First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



January 26, 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. Alan F. Dyer

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

Opening Voluntary — *Andante religioso from Sonata 4* — Felix Mendelssohn

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your gifts.
We gather as the body of Christ,
each of us uniquely gifted by your grace.
Let us celebrate the Spirit's work among us.
With hearts open to your leading, we come to worship and serve.

"Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God." -Eugene Peterson

✞Hymn 755 — *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* — Weisse Flaggen

Prayer of Confession

God of our Restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us,
and restore us to a right relationship with you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Spirit of the Lord fills us with grace and love.
In Christ, we are forgiven and renewed.
Rejoice in the gifts of God, freely given and meant to be shared.
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.

Life of the Church

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading — Psalm 133

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sermon — *On Christian Love: Gifts with a Purpose* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

✠Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith

The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities
and functions as gifts of the Spirit.
Some were tempted to use these gifts
to serve their own needs and ambitions,
to form elite groups who looked down on others.
But the gifts were given for the common good,
to build up the community in love
and to equip it for its mission in the world.
We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people
to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers.
We are to use them to speak and embody plainly
the gospel of Christ in the world.
No gift is of value without love.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. The word "sacrament" comes from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery." Sacraments are holy mysteries that we do not and cannot fully understand but through which we believe God's invisible grace becomes visible to us. The great early church theologian Augustine was the first to describe sacraments as "outward, visible signs of inward, spiritual grace."

Sacrament of Baptism — *Kelsey Henderson*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Many Gifts, One Spirit* — Allen Pote

✠Doxology: Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 761 — *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* — Beecher

✠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 — *Allegro maestoso from Sonata 2* — Felix Mendelssohn

Following the service, you are invited to a time of coffee and fellowship in The Perrin Room.

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Welcome		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Instrumental Prayer		
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Confidence*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes and Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Dedication of New Liturgical Furniture Children's Time		
Anthem		*Take My Life*
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	
Sermon	*On Christian Love: Gifts with a Purpose*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
✞Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith		
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*Start a Fire*
✞Benediction		

"We were looking for designs that would support and enhance worship rather than simply be present. In a multifunctional room such as this, we were also looking for pieces that weren't so integrated into the service for the Lord's Day that they were out of place, imposing, or intimidating in daily use."

- Excerpt from the Artist Statement of Erich Thompson. *Read the full statement at fpcspartanburg.org/artiststatement or scan the QR code.*

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Opening Voluntary — *Allegro con brio from Sonata 4* — Felix Mendelssohn

Acolyte — Huntington Clark

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

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Life of the Church — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

Sacrament of Baptism — *Mary Ellis Cornelia Quiroga*
Mollie Mae Sydney Quiroga
Daughters of Mary Case and Chris Quiroga

Response — *Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.* — Jesus Loves Me
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those 2nd grade and older will return to the pews.

Prayer for Illumination — *Lord, Speak to Me* — Canonbury

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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

In the life of the Christian community, God calls people to particular acts of discipleship, to use their personal gifts for service in the Church and in the world. These specific acts may be strengthened and confirmed by formal recognition in worship.

Offertory *The Size of Your Heart* Eleanor Daley

✠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

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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>

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

Life of the Church

Sunday, January 26, 2025

On Christian Love Sermon Series

This five-week sermon series explores 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 love's 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.

Shelter - Tonight!

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

Wednesdays at First - January 29

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	Church Family Night
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 have Church Family Night, a fun evening of games and prizes. Don't miss it! Visit fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code.

God, Improv, and the Art of Living

Join this 8-week study of pastor, author, and speaker MaryAnn McKibben Dana's second book Mondays at 6:00pm beginning **January 27** in the Library. Register and/or get the book at fpcspartanburg.org/studies or scan the QR code. You will also find a complete list of weekday studies to join!

Congregational Meeting & 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.

Building the Kingdom

Join us Wednesday, **February 5** at 6:30pm in Fogartie Hall for a time to reflect on the past year, share details about church finances and stewardship, and talk about the Session's vision for ministry in the year ahead. All are welcome for the presentation. If you are unable to attend, we will have a livestream recording available on our website.

Blood Drive - February 9

Did you know that every two seconds in America, someone urgently needs blood? Only 3% of eligible Americans currently donate blood, despite 65% of the population being eligible to do so. We encourage you to help save lives by donating during our next blood drive on Sunday, **February 9**, 8:00am-1:00pm.

Witness Season

Hurricane Helene caused significant damage to Montreat Camp and Conference Center, a place that is near and dear to many of our hearts. For Witness Season this year, our goal is to raise $25,000 to rebuild the damaged bridge to Robert Lake Park and an additional $7,000 to be used for a proposed mural along the boardwalk. Make plans to join us on Witness Season Sunday, **February 16**!

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 **March 20-21**? The cost would be approximately $250 and includes transportation, hotel, and two lunches. Contact Rev. Leslie Lang at llang@fpcspartanburg.org for details and to sign-up by **February 25**.

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 only. 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 by scanning the QR code or visiting 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.

Ready to Join FPC?

Come to the Perrin Room **February 9** at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

Are you Receiving The eNews?

Receive the latest FPC news and events every Friday in your inbox! Sign up by using the QR code or visit to fpcspartanburg.org/enews. Never miss out on the life of our church!

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.

Offertory

The Size of Your Heart
Eleanor Daley

The size of your heart is the size of your life,
for out of your heart comes the kind of your life,
The way you reach out to the world all around,
is first in your heart to be found.

So if in your heart there is plenty of room,
for love and compassion to come into bloom,
their fragrance flows out through all that you do,
healing the hurt and making new.

The ones who this know have helped all of us grow,
as those who spread light to God's great delight,
dispelling the dark and then freeing the heart,
'till each one becomes God's daughter, son.

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;
Alle Marie Marsh; Kevin Marsh; March Moody

Contemporary Worship

Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Lisa Cunningham, vocals/piano;
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,
Chancel Choir

Calendar

January 26
Shelter Service (Chapel)

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

Looking Forward

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

For details on all church events, visit fpcspartanburg.org/calendar

Front Cover: "Watering Love" by Banksy

Parts of today's liturgy are from the Abingdon Worship Annual and Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"The world now is too dangerous for anything but the truth and too small for anything but love."

- William Sloan Coffin

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

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Congregational Care and Deacons

Andy Mayfield
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