First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



June 7, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship

10:00am | Sanctuary

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Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary *Psalm 148* arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Invitation Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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

Introit *Jubilate Deo* W. A. Mozart

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.

✙Call to Worship Rev. L. Craig Foster
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.

✙Hymn 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymn to Joy

Prayer of Confession Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Holy and gracious God, you created us for joy and praise,
yet so often we move through life distracted or afraid.
We confess that we are quick to dwell on what is broken
and slow to notice the gifts that surround us each day.
We withhold gratitude, resist delight, and silence the songs you place within us.
Forgive us, O God. Tune our hearts again to your goodness and grace.
Teach us to rejoice not only when life is easy,
but to trust that your Spirit is still at work within and around us.
Fill us with joy that overflows in praise,
so that our lives might bear witness to your love in the world.

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.

✙ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✞Passing of the Peace

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

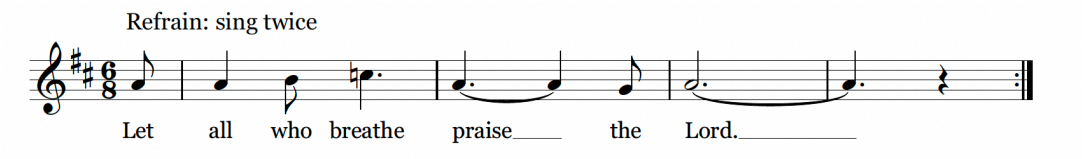
Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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

Prayer for Illumination *Psalm 150* David Goodrich



Scripture Reading Psalm 150

Sermon *Selah* Rev. Alan F. Dyer

When Joy Overflows

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Ascribe to the Lord* Rosephanye Powell

✞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!

Communion *All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*

The Lord's Supper remembers Christ's death and resurrection while also pointing us toward the promised future feast when Christ gathers all creation at his table. In this sacrament, we taste a small glimpse of what is yet to come.

Invitation Rev. Leslie L. Denny

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Words of Institution

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music *Brother James' Air* arr. Mack Wilberg

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* wer nur den lieben gott

✞Charge and Benediction

What are you taking from worship? A new thought, a deep feeling, a glimpse of grace, a challenge? Where will you see God today? A hope or a prayer for the week?

✞Benediction Response: Hymn 547, verse 3 Ar Hyd Y Nos

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Closing Voluntary *Sonata on the First Tone* Jose Lidon

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. Thomas Rudolph (Tommy) Young, III
by his family.

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.

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, June 7, 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 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). 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!

Join Us Next Sunday, June 14

+ Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 14, 2026, 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 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 on **Sunday, June 14, join your church family in the Social Hall as we say farewell to Craig and Janet.** Members are encouraged to write notes of gratitude to Craig, which will be collected in a basket in the Receptionist's Office at the church until the morning of June 14. We will present these to Craig during the celebration.

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

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

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.

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.**

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 is a rescheduled event 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.

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.

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. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship

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 (6/14):
Photography led by Landon Hammett

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

Marcia Andrews

Holt Andrews

Summer Choir

Front Cover:
"Fruit of the Spirit: Joy"
by Nutmeg Designs & Suzanne Halstead

Calendar

June 8
JOY Fellowship Patriotic Party

June 9
Young Adult Pickleball & Pizza

June 13/July 18
Montreat Play Dates

June 14
Congregational Meeting
Celebration of Rev. Craig Foster

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

Looking Ahead

June 20/July 25
Take a Hike!

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 15
Mid-Summer Dinner & Trivia

July 22
Progressive Just Dinner

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

"Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence.
It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ;
it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience."

- Eugene Peterson

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