrain.

Psalm 136 is unique in the psalter with its refrain of "for his steadfast love endures forever" at the end of each of its 26 verses. It was likely a responsive litany, and we will sing it responsively using Marty Haugen's metrical paraphrase of the psalm.

Sermon — *Selah* — Rev. L. Craig Foster

When You Feel Grateful

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 *The First Song of Isaiah* Jack Noble White

✠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.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* nun danket alle gott

The first two stanzas of this hymn originated as a German family table blessing during the 17th century Thirty Years War.

Congregational Meeting

✠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 *Hymn to Joy* Ludwig van Beethoven

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
John Arthur Reagan, III and David Edward Tate
by their families.

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.

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.

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, June 14, 2026

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.

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 them too. For those unable to get to church, send Ansley an email and we'll fill out a card for you (apage@fpcspartanburg.org). Can't wait to see how the psalms bless your lives and how we can bless each other!

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 Us Today!

+ Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for this morning, June 14, immediately following the 10:00am worship service**, for the purpose of requesting Foothills Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg, and Rev. L. Craig Foster, Associate Pastor, effective June 14, 2026, and to approve the Session's recommendation that Rev. L. Craig Foster receive continued compensation, including salary, housing allowance, and applicable benefits, for six months following the effective dissolution of his pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg, with final terms to be completed in consultation with Foothills Presbytery.

+ Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. Craig Foster

Following the 10:00am Worship Service and Congregational Meeting today, June 14, join your church family in the Social Hall as we celebrate Craig's 17 years of faithful ministry at First Presbyterian and say a heartfelt goodbye to Craig and Janet. We will give thanks for the many ways Craig has served, led, and blessed this congregation, and offer our prayers and well wishes as they begin this next chapter.

GAPS Monthly Meeting

First Presbyterian is glad to host the Greenville Area Parkinson Society's Monthly Spartanburg gathering on **Tuesday, June 16, from 4:30–6:00pm in the Arthur Center.** This monthly meeting is a hybrid of GAPS support groups, coffee talks, and socials, offering time for connection as well as helpful information from experts. This month's speaker will be Nicole Cool with the MUSC Parkinson's Center of Excellence. All are invited! Please RSVP using the QR code.

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. Come as you are and bring a friend to enjoy hiking, tubing, and kayaking! Check out the Summer Guide for more information or scan the QR code.

+ Blue Wall Passage Hike

The series kicks off with our first hike on **Saturday, June 20**! This hike is appropriate for beginner to intermediate skill levels with a wide walking path. We will meet up at 9:30am at the Blue Wall Entrance. There is no cost, and families are welcome! Sign up with the QR code!

Spartanburgers Game Night

Everyone is invited to join us on **Wednesday, July 8 at Fifth Third Park** for an evening of baseball, fellowship, and summer fun at the ballpark. This event was rescheduled due to weather last month. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy time together, cheer on the Spartanburgers, and connect with friends across the congregation. **Please purchase tickets by June 24** by scanning the QR code.

Youth Summer Small Groups

All youth are welcome to join small groups this summer! Small groups offer the opportunity to deepen connections with grade-level peers through Bible study and fellowship. Sign up using the QR code.

Order Your Kirkin' Banner

Now is the time to order your family's tartan for our **Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on October 25!** The cost of purchasing and sewing your tartan is $150. The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland, so we need your payment **no later than Friday, July 24.**

Offertory

Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my
sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with
rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say:
Give thanks to the Lord,
and call upon his name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done
great things, and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
Ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the
Holy One of Israel.

Participating in Worship

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care

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

Summer Sunday School | 9:00am

(No Sunday School on July 5)

Combined Adult Sunday School

Psalms and the Art of Faith - Purnell Room

Next Sunday's Topic (6/21):
Metals led by Allyson McPhaul

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.

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

Summer Worship

Holt Andrews
Tweetie Bowman
Lisa Cunningham
Erica Pauley, *guest organist*
Reel Robertson
Jared Rosen, *cantor*
Summer Choir

Front Cover:
"Grace" by Eric Enstrom

Calendar

June 14
Congregational Meeting
Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. Craig Foster

June 15-18/July 20-24
C.A.S.T. Camp

June 19
Juneteenth: Church Facilities Closed

June 20
Take a Hike! (Blue Wall Passage)

Looking Ahead

June 27
Half-Day Kayak Experience

June 28/July 26
Lemonade on the Lawn

July 8
Spartanburgers Baseball Night

July 11
Adventure Tubing Trip

July 13-16
Middle School Mission Trip

July 15
Mid-Summer Dinner & Trivia

July 18
Montreat Play Date

July 22
Progressive Just Dinner

July 23
Youth Thornwell Mission Day

July 25
Take a Hike!

July 26-August 1
Montreat Youth Conference

August 4
Tickled Pink Pop-Up Party

August 14-16
Montreat Women's Connection

August 23-30
A Way Home

November 13-15
Congregational Retreat

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

- Meister Eckhart

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