First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



January 19, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

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 seeking to know and share the transformative love of Jesus Christ with others. 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!

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. The activity sheet is for your child to keep.

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 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.

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). Thank you. *Questions? Contact Church Financial Officer Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.*

ShelbyNext Venmo

Early Worship
8:30am
Chapel

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

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

Opening Voluntary — *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* — Max Drischner

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

We gather to worship God,
Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.
We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

We begin our worship service with the Call to Worship as a way of centering ourselves and directing our acts of worship. God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth, and it is the longing of every human heart to worship God. To paraphrase St. Augustine, our hearts cannot rest until they rest in thee.

✞Hymn 644 — *Give Thanks, O Christian People* — Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy,
you call us to speak prophetically amid difficult times.
We admit that sometimes we are unwilling to give up our comfort
and safety to follow where your voice leads us.
We use excuses like, "We can't find the right words,"
or "The moment has passed." Forgive us.
Give us the courage to join your Spirit's movement
toward justice by speaking your words of hope,
peace, and love, even when we are fearful.
Guide us as we seek to find new ways to follow your call of truth-telling.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

When we are freed to acknowledge the wrongs around us, the pain among us,
the sin within us, and the work before us, God's movement of mercy, peace and justice
is being revealed in our midst.
The good news is that we are forgiven and freed.
Our burden is lifted: we are empowered to follow the movement of the Spirit.
The liberating love of God is at work within us. 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.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✠Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading — Psalm 36:5-10 — Dixon Barre

Second Reading — John 2:1-11

Sermon — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Responding to the Word

This morning's affirmation of faith is an excerpt from the Belhar Confession. Written in 1982 in Afrikaans, the Belhar Confession was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa in 1986. Although apartheid is the human context for the Confession of Belhar, it is never mentioned in the confession. Rather, Belhar lifts up the heart of the Gospel as a bringer of hope for the human condition.

✠Affirmation of Faith

From the Confession of Belhar, 1986

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:
in that we love one another; that we experience,
practice and pursue community with one another;
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;
have one God and Father, [and] are filled with one Spirit.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *If I Can Help Somebody* — Alma Bazel Androzzo

✠Doxology: Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 317 — *In Christ There Is No East or West* — McKee

✠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 — *In Christ There Is No East or West* — arr. Dale Wood

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Welcome		Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Instrumental Prayer		
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Shelter*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes and Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Anthem		*I Don't Have Much*
First Reading	Psalm 36:5-10	Connor Lyerly
Second Reading	John 2:1-11	
Sermon		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

✞Affirmation of Faith
From the Confession of Belhar, 1986

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

✞Closing Song	*Good Good Father*
✞Benedication	

This morning's affirmation of faith is an excerpt from the Belhar Confession. Written in 1982 in Afrikaans, the Belhar Confession was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa in 1986. Although apartheid is the human context for the Confession of Belhar, it is never mentioned in the confession. Rather, Belhar lifts up the heart of the Gospel as a bringer of hope for the human condition.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

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

Opening Voluntary — *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* — Max Drischner

Introit — *Come, All You People* — Uyai Mose

Acolyte — Nora Biber

✙Call to Worship — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

We gather to worship God,
Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.
We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

✙Hymn 644 — *Give Thanks, O Christian People* — Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

The poetry for today's opening hymn was penned by Mary Jackson Cathey. Mary was Director of Children's Ministries here at FPC in the 1950's and was the first female student at Richmond Seminary. Three more of Mary's hymns are in our hymnal, and she wrote the Opening Hymn for our annual Kirking of the Tartans service, We Come to Worship in Praise of Our Maker.

✙ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prayer of Confession — Rev. L. Craig Foster

God of justice and mercy,
you call us to speak prophetically amid difficult times.
We admit that sometimes we are unwilling to give up our comfort
and safety to follow where your voice leads us.
We use excuses like, "We can't find the right words,"
or "The moment has passed." Forgive us.
Give us the courage to join your Spirit's movement
toward justice by speaking your words of hope,
peace, and love, even when we are fearful.
Guide us as we seek to find new ways to follow your call of truth-telling.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

When we are freed to acknowledge the wrongs around us,
the pain among us, the sin within us, and the work before us,
God's movement of mercy, peace and justice is being revealed in our midst.
The good news is that we are forgiven and freed.
Our burden is lifted: we are empowered to follow the movement of the Spirit.
The liberating love of God is at work within us. 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.

Life of the Church — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

Prayer for Illumination — *Open My Eyes, That I May See* — Open My Eyes

First Reading — Psalm 36:5-10 — Ali Claire Pingley

Second Reading — John 2:1-11

Sermon — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Responding to the Word

✞Affirmation of Faith

From the Confession of Belhar, 1986

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:
in that we love one another; that we experience,
practice and pursue community with one another;
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;
have one God and Father, [and] are filled with one Spirit.

This morning's affirmation of faith is an excerpt from the Belhar Confession. Written in 1982 in Afrikaans, the Belhar Confession was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa in 1986. Although apartheid is the human context for the Confession of Belhar, it is never mentioned in the confession. Rather, Belhar lifts up the heart of the Gospel as a bringer of hope for the human condition.

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

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. In worship the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, are claimed and set free by him and are led to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and their material goods.

Offertory *If I Can Help Somebody* Alma Bazel Androzzo

✞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

✞Hymn 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West* McKee

✞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 *In Christ There Is No East or West* arr. Dale Wood

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Charles Eugene "Gene" Rickell, Arthur and Julia Rickell,
and Thomas M. and Kathryn Shadoin

by the family.

Life of the Church
Sunday, January 19, 2025

Next Week: On Christian Love
Starting next Sunday, we invite you to join us as we explore the timeless wisdom of Paul's teachings on the nature of Christian love found in 1 Corinthians. In a world marked by uncertainty and division, we explore the characteristics of God's love in Jesus Christ that unites, heals, and endures. From the selfless nature of Christ himself to loves role as the greatest spiritual gift, we'll uncover how these truths empower and root us in a Grace so great that it is capable of transforming both our hearts and our world.

Wednesdays at First - January 22
Full Schedule

5:00pm	Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
5:00pm	Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
6:15pm	Recreation for Children (Gym)
6:15pm	Younger Women's Bible Study (F207, FLC)
6:30pm	All About Alzheimer's
6:30pm	Youth Fellowship and Bible Study
7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. This week, we will learn about Alzheimer's Disease an about ways to prevent this most prevalent form of dementia. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code.

Unity Week Continues
Sunday, January 19 at 3pm
MLK Community Celebration (Sp. Memorial Aud.)
Guest Speaker: Ruby Bridges, Civil Rights Icon

Monday, January 20
United Way Day of Service *(Church Facilities Closed)*

Parkinson's Support Group
Our Parkinson's Support Group, led by the Greenville Area Parkinson Society, will be held Tuesday, **January 21** at 4:30pm in the Arthur Center. This month's speaker is Laxman Bahroo, DO, from Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. RSVP by visiting fpcspartanburg.org/health.

Tickled Pink Returns Tuesday!
Tickled Pink, a women's Bible study, returns Tuesday, **January 21** at 9:15am in Fogartie Hall and 5:30pm in the Middle School Room. *Walk in Beauty with Jesus* and join women of faith to consider the spiritual significance of beauty, especially in the encounters, wonders, teachings and mystery of Jesus. Bring a friend and wear pink if you'd like!

New Year, New Weekday Studies
If you are looking for a Bible or book study group, First Presbyterian has something for everyone. There are several weekday studies for people of all ages. For a complete list, visit fpcspartanburg.org/studies or scan the QR code. Contact Craig Foster at cfoster@fpcspartanburg.org with questions.

African American Museum Trip
Are you interested in visiting the International African American Museum in Charleston, taking a historical tour, and discussing what you've experienced? Rev. Leslie Lang will take a group on this trip **March 20-21**. The cost would be approximately $250 total (with 20 participants) and would include transportation, hotel, and two lunches. Contact Leslie at llang@fpcspartanburg.org for details and to sign-up by **February 25**.

Shelter - January 26
Shelter is a unique worship opportunity led by an emphasis on music, scripture, and prayer. Our winter Shelter service will be held on **January 26** at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Make plans to join us for this impactful and meaningful time of worship.

Chapel Open
The Chapel is open for prayer Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. You may place prayer needs in the designated box and our staff will pray over your requests. If you need to contact a minister, call 864-208-2142.

Congregational Meeting and Meeting of the Corporation

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting, and the Trustees of the Corporation have called a meeting of the Members of the Corporation (First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, SC), for Sunday, **February 2, 2025,** at the conclusion of the 11:00am Worship Service, for the purpose of: electing at-large members to the Congregational Nominating Committee; electing Ruling Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2028; approving Pastors' Terms of Call for 2025; and electing the Session class of 2028 and Chair of the Diaconate to the Corporation's Board of Trustees during the meeting of the Corporation.

Looking Back, Looking Forward: Annual Meeting

Join us Wednesday, **February 5** at 6:30pm in Fogartie Hall to learn about First Presbyterian Church's ministry over the past year and how you can get connected in the life of the church.

Sunday with Dr. Andy Root

Dr. Andy Root is a professor, author, and engaging teacher of church and contemporary culture. On **February 23**, we will have the privilege of learning from Andy as he leads a **combined Adult Sunday School** class at 10:00am in Fogartie Hall about themes in his recent book *When Church Stops Working*. All adults are welcome and no registration is required!

After 11:00am Traditional Worship, Andy will also lead **Faith-full Parenting, a lunch and learn in the Social Hall** for parents of 4th through 12th graders. Enjoy lunch with your entire family. Children will be able to have fun in the gym and nursery, if needed. We look forward to gaining insights into the cultural and generational shifts of parenting and youth ministry in general.

Pre-registration is required for the lunch and learn. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/faithfullparenting for details and to register.

Tending the Fire: Marriage Retreat

All couples are invited to join us for a Marriage Enrichment Retreat **February 28-March 1** in Fogartie Hall. We will consider how to enjoy the blessings of love while also navigating the inevitable challenges of an abiding relationship. Jeannie DuBose, M.S. and Rev. Keith Grogg will lead us by engaging scripture, reflection exercises, and observations from their own respective marriages. Details and registration information can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/marriage.

Pig 'n Pickle

On Saturday, **March 8**, our Youth and Recreation ministries will host FPC's first Pig 'N Pickle, a barbecue contest and pickleball tournament. All funds raised through this event will go directly to the high school mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Register your pickleball team or compete in the barbecue competition...and plan to come for fun and fellowship! Details and registration links can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/pignpickle or scan the QR code.

The Flowers in the Tower Room
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
C. Roland Jones, Jr.
by his family.

Offertory

If I Can Help Somebody
Alma Bazel Androzzo

If I can help somebody as I pass along:
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
If I can show somebody he is traveling wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can point somebody to the Lamb once slain:
If I can tell somebody that he rose again,
That He can cleanse the guilty,
He can wash the stain,
Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can help somebody
as I journey through this world,
Then my living shall not be in vain.

Sunday School - 10am
(Gathering Time - 9:45am)

Children and Youth

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)
Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)
1st & 2nd Grade - Room C202
3rd & 4th Grade - Room C203
5th Grade - Room C206
Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

Adult Sunday School

Bible Alive – Room 2215
An extensive book-by-book study of the Bible

Emmaus – Room 2217
A journey with eyes open towards Jesus, with fellowship and a fresh new scripture-based lesson each week.

Abide - Room 2207
For younger adults and parents of preschool/elementary children to gather for a time of fellowship and learning.

L.I.F.T. - Room 2208
Faithful and energetic disciples who love growing deeper in faith through Bible study and trusting Jesus.

Glory Days - Purnell Room
Parents of youth & collegiates, come strengthen your faith and friendship with condensed stand-alone Bible lessons from dynamic teachers.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Reel Robertson

Contemporary Worship

Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Elise Deberry, vocals;
Landon Hammett, vocals/keyboard;
Anna Harkey, violin;
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals;
Jeff Key, electric guitar;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Reel Robertson, Chancel Choir

Calendar

January 20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Church Facilities Closed)

January 24
Confirmation Opening Retreat

January 26
Shelter Service (Chapel)

Looking Forward

February 2
Boy Scout Sunday / Congregational Meeting

February 5
Looking Back, Looking Forward: Annual Meeting

February 14
Youth Ski Retreat

February 23
Special Guest: Dr. Andrew Root

February 28 - March 1
Tending the Fire: Marriage Retreat

March 4
Concordia College Choir Concert

March 5
Ash Wednesday

March 20-21
African American Museum Trip

March 23
Chamber Singers Concert

March 26
Children's Choir Concert

March 29
Churchwide Day of Service

April 13
Palm Sunday

April 17
Maundy Thursday Service

April 18
Good Friday Service

April 20
Easter

Front Cover: "The Wedding at Cana" by Jenn Norton

Parts of today's liturgy are from United Church of Christ MLK Resources.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"To act is to be committed, and to be committed is to be in danger."

- James Baldwin

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. John Daniel DeBevoise
Associate Pastor for
Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor for
Discipleship

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Associate Pastor for
Congregational Care

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

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 Ministry Coordinator

Grace deMaine
Associate Director, Youth Ministry

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Jane Mullins
Director of Hospitality

Pano Stathakis
Kitchen Assistant

Kris Graham
Director of the Weekday School

Lisa Cunningham
Contemporary Worship Music Leader

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

Cathy Bagwell
Visitor and New Member Coordinator

Caroline Goodman
Communications Director

Ian Ritchings
Communications Coordinator

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin
to Music and Mission

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Andy Mayfield
Grounds Manager

Judith Holbert
Tiffany Long
William Massey
Custodians

First Presbyterian Church

393 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(864) 583-4531
www.fpcspartanburg.org