Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Spartanburg, SC


Faithful and True
The Lamb of God
The Lion of the tribe of Judah
The Faithful and True witness
The Almighty which was, which is, which is to come
The Amen
The First and the Last Beginning and End
The eternal life which was with the Father Alpha
The Lamb without blemish and without spot
The High Priest
A Precious Stone
The Merciful
The Tempted
The Chief Shepherd
That Shall Again Appear
Jesus Christ
The Life
The Chief Cornerstone
My Master
The Merciful
Guileless
The King of Peace
A Savior
the Word of Life
the Righteous
The King of Righteousness
Crowned with glory and honor
Jesus Christ
the Author and Finisher of faith
The Intercessor
The Forerunner for us
The Great High Priest
The Great Shepherd that was brought again from the dead
Lord of Hope
The Upholder of all things
The Brightness of His glory
Day Star
The Sheep
Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever
The Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ
The Quickening Spirit
My All in All
Creator of All Things
Mediator
The Deliverer
God manifest in the flesh
Creator
The Holy One and the Just
Annointed
The Son of the Blessed
The Son of the Highest
Priest
The Christ of God
The One of Whom the Father says, "My Beloved"
Emmanuel
Bread of Life
The Light of Men
The True Light
The Word that became flesh
The Door of the Sheep
The Resurrection
The Shepherd of the Most High God
Son of David
His throne is forever and ever
Rock
Spiritual Rock
Savior
Crucified as a Savior
The Prince and Savior
Lamb
That Spiritual Rock
The Salvation of God
Wonderful Counselor
A Man of Sorrows
Despised
Rejected
Stricken
Smitten
Bruised
Offering
Righteous Judge
Son of God
Son of Man
Judge
Redeemer
Lord
Lord of Lords
King of Kings
Lord of Glory
Lord of Hosts
Lord of Peace
Lord of the Sabbath
Lord of the Harvest
Lord of the Dead and the Living
Lord both of the dead and the living
Lord of the Jews
Lord of the Father
Lord of God
Lord of the Lord
Lord of the Lord
Lord of the Lord

✙ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gathering Music

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 Song — *Come Sunday* — Duke Ellington

One Sunday morning in 1962, music director Doris Akers (1922-95) felt her choir at Sky Pilot Radio Church in Los Angeles needed to pray more than they already had in order to be ready to go into the sanctuary and lead the morning service. So pray they did, for so long that (with the blessing of the pastor) the service was delayed. But when they were ready their spirit was so strong it inspired Ms. Akers to write today's opening hymn, "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit."

✙Call to Worship — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Praise the God of all Creation.
Worship the One who calls us.
Praise the One speaking with a different voice.
Worship the One offering an unexpected invitation.
Let us celebrate the presence of our loving God.
Let us rejoice for the realm of God is near.

✙Hymn 408 — *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* — Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Prayer of Confession — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory.
You came to love and save the world,
but we condemn others in your name.
You send us out to tell good news,
but we hide from our calling in fear.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you faithfully
and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:
As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us:
You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Paul Vasile (b. 1976) wrote "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" as a fresh, exuberant take on the traditional Gloria Patri. It is a great example of the adage that worship should always be both traditional (the words date from the early days of the church) and contemporary (the music combines gospel and jazz idioms).

✙Response: Hymn 582 — Glory to God (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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

Prayer for Illumination — *Be Thou My Vision* — Slane
(please remain seated)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Music that survives for generations has not only proved itself durable, but is also often "portable"; that is, it can be adapted to different musical styles, as we see here with John Moody's skillful take on the traditional Irish folk tune, "Be Thou My Vision."

First Reading — Colossians 3:12-14
Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Second Reading — Mark 1:9-12

Sermon — *Godspeed: Identity* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✞Affirmation of Faith — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 *Micah Blues* Kyle Pederson

✞Doxology Solid Rock

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

Andrae Crouch (1945-2015) won seven Grammy awards and worked with a number of pop music icons such as Elton John and Michael Jackson, but he was also a minister. "Soon and Very Soon," with the words adapted from sections of Revelation 21 and 22, was said to be his favorite composition.

✞Hymn 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I Want to Be a Christian

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Response Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

Sending Music *Godspeed* John Moody

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

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

Holt Andrews
Marcia Andrews
Chancel Choir
John Moody, Phil Jones, Patrick Lane, Eranga Goonetilleke, Reel Robertson

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Ed and Betty Walpole and Jimmy and Betty Weller
by Beth and Peter Neidenbach.

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).*

2023 Summer Sunday School Schedule - 10:00am

Children and Youth

Nursery – *Room C105 and Room C108 (Clark Building)*
Preschool *(3K-5K)* – *Room C110 (Clark Building)*
1st - 5th Grades – *Large Private Dining Room (off Fogartie Hall)*
Youth - *Second Floor of the Family Life Center*

Adults

Godspeed – *Fogartie Hall*

Life of the Church

Sunday, July 9, 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 - **Aug 13** - 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.

Summer Sermon Series

The word "Godspeed" comes from the old English phrase *God Spede* - meaning, "may God flourish you." To live at Godspeed means to be present where we are and present to who surrounds us. In the midst of a frenetic and busy world, this series is an invitation to slow down and explore life and faith at Godspeed.

Worship Together in July!

During the month of July we will worship together as a church family with ONE service at **11:00am in the Sanctuary***. Each Sunday the music will focus on a different genre. Prior to each service, there will be a time of fellowship in The Perrin Room.

The music genres will be:

- July 9 Jazz (with John Moody and Friends)
- July 16 Acoustic
- July 23* Bluegrass (Worship in Fogartie Hall ; Fellowship in the FLC Lobby) Music provided by the Contemporary Worship Music Team (aka MorningSong) and Friends.
- July 30 Global Music

> *Sunday School meets at 10:00am each week.* <

Have a College Graduate?

We would like to recognize our church members who have graduated from college or graduate school. If you or a member of your family graduated this past winter or spring, please contact Ian Ritchings (iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org) **by Monday, July 10** with the Graduate's Name and the University.

Recommendations Needed by Friday

The Congregational Nominating Committee needs your help nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons. A nomination form can be found on the church website (fpcspartanburg.org/nominations) or take a picture of this QR Code for a direct link to the form. You may submit as many names as you would like, suggesting any member of FPC, including yourself. To see the list of current church officers on the church website, click "About Us" and then "Church Leadership." **The deadline for submittal is Friday, July 14**.

Pickleball!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm, the Gym Floor will be set up for Pickleball. Equipment is available at the FLC Desk.

Wired Wednesdays

Stop in at Fretwell (101 Fretwell St) this Wednesday around 9:30am for a kid-friendly time of fellowship, prayer, and coffee. We will meet each Wednesday in June and July. The Young Adult Committee looks forward to seeing you there!

Thirsty Third Thursdays

On July 20, 5:30-7:00pm, enjoy sips and nibbles at Fretwell (101 Fretwell St) with fellow parents of tweens, teens, collegiates, and empty nesters. For info, contact Pastor Ansley (apage@fpcspartanburg.org) or Molly Colbath.

Order Your Kirkin' Tartan – Yes, It is Time!

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on Sunday, October 29, 2023. At our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland, so we need your order and payment **by Friday, July 21**. The cost of a banner is $150. ***Some clans have multiple patterns available. If you want a particular pattern, please indicate it on the form. Otherwise, we will order the most common pattern for that clan***. At the conclusion of the service on October 29, the tartan banners will be given to the sponsor for storage or display until the next Kirkin'. Only the staffs and banner stands will remain at the church.

Order forms can be found throughout the church or you may order online (using the QR Code).

Questions? Contact Martha Bean at mtbean@icloud.com.

Searching for a Summer Study?

Check our website (fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults/group-studies) for a list of current book and Bible studies.

Help with CAST Camp!

(Care, Accept, Share, Teach), is a ministry of First Presbyterian that serves children who have/are experiencing homelessness. The next week of camp is July 17-20, 9am-1pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gloria Close (864-431-1367; closely@bellsouth.net).

FPC Spartanburg Sermoncast

Missed last week's worship service? Want to revisit your favorite sermons while on the road, at work, or anywhere? Now you can! Use this QR code to direct you to our podcast page or look on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, or wherever you find your podcasts!

Calendar

Sunday, July 9
10:00am Sunday School
(Godspeed in Fogartie Hall)
10:30am Fellowship
(The Perrin Room)
11:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 16
10:00am Sunday School
(Godspeed in Fogartie Hall)
10:30am Fellowship
(The Perrin Room)
11:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

Looking Forward

Wednesdays in July
Wired Wednesdays
9:30am at 101 Fretwell Street

July 10-13
Middle School Mission Week

July 15
Family Day at Montreat

July 17-21
CAST Camp

July 22-28
Montreat Youth Conference

August 2023
New Sunday Morning Schedule
8:30 – Early Worship (Chapel)
9:00 – Contemporary Worship (Fogartie)
10:00 – Sunday School
(9:45am – Gathering Time)
11:00 – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

August 2
Dinner and Bingo!

August 7-10
CAST Camp

August 29
Thornwell Informational Luncheon

August 30
Dinner and Trivia Night

September 13
Wednesdays at First Begins

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved.' Being the Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence."

- Henri Nouwen

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
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Admin to the Senior Pastor

Joanie Shackleton
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Congregational Care and Deacons

Shannon Hutcheson
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Ian Ritchings
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Cathy Rush
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