First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



July 19, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship

10:00am | Sanctuary

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Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. Ansley B. Page

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

Prelude — *In Christ Alone* — arr. Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

We gather in worship to attend to the presence of God in our lives. In worship we see the world in light of God's grace, and go forth with a vision and power for living in the world as God's people. The rhythm of the life of the believer moves from worship to ministry, from ministry to worship. ~ PCUSA Directory for Worship

✙Call to Worship — Susan Oldham

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.

✙Opening Hymn — *Come Thou Fount* — arr. Chris Tomlin

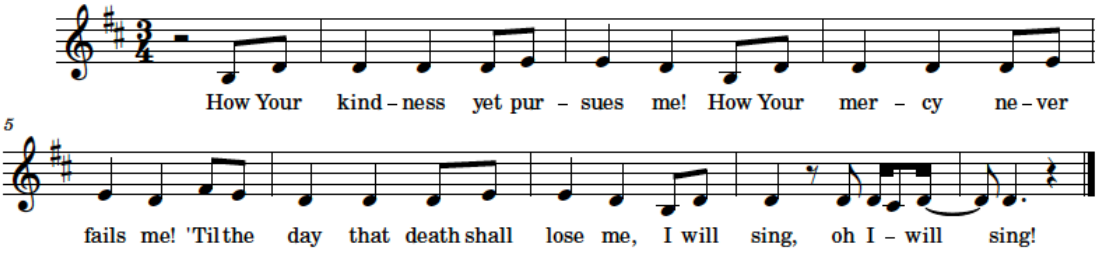
V1, C, V2, C, Tag

(V1) Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

(V2) Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
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Chorus:



✙ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Lord God, you are faithful, and too often we are not.
We confess that the world is too much for us.
Violence, pain, and evil threaten to undo us. Pressure builds.
We respond to the distress in ways unbecoming of our faith,
lashing out at others or curling in with bitterness.
Forgive us, Lord, for doing the very things we do not want to do.
Give us pause and self-control to turn to you.
Remove our shame, so we might receive your mercy and begin again.
You are our light and our salvation. In you we will trust.

Silent Confession

There is pain and evil in the world, in which we are often participants. If we ignore the ways we cause pain to God, to others, and to creation, we limit the opportunities for transformation and healing. In Confession we practice bringing our pain to the light, so that God can transform it.

Assurance of Pardon

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

✠Response — *O Come to the Altar* — arr. Elevation Worship



✠Passing of the Peace

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

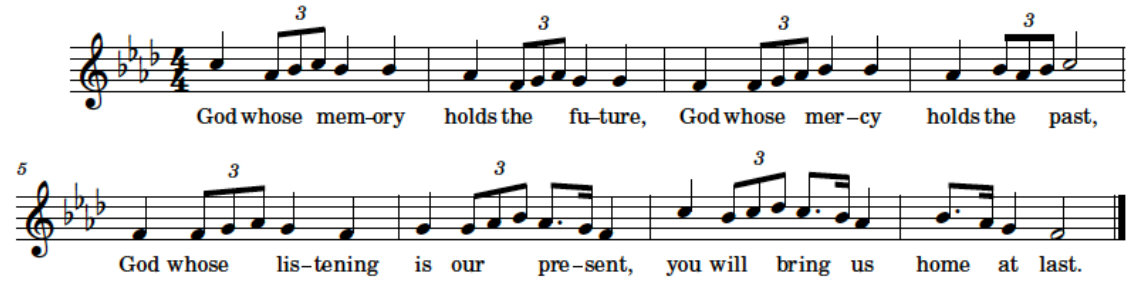
Life of the Church

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 — *God of Memory* — Ebenezer



First Reading — Lamentations 3:19-24 — Rev. Leslie L. Denny

Second Reading — Psalm 137

Sermon — *Selah: When You Feel Angry* — Rev. Ansley B. Page

Responding to the Word

To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.
–Karl Barth

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 — *I Believe* — Mark A. Miller

✞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

✞Closing Hymn — *Be Still My Soul* — arr. Kari Jobe

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot Love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Benediction Response

God of Memory

Ebenezer



The word "Benediction" comes from the Latin, benedicere, to bless. It is imparting God's blessing on God's people as they leave the sanctuary to be God's people in the world.

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents,
Ann and Ken Huckaby & June and Jack Fant
by Libby and Bo Fant.

<u>The Flowers in the Tower Room</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Cavert Keith McCorkle
by the 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.

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 login required)

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Life of the Church

Sunday, July 19, 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.

Regular Worship Schedule: Resumes Sunday, August 2

As summer begins to draw to a close and we prepare for a new season of church life, **our regular worship schedule will resume on Sunday, August 2.** We invite you to join us at any of our three worship opportunities:

8:30a.m. | Chapel Service
9:00a.m. | Contemporary Worship in Fogartie
10:00a.m. | Sunday School
11:00a.m. | Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Each gathering offers a meaningful opportunity to gather in community, hear God's Word, and worship together.

Special Music Sundays in July

Throughout July, we have celebrated a variety of musical styles during worship. This morning, our Contemporary Worship band shares a special selection of acoustic music. Next Sunday, we will conclude our Special Music Sundays with "Bluegrass" music. You will not want to miss it!

A Way Home Volunteer Sign-Up

First Presbyterian will host A Way Home families the **week of August 23-30**. A Way Home provides on-site housing and hospitality for unhoused families. Use this QR code to connect to the sign-up form to help. If you are interested in hosting and have not received training, contact Rhonda Dickerson at rhonda032856@gmail.com or 843-407-8065. It is a quick and easy process.

Summer Adventure Series

There is one more opportunity to get outside and enjoy God's creation together! On **Saturday, July 25**, choose between two summer adventures: Take a Hike on a local hiking trail or relax with Lazy River Tubing. Come as you are, bring a friend, and enjoy a day of fellowship and fun outdoors. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us **next Sunday, July 26** for our final Lemonade on the Lawn of the summer! Following worship, gather outside for a refreshing drink, conversation, and time with our church family. It is a simple and joyful way to connect with friends, welcome someone new, and enjoy fellowship together. We hope you will stay and help us close out this favorite summer tradition!

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.**

Participating in Worship

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Interim Pastoral Associate
Christian Formation

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

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Executive Pastor

Susan Oldham
Interim Parish Associate
Congregational Care

Today's Musicians

Summer Worship

Lisa Cunningham - piano/vocals
Landon Hammett - vocals
Anna Harkey - violin
Matthew Kelly - guitar/vocals
Corey McDaniels - acoustic bass

Front Cover:
"Conversion (S.M. del Popolo/after C.)"
Julie Mehretu (2019-20)

Julie Mehretu's *Conversion (S.M. del Popolo/after C.)* visually encapsulates our uninhibited emotions that can feel as though they have nowhere to go. When we cling to our anger, allowing it to settle deep within our souls and slowly chip away at a composed exterior, it can eventually bubble up and spill out onto people and situations we never intended to affect. Through the technique of chiaroscuro—light and dark—Mehretu's transformation of Caravaggio's *Conversion of St. Paul on the Way to Damascus* reminds us that true transformation in the hands of God requires surrendering both our light and our darkness to Him. When we entrust Him with our anger and shame, God promises to shape them into purposeful action or wise reflection, freeing us from the chains of contempt.

Selected by Abby Henthorn

Summer Sunday School | 9:00am

Combined Adult Sunday School
Psalms and the Art of Faith - Purnell Room

Next Sunday's Topic (7/26):
Flowers led by LeAnne Holcombe,
Beverly Tesseneer, and Carolyn Crenshaw

Children's Sunday School
Summer "PRAYground" - Playground

Youth Sunday School
Summer Study - Youth Room

Calendar

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

July 21
Hand in Hand Mayo Block Party

July 22
Progressive Just Dinner

July 23
Youth Thornwell Mission Day

July 25
Get Outside Activities

July 26
Lemonade on the Lawn

July 26-August 1
Montreat Youth Conference

Looking Ahead

August 2
Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

August 4
Tickled Pink Pop-Up Party

August 14-16
Montreat Women's Connection

August 19
Wednesdays at First Dinner Resumes

August 23-30
A Way Home

August 30
Rally Day

November 13-15
Congregational Retreat

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Instead of pretense, the Psalms offer a script whereby that ugly, unruly underside is handed over to the majesty and wisdom of God, who knows and takes seriously our wounded speech and who then acts in the freedom that belongs only to God."

- Walter Brueggemann, *From Whom No Secrets Are Hid*

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