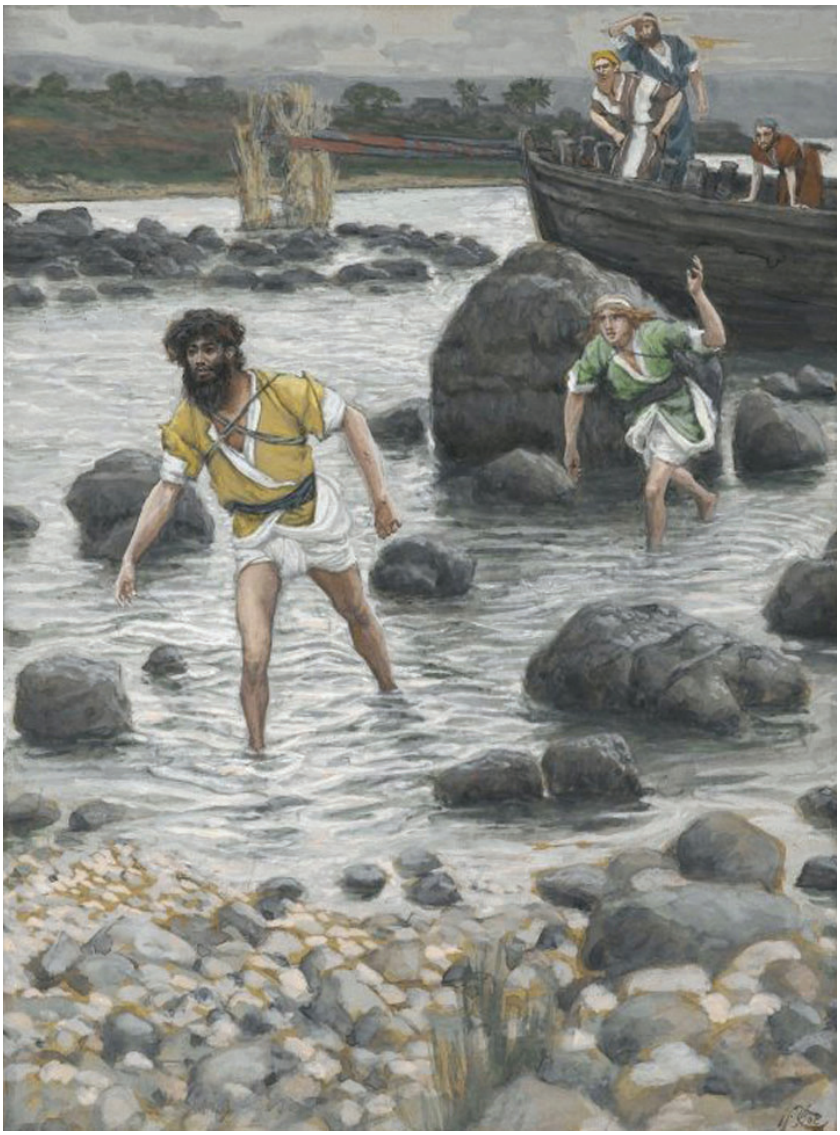
Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Spartanburg, SC



"Calling of Saint James and Saint John"
- James Tissot

Service for the Lord's Day

January 22, 2023

8:45am Chapel

11:00am Sanctuary

✙ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome and Invitation

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

Opening Voluntary — *Allegro from Sonata No. 2* — J.S. Bach

Acolyte (11:00)

Introit — *The Lord is My Light* — Taizé Community

✙Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation!
Why should we be afraid?
The Lord is the stronghold of our life!
What have we to fear?
Let us shout with joy to God!
Let us sing and worship God.

✙Hymn 12 — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — St. Denio

All things have their beginning and their end in the love of God. In the light of that truth, we are free to confess our weariness and our worry, knowing that God is with us.

Prayer of Confession

God of light,
too often we prefer to live in the shadows,
fearful of your call.
The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us:
our unwillingness to forgive, our judgement of others,
our reluctance to share what we have.
O God, our true hearts long to live in the light.
In your mercy, forgive our turning away.
Shine the light of your love upon us
and transform us with your love
that your promised realm may draw near . . .

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The light of God's love shines into our world,
healing its brokenness and bringing hope to places of despair.
In 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.
Let us greet one another as we share the love and peace of Christ.

Life of the Church

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Word for Children

At the 11am service, children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those second grade and older will return to the pews.

Prayer for Illumination	*Jesus, Light of Joy*	Lauda Anima
First Reading		Psalm 27:1,4-9
Second Reading		Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon	"*Finding Our Way*"	Rev. Ansley B. Page

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.

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

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

(8:45)	*Whoever Would Be Great Among You*	Ronald A. Nelson
(11:00)	*If I Can Help Somebody*	arr. David L. Brunner

✠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

The concluding movement of the worship service is a threshold movement, preparing the congregation to disperse into the world. Having assembled in God's name, we now prepare to go out in God's name. All that has happened in the assembly by way of praise, confession, proclamation, prayer, and thanksgiving becomes directed in the final moments of worship toward daily praise and dedicated service in those places in which we live out our lives.
- The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠Hymn 738 — *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* — Maryton

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response — O Waly Waly

Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.

Closing Voluntary — *St. Denio* — Michael Burkhardt

Front Cover: "Calling of Saint James and Saint John" by James Tissot, from Art in the Christian Tradition.
Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from "Ministry Matters" and "The Abingdon Worship Annual".

Participating in Today's Worship Services

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Jack Langley, Acolyte

Holt Andrews
Marcia Andrews
Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir
Reel Robertson, soloist
Janet Kuntz, flute

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Dr. Frederick V. Poag, minister of this church from 1964 to 1974, and his wife, Mrs. Billie Poag.

Children's Worship

We believe that children learn to worship by regularly attending church with their families. During the 11:00am Traditional Worship Service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for *The Word for Children*. Afterwards, children 3K - 1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship in the Clark Building with Ms. Kara. During this time, they worship with song and prayer, hear a Bible story, and enjoy art and play. May they know the love of God and the joy of church! After worship, families are asked to pick their children up from Room 202 of the Clark Building. *Nursery available in Room 105 (Toddler) and Room 108 (Crib).*

Sunday School Schedule - 9:45am

Children and Youth

Children - *All Rooms are in the Clark Building*
Nursery – Room C105 and Room C108; Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110
1st & 2nd Grades – Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C202
3rd & 4th Grades – Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C203
5th Grade – Room C206

Youth - *All Youth Rooms are on the Second Floor of the Family Life Center*
Middle Schoolers in the Middle School Room (F201) and High Schoolers in the High School Room (F202)

Adults

Abide – Room 2200; **Bible Alive!** – Room 2208 & on Zoom; **Emmaus** – Room 2207; **LIFT** – Room 2201

Life of the Church

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Pastoral Concern?

If you need to contact a Minister for a Pastoral Concern, call **864-208-2142** day or night. The minister on-call will answer your call as soon as possible.

Interested in Joining?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Parlor on the second Sunday of the month - **Sunday, Feb 12** - at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 864-208-2125 / jhull@fpcspartanburg.org.

Blue Worship Bags

are available in the Narthex and Tower Room (Traditional Worship) and in the back of Fogartie Hall (MorningSong) for your child to use during worship. After worship, please return the crayons and bags to the baskets. The activity sheet is for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

Gym Hours

Mon-Thursdays:	7am-8pm
Fridays:	7am-2pm
Saturdays:	8am-12noon

Chapel Open

The Chapel is open for Prayer Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. You may place any personal prayer needs in the Chapel prayer box and a member of our staff will pray over your requests.

Welcome Class

A new Welcome Class begins TODAY! - at 10:00am in the Purnell Room. If you have recently joined, are interested in joining, or just want to find out more about First Presbyterian Church, you are invited to attend! The class will meet four Sundays in the Purnell Room, with the opportunity to join on February 19 (will not meet on January 29, due to the Annual Meeting). Registration is not mandatory but does help us with planning. If you would like to register for the class, please email Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org).

Next Sunday - Congregational Meeting

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, has called an Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, January 29, at 10:00am in the Sanctuary (1) to elect at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee, (2) to approve Pastors' Terms of Call for 2023; and (3) to receive reports on the life and ministry of the church from the Clerk, the Session, the Diaconate, and the Finance Committee. Refreshments will follow in the Perrin Room.

Donations Needed for the DR

We have a team traveling to the Dominican Republic February 4-11. They will be taking donations that have been requested by our mission partner, Solid Rock International. If you would like to donate items, you can put them to the Mission Closet - across from the Church Library - or give them directly to Leslie Lang by Wednesday, February 1. Here is their wish list:

> *Paper lunch bags; Packaged Snacks for sack lunches (granola bars, crackers, rice crispy treats); Gatorade Mix; Grape Jelly; Clorox Wipes; Taco Seasoning (Spice Island preferred); Nuts (almonds, peanuts, cashews); White Chocolate Chips; Dried Fruit (blueberries, apples, craisins); Brownie mix; Crystal Light (Pitcher packs); Cereal (Reese's Puffs, Lucky Charms, Fruit Loops, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Rice Chex); Diapers (size 2 & 3); Clothes (newborn-5T, specifically 3-18 months).*

Thank you for your support.

Recreation Ministry Classes

There are several classes available with the Recreation Ministry. Yoga meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:15am. Bootcamp Classes are available Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 7:15am (via Zoom) and at 9:15am (on the Track). For more information, please contact Colleen Darrall, Recreation Director (cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-583-4531 ext 109).

WAF (Wednesdays at First)

Come for Food, Faith, and Fellowship! Dinner served starting at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required by noon on Monday; online payment is preferred (fpcspartanburg.org/waf).

Use this QR Code to go to the Church WAF Page for your Dinner Registration

January 25 Menu: Adult and Children: *Mama Jane's Breakfast Extravaganza* . . . Breakfast Casseroles (Gluten-Free Option Available), Grits, Bacon, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Pancakes, French Toast Sticks, Fresh Fruit, and Beverage

Schedule (see Calendar ---- >)

January Health Series: *ADHD, Anxiety, and Depression in Children and Adolescents*

January 25: Join us in Fogartie Hall at 6:30pm to hear Dr. Carrie Andrews Muthig discuss the advance treatment of ADHD, Anxiety and Depression in children and adolescents.

Younger Women's Bible Study

A Bible study geared towards younger women meets on Wednesday nights, 6:15-7:15pm, and Thursday mornings, 9:15-10:15am. For more information, contact Leslie Lang (llang@fpcspartanburg.org).

Tickled Pink* Women's Bible Study

Beginning on Tuesday, January 24, Tickled Pink will meet each Tuesday, 9:15-10:30 am in Fogartie Hall, ending on March 28. Our theme is "*Jesus Connection & One Another-ing.*" Jesus calls us friends and shows us the way to a life of love and faith. Come explore Gospel accounts of Jesus loving others and teaching us how to build strong faith and friend connections through Him.

**Tickled Pink is an intergenerational group of women gathered to study the Bible and to grow in faith and friendship through laughter, reflection, and conversation. All are invited – bring a friend! Wear pink for fun! The more the merrier! Questions? Ansley Page (apage@fpcspartanburg.org), Susan Oldham, Kathryn Bridges, Jean Palmer, or Scottie Lummus.*

Book Study - Telling a Better Story

In today's late modern world, Christianity is often questioned and sometimes dismissed by society. Maybe your friends, adult children, or teens are asking questions about faith as they encounter such. In the book *Telling a Better Story: How to talk about God in a Skeptical Age*, Joshua Chatraw presents careful analysis of our culture and offers "inside out" apologetics. Join Ansley and faith friends to discuss Chatraw's ideas learning how to speak love and faith to our culture's deepest aspirations. The Study will meet on three Thursdays (Jan 26, Feb 9, and Feb 23), 5:30–6:30pm in the Small Private Dining Room. Please contact Rev. Ansley Page, apage@fpcspartanburg.org for more information.

Calendar

Sunday, January 22
8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)

WAF, January 25
5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
5:00pm Children's Choirs (Upstairs, Main & Clark Buildings)
6:15pm Christian Rec for Children (Gym)
6:30pm Youth Fellowship & Study (Youth Rooms - Upstairs, FLC)
6:30pm Adult Programs (see WAF Article)
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, January 29
8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
10:00am Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)

Looking Forward

February 19
Youth Sunday

February 22
Ash Wednesday

March 21
Endowment Dinner

March 22
Children's Choirs Presentation

April 9
Easter

April 30
First Pres Homecoming!

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Jesus wants something more of us than mere goodness -
and his words are meant to call us into love."

- Eugene Peterson, On Living Well

Ministers: All Members of the Church

We are a community of believers committed to "Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed."

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship and Communications

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care and Deacons

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor
Young Adults and Missions

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Associate Pastor
Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Pastoral Associate for Engagement

Holt Andrews
Pastoral Musician

Marcia Andrews
Associate Director of Music; Organist

Kara Clark
Director of Children's Ministries

Carrie Coleman
Youth Leader

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Pano Stathakis
Director of Hospitality

Kris Graham
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