First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



October 11, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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 that is rooted in Christ and seeking to be bold in love. 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! **All visitors are asked to sign their children in before Children's Worship using this QR code.**

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.

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 in 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. **For those who use compatible hearing aids or cochlear implants, you may connect to the hearing loop (T-coil) system in the Chapel, Fogartie Hall, and the Sanctuary by switching your hearing aid into "T" mode.**

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). *Questions? Contact Finance Director Lynise Clarke at (864) 208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.*

ShelbyNext (No login required)

Venmo

Early Worship
8:30am | Chapel

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.

Opening Voluntary — *Voluntary on "McKee"* — arr. Robert Powell

✞Call to Worship — Holt Andrews

We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.
Here God will transform us into disciples.
We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.
Here God will write compassion on our hearts.
We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.
Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives,
and so we will praise our God!

✞Hymn 299 — *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* — Hanover

Prayer of Confession

God of all life and each life,
you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes.
We confess we are often anxious to see results.
We lose patience when we cannot see progress.
We blame others rather than seek solutions.
Forgive us.
Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious
and rest in the knoweldge of your constant love and provision.

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.

As we gather to worship God, let us remember that worship is the work of the Holy Spirit among us. In worship, God builds up the church. The elements of worship, word and prayer both spoken and sung, as well as sacraments are the "outward and ordinary means of grace."

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Life of the Church

Call to Discipleship: Stewardship 2027 — Cathy Bagwell

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Sermon — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Responding to the Word

We respond to God's word of forgiveness and love by affirming our faith, offering our resources and singing our praise.

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed — Hymnal Page 35

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Laudate Dominum* — W. A. Mozart

✠Doxology — 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 733 — *We All Are One in Mission* — es flog ein kleins waldvogelein

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response: Hymn 702, verse 1 — Bunessan

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

Closing Voluntary — *Postlude on "Llanfair"* — arr. Robert Powell

Contemporary Worship
9:00am | Fogartie Hall

Instrumental Prelude		*Here I Am, Lord*
Welcome		Landon Hammett
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song(s) of Praise		*A Thousand Hallelujahs*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Ansley B. Page
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Because of Your Love*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Call to Discipleship: Stewardship 2027		Cathy Bagwell
Children's Time		
Anthem		*Trust in God*
First Reading	Exodus 16:1-3, 13-18	Callie Shirley
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	
Sermon		Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
✞Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
✞Benediction		

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Introit — *Watoto na Malaika* — Tazanian Song

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Acolyte — Mary Close

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Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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Prayer for Illumination — *Take Us As We Are, O God* — Endless Feast

First Reading — Exodus 16:1-3, 13-18 — Molly Halligan

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Sermon — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

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✠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 Size of Your Heart* Eleanor Daley

✠Doxology Old Hundredth

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✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

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✠Hymn 733 *We All Are One in Mission* es flog ein kleins waldvogelein

In the charge and benediction, we are assured of God's peace and blessing; we seek to follow Christ's way, sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As we engage in that mission, we bear witness to God's eternal reign.

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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John M. Bald, Sr.
by their children.

Life of the Church

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **next Sunday, October 18, 2026**, at the conclusion of the 11:00am Worship Service. The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to elect members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) and approve the updated Terms of Call for Rev. Rachel Klompmaker.

Healing & Wholeness Service

On **Wednesday, October 14, at 5:30pm in the Chapel**, we will hold a Healing and Wholeness Service in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. This service is for anyone who has been affected by pregnancy and infant loss, either directly or indirectly. All are invited for a time of prayer, contemplative music, and silence. Childcare for children 6 months – 5 years will be provided in the Clark Building (Room C105).

Winter Warmth Needs You!

Help local children find a warm coat and a welcoming smile at **Winter Warmth on Saturday, October 24.** More volunteers are needed! Here's how you can help:

- **Volunteer:** Help with setup, greet families, assist children as they choose coats, or help with parking. Translators for Spanish and Eastern Slavic languages are also needed.
- **Give a coat:** A $35 donation provides a new winter coat for a child.
- **Donate accessories:** Give new or newly handmade hats, gloves, and scarves, or purchase items through the online wish list.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code or visiting *fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth.* You'll also find donation options and the wish list there!

Wednesdays at First - Oct 14

5:00-6:15pm | Dinner Line Open (Fogartie Hall)
5:00-5:40pm | Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
6:00-6:15pm | Gathering for Children (Gym)
6:15-7:00pm | Children's Recreation (Gym)
6:30-7:00pm | WAF Programming

- Ethics 101: Empathy & Ecology (Fogartie)
  Led by Rev. Sam Harrelson
- Youth Gathering (Youth Room)

7:15-8:45pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Pre-register for dinner by 4:30pm each Monday. Visit *fpcspartanburg.org/waf* or scan the QR code.

Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Salad Bar, Rustic Bread, Dessert, & Drink. Children: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Dessert, & Drink.

Basketball Registration Open!

It's that time again! Church basketball season is just around the corner! We are excited for a great year ahead and invite all First Presbyterian Church families to participate in our basketball leagues, as well as non-members. Church basketball is open to boys and girls in grades 1-12, and the registration fee is $90/player. **The deadline to register is Monday, October 26,** so don't wait! Visit *fpcspartanburg.org/basketball* for details and registration or scan the QR code.

Intro to Basketball Classes

Never played basketball or need a jumpstart on skills and rules? We've got you covered! Come to our Intro to Basketball sessions for new or first-time players to play before deciding whether to sign up. **Girls will meet on Monday, October 12. Boys will meet on Tuesday, October 13. Both sessions will meet at 5:30-6:30pm in the gym.** No registration required!

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

On **Sunday, October 25**, at 9:00am and 11:00am, we will worship together in the Sanctuary for our Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. Each fall, First Presbyterian holds this powerful historic service, a remembrance of Presbyterianism's Scottish roots through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans.

If you are a Tartan Banner owner and would like to participate in the 9:00am or 11:00am Kirkin' o' the Tartans service, **please scan the QR code to let us know by Sunday, October 18.** A mandatory rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 21, at 5:30pm.

Trunk or Treat

Grab your family or team up with friends for First Presbyterian's annual Trunk or Treat on **Wednesday, October 28, from 6:15–7:15 p.m.** We're looking for volunteers to decorate trunks, paint faces, and hand out candy! Pick a playful theme, keep it simple, and make decorating part of the family fun. Scan the QR code to sign up and help fill the evening with treats and smiles!

Young Adult Fall Social

All young adults are invited to our **Young Adult Fall Social on October 18 from 4:00-6:00pm**. Please join us at Breeden Farm for great food, fun, and fellowship! This event is kid-friendly so the whole family is welcome. Please bring your own fishing pole and bait! BYOB. Scan the QR code to RSVP!

Youth Mission Update

Come and hear our youth share about their mission trips this summer during a special WAF programming on **Wednesday October 21, from 6:30-7:00pm in Fogartie Hall!** You will learn about Middle School Mission Week, Thornwell Day of Mission, and the Mayo Block Party. God was truly at work as our youth put their faith into action and they are excited to share their experience with you!

Stewardship 2027

Your generosity helps children and youth grow in faith, supports worship and care for our church family, and extends Christ's love to our neighbors in Spartanburg and beyond. As we prepare for 2027, we invite you to **prayerfully consider your pledge** and the ministry we can make possible together. Every pledge matters. Pick up a Generosity Report around the church to see your gifts at work. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship to submit your pledge online. We will dedicate our pledges together on **Stewardship Sunday on Sunday, October 25.**

Volunteer for A Way Home

First Presbyterian will host A Way Home families **November 15-22**. 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.

Offertory

Scan the QR code for the Offertory Music lyrics.

Participating in Worship

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Executive Pastor

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Interim Pastoral Associate
Christian Formation

Holt Andrews
Pastoral Musician

Sunday School | 10:00AM

Children and Youth

(Children–Clark Building | Youth–FLC 2nd Floor)

- **Nursery** – Room C105
- **Preschool (3K-5K)** – Room C110
- **1st-5th Grade** – Drop-off: C201/Pick-up: C107
- **Youth** – Youth Room

Adult Sunday School

- **Bible Alive** – Room 2215 & Zoom
- **Emmaus** – Purnell Room
- **Horizons** – Room 2208
- **These Days** – Room 2217
- **20s & 30s Class** – Room 2207

Visit ***fpcspartanburg.org/groups*** to learn more about each Sunday School class.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Marcia Andrews; Holt Andrews; Carrera Stamile

Contemporary Worship

Jerry Bruno, drums
Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals
Landon Hammett, vocals
Anna Harkey, violin
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar
John Phillips, electric guitar

Traditional Worship

Marcia Andrews; Holt Andrews;
LightShine Choir; Chancel Choir

Front Cover:

"Easter Dinner in Front of Cutmeat Church" by Eugene Buechel (1930)

Eugene Buechel's *Easter Dinner in Front of Cutmeat Church* captures a remarkable crowd gathered at God's house to share a meal. Taken during the Great Depression, the photograph shows the church as a place of respite from hunger and exhaustion, where anyone could find nourishment and comfort in one another. Regardless of where they had come from or where they would go afterward, here they gathered around a shared table. This image is a tangible reminder that God provides for us through one another, calling each of us to offer what we can so that others may have enough.

Selected by Abby Henthorn

Calendar

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Healing and Wholeness Service
for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

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Looking Ahead

November 1
All Saints' Day & Evensong Service
Care Ministries Fair

November 6-8
Middle School Fall Retreat

November 13–15
Congregational Retreat in Montreat
"Entering God's Gates with Gratitude"

November 15-22
A Way Home Rotation

November 22
Youth Sunday
Advent Painting Class (3rd-5th Grade)
Youth DR Fundraiser: 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney

December 2
Advent Family Workshop

December 6
Chamber Singers' Concert

December 9
Celebration of Giving Service

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Stop staring at the crowd; go look at your loaves. How many do you have? Any answer will do. Now follow the leader. Take what you have—whatever you have—take it into your hands and hold it lightly, very lightly. Then bless it—thank God for what you have and make it holy by giving it away for love. Then break it—sorry, but you have to tear it up to share it, there is no way to keep it all in one nice piece. And finally, give it—to whoever is standing in front of you, beside you—spread it around, and never mind that there does not seem to be enough for everyone. It is not up to you to feed the whole crowd, to solve the whole problem, or to fix the whole world. It is up to you just to share what you have got, to feed whatever big or little hunger that happens to be standing right in front of you. The rest will come. Because God is God, the rest will come. For now, for your part, how many loaves have you? Go and see."

- Barbara Brown Taylor, *Mixed Blessings*

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