Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Spartanburg, SC



Service for the Lord's Day
April 30, 2023

Homecoming Celebration

11:00am Sanctuary

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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

Opening Voluntary — *Praeludium in G, BWV 541* — J.S. Bach

Acolyte (11:00)

Introit — *Jubilate Deo* — W.A. Mozart

On this Homecoming Sunday, we celebrate the story of God's faithfulness past, present, and future. We are especially delighted to welcome to worship leadership today three of FPC's past senior pastors: Drs. Todd Jones, David Renwick, and Tom Evans. Together, we are all invited to "Rejoice in our Story!"

✞Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name;
make His deeds known to all the people!
Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works,
and glory in His holy name!
Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Search for God and for His strength.
Never stop looking for Him.
For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!

✞Hymn 694 — *Great God of Every Blessing* — Aurelia

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
your steadfast love endures forever.
We confess, though, that too often we fail to show others your love
or to do justice in obedience to your name.
Have mercy on us, God of grace.
Put the mind of Christ within us, O God,
so that our lives take the form of a cross.
Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church,
among the nations, and around the world.
Equip us to do your will,
giving you glory, honor, and praise together
with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's covenant with us is everlasting;
God's steadfast love is forever;
God's mercy makes us new and whole.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠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

Though the Bible is the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ and God's word to us, Presbyterians believe it requires the power and illumination of the Holy Spirit for it to become God's living word within us. This prayer calls upon the Holy Spirit to silence in us any voice but God's own, that we may receive with joy what God is saying to us.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 90:1-2, 14, 17
Ephesians 2:19-22

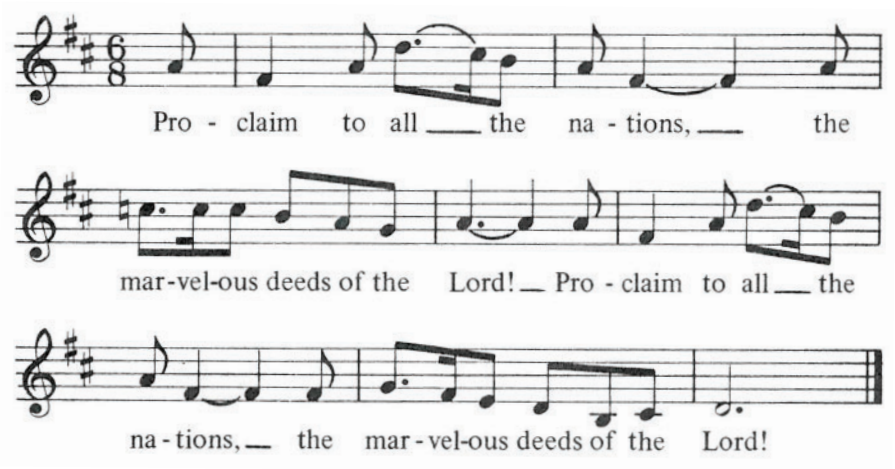
Meditation

Dr. Todd B. Jones
(Pastor, 1991-2002)

Psalm 96

Proclaim to All the Nations — David Haas / Marty Haugen

(Please sing upon direction.)
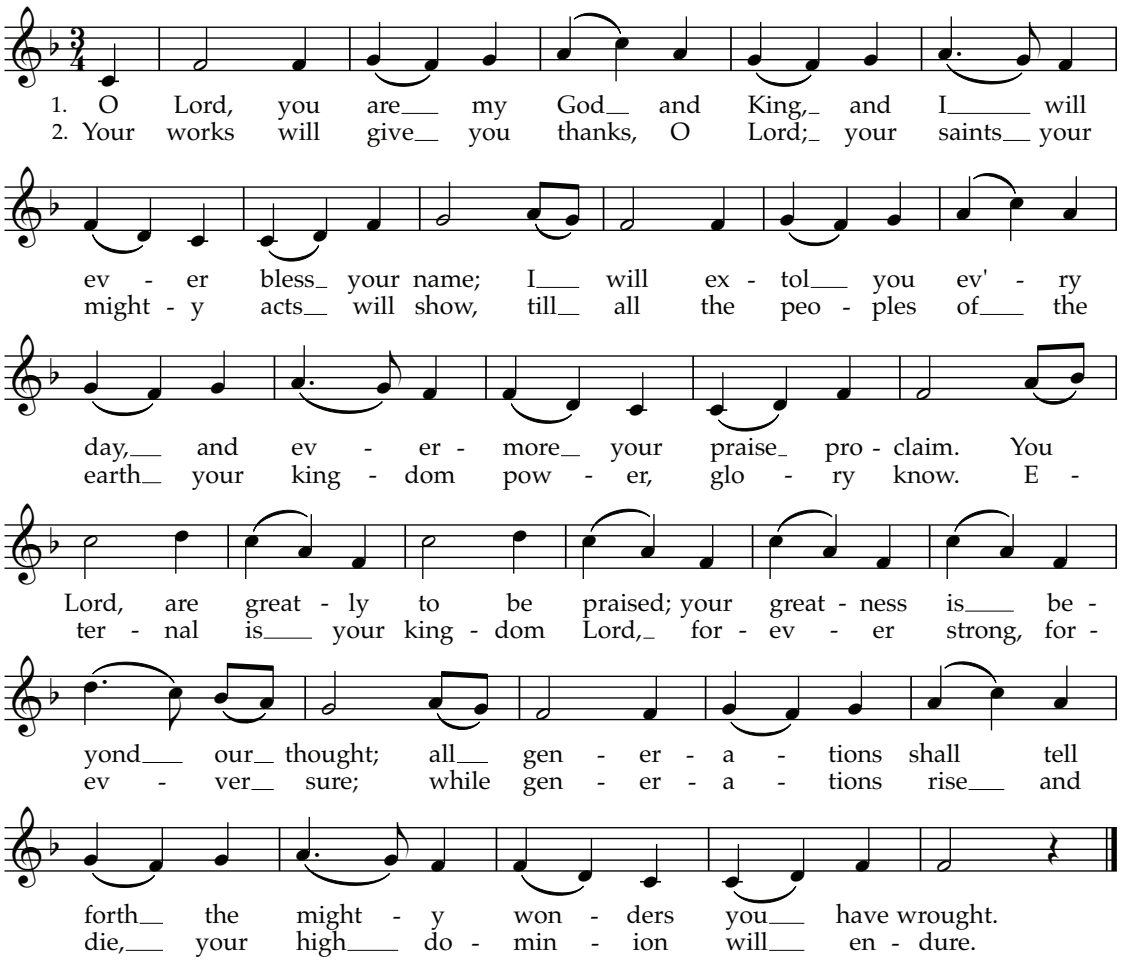


Meditation

Dr. David A. Renwick
(Pastor, 2006-2011)

Hymn

You Are My God and King

Candler



Meditation

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
(Pastor, 2012-2020)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

"The offering of material goods in worship is a corporate act of self-dedication in response to God. It expresses thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all good, the redeemer from sin and evil." – Directory for Worship

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul T. Langston

✙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 Lord's Prayer

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✞Hymn 305	*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*	Darwall's 148th

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Benediction Response

Hymn 175, verse 1 — Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary	*Fanfare*	Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

"God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission it bears witness to God's reign over all life." - Book of Common Worship

Participating in Today's Worship Services

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise — Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull — Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. Ansley B. Page — Kara Clark

Charlotte Clementson, Acolyte

Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews
Chancel Choir
Pattyann Hevener; Reel Robertson

Special Guests

Dr. Todd B. Jones — Dr. David A. Renwick — Dr. Tom E. Evans

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Elizabeth Chapman Quantz McMeekin
by Thomas, Winn, Tom, Sarah, Mae, Evans, Ann Tolly and Henry.

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

Large print hymnals are now available in the Tower Room and the Chapel.
If needed, please ask an usher to locate one for you.

Life of the Church

Sunday, April 30, 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 Purnell Room on the second Sunday of the month - **May 14** - 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.

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.

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.

TODAY - Welcome to Homecoming 2023!

Schedule:

9:45am Panel with Former Pastors - in the Sanctuary
(Children's Sunday School will meet as normal.)

11:00am Worship - Together in the Sanctuary (overflow will be available)

12:00pm Lunch on the Lawn
Centerpieces on the tables are available for "adoption." Cost is $25. Directions for purchase are located at your luncheon table. All proceeds will help offset the cost of today's event.

Today - The Great Presbyterian Picture Push

Let us Snap Your Smile! We are updating church member photos in our online Pictorial Directory – "Shelby". **Our goal is to get a recent picture of every member! Today**, there is a photo station set up in The Perrin Room 9:30-10:45am and 12:00-12:30pm for us to take pictures of you and/or your family.

Already have a great family photo? Submit your photo online using this QR Code.

Dan Forrest Music Weekend, May 5-7

We are excited to welcome internationally known composer Dan Forrest to our campus this upcoming weekend. Dan will be working with our choirs, speaking to a combined adult Sunday School class on May 7 and accompanying the Chancel Choir at the 11:00am worship service that morning. The weekend will conclude with a gala concert Sunday afternoon at 3:00, featuring his celebrated "Requiem for the Living" with orchestra. All weekend events are open to everyone.

Friday, May 5, 5:30pm	Hors d'oeuvres with Dan Forrest *The Perrin Room*
Saturday, May 6, 12:30pm	Lunch** and Q&A in the *Social Hall*
Sunday, May 7, 10:00am	Adult Sunday School with Dan Forrest *Fogartie Hall*
11:00am	Worship in the *Sanctuary*
3:00pm	Gala Concert (see article below)

*** Call Cathy Rush (864-208-2155) to make reservations. There is no charge for the lunch.*

Dan Forrest Concert - Next Sunday You are cordially invited to a Gala Concert next Sunday, May 7 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. Our weekend guest, Composer Dan Forrest, will present his "Requiem for the Living" along with Orchestra and both the Chamber Singers and Chancel Choir. A not-to-miss musical event!

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 4

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday in May inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. All are welcome to come to the Chapel between 9am and 5pm on Thursday to pray for our Government, Military, Media, Education, Church, and Family.

TOTAL Ministries Food Drive

Next Sunday, May 7, drop off non-perishable donations for TOTAL Ministries before or after service in the marked bins in the Tower Room, Narthex, or the Family Life Center Lobby. For a list of items needed, visit fpcpsartanburg.org/total-ministries.

Mother's Day Offering - May 14

Traditionally, Mother's Day has included a special offering in our church to support the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, which serves older adults at retirement communities across the state. The Mother's Day Offering provides charitable care to residents who have outlived their life's savings due to old age or costly medical bills so that they can continue to call PCSC "home." On Sunday, May 14, you can donate (1)using the designated Mother's Day Offering envelopes, (2)by writing a check and adding "Mother's Day Offering" in the memo, or (3)you can give online at giving.prescommunities.org (and include FPC Spartanburg on "Step 3 - Donor Information"). Thank you for keeping this special Presbyterian tradition alive!

Acts 2 Dinners - or Lunch - May 21

On Sunday, May 21, you are invited to join a small group of 10-12 church folks for a meal together so you can have a proper visit rather than a rushed hello. Hopefully, these stand-alone events will promote new connections and deeper friendships. There will be a lunch group (12:30-2:00pm) if that works better for you. For the dinners (5:30-7:30pm), you will again have the choice to be in an intergenerational (22–102 years old) or your "same decade" group. Your host will reach out the week before with their address and the menu, and everyone will bring something for the meal. Open to all. The more the merrier!

Reservations by noon, Wednesday, May 10.
Questions? Contact Ansley: apage@fpcspartanburg.org.
Day by day . . . they were taking their meals together with gladness and generosity of heart. Acts 2:46

Women's Retreat - August 2023

First Presbyterian Church has reserved spaces for 28 women to go to the **Montreat Women's Connection, August 11-13**. We have also reserved the entirety of the charming, historic, (and air conditioned!) Glen Rock Inn for our group, right in the heart of Montreat, with ample gathering space for participants to enjoy together. Meals will be in Assembly Inn. For more information about the conference, use this QR Code:

Calendar

Sunday, April 30
Homecoming!
8:30-10:30am Food Drop Off
(Tent on Chestnut Street)
9:45am Panel with Former Pastors
(Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Worship
(Sanctuary - overflow available)
12:00pm Lunch
(on the Lawn)
5:00pm Sunday Night Youth
(Family Life Center)

Sunday, May 7
Communion
8:45am Traditional Worship
(Chapel)
8:45am MorningSong Worship
(Fogartie Hall)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)
3:00pm Gala Concert (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Sunday Night Youth
(Family Life Center)

Looking Forward

May 17
Picnic Lunch with the Pastors
May 20
Presbytery Meeting
(Camp Fellowship)
May 21
Baccalaureate Sunday
May 28
Day of Pentecost
May 29
Memorial Day
May 31
J.O.Y. Spring Luncheon
June 4
Summer Sizzle: VBS Kickoff
June 5-8
Vacation Bible School
June 24
Family Day at Montreat
June 25
Summer Sizzle: Sundaes and Undies
Sundays in July
ONE Worship Service at 11:00am
With a Special Music Focus Each Week

To Ponder Prayerfully

"This is our mission:
to demonstrate how steady, simple, faithful relationships based in mutual service
are the most powerful, healing force there is in the world.
And it is this gift the world so desperately needs."

- Charles E. Moore, Called to Community: The Life Jesus Wants for His People

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
Director of the Weekday School

Lisa Cunningham
MorningSong Band Director

Lee Raines
Facilities Administrator

Jim Pitts
Campus Safety and Services Manager

Lynise Clarke
Church Financial Officer

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Admin to the Senior Pastor

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Ian Ritchings
Administrative Assistant
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin to Music

Andy Mayfield
Grounds Manager

Judith Holbert
Tiffany Long
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