First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



February 4, 2024

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!

Blue 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, you may place your gift in the Offering Plate or you can scan this QR Code; it will direct you to our online giving portal. Additionally, you may mail a check to the church office (address on back of bulletin). Thank you for your gifts. *Questions? Contact Church Financial Officer Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.*

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 — *Chorale* — Charles Callahan

✞Call to Worship — Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Come, sing a new song to God.
Praise the One who gathers us here.
Give thanks for the rain, the grass, and the earth.
Give thanks for the gifts of God.
Come, sing a song of praise.
We sing to the everlasting God.

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

- Eugene Peterson

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

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we yearn for your judgment against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.
We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions.
We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity towards our neighbor.
Too often our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.
Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In mercy, God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✞Response

Hymn 581 — Gloria Patri

✞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

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Lord is a Mighty God* Felix Mendelssohn

✞Doxology
Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sung Responsively) Hymnal Page 9
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Sharing of the Elements *All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Communion Music *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* Timothy Shaw

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 515 *I Come With Joy* Dove of Peace

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Benediction Response
Hymn 547, verse 3 Ar Hyd Y Nos

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Closing Voluntary *Postlude on Darwall's 148th* Charles Callahan

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
Call to Worship	Sam Mitchell
✞Song of Praise	*Holy, Holy, Holy*
Prayer of Confession	Rev. Ansley B. Page
Sung Assurance of Pardon	*O Come To The Altar*
✞Passing of the Peace	
Life of the Church	Rev. L. Craig Foster
Call to Discipleship BSA Troop 2	Ben Brough
Children's Time	
Scripture Reading — Isaiah 40:21-31	
Sermon	Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Communion *All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*	
Communion Music	*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*
✞Closing Song	*You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*
✞Benediction	

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Sanctuary

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Introit — *Come to the Table of Grace* — Barbara Hamm

✞Call to Worship — Thomas Hyde

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Praise the One who gathers us here.
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✞Hymn 305 — *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* — Darwall's 148th

Acolyte — Huntington Clark

Prayer of Confession — Rev. L. Craig Foster

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✞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

Call to Discipleship

BSA Troop 2 — Ben Brough

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise {- Font}

Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 686 — *God of Our Life* — Sandon

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *The Lord is a Mighty God* — Felix Mendelssohn

The Lord is a mighty God, and a King above all,
From the deepest waters to the highest mountains. Forevermore.

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up, lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Elements

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Communion Music

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me — K. Lee Scott

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 515

I Come With Joy — Dove of Peace

✠Charge and Benediction

In the charge and benediction we are assured of God's peace and blessing; we seek to follow Christ's way, sustained by power of the Holy Spirit. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As we engage in that mission, we bear witness to God's eternal reign.

✠Benediction Response

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Closing Voluntary

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The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary B. and John B. White, Sr.
by Sally and Lewis White.

Troop 2 Eagle Honor Roll



1929: Paul Craig; **1930**: Wesley Walker, Gabriel Rouquie; **1931**: Martin Crook, John Glenn, Fred Wyse; **1936**: Dan Wimberly; **1940**: Willard Johnson, Trev Neuberger; **1942**: Edward Perrin, Tom Teasley Galt; **1943**: Ed Moon; **1944**: Wallace DuPre; **1945**: Walter Montgomery, Edwin Shiver, Charles Cauthen, Billy Morgan; **1946**: Hugh Chapman; **1950**: Henry Mitchell, Craig Kennedy; **1951**: Lewis Terry, Patrick Roark, John Renfro; **1952**: Johnny McLendon, Ralph Crutchfield, Perrin Dargan, Michael Mangum, Ned Austell; **1953**: William Davenport, Charles Yeomans; **1954**: Dusty Gray; **1958**: Cone Patterson; **1959**: Alan Cannon; **1960**: Jule Hedden; **1965**: Steve Jeffords; **1966**: William Halligan; **1967**: Theodore Eilenberg, Thomas Langston; **1968**: Arthur Erwin, William Still, James Foster; **1969**: John Keith, William Hamilton, Frank Tiller, Howard Tiller; **1970**: Bruce Eastes, Robert Overman; **1971**: Charles Halliday; **1972**: David Jones, Dwight Eastes; **1976**: Hunter Keith, John F. Renfro, III, Stuart Smith; **1979**: David Tate, Harry Defore, Danny Kahrs; **1981**: Grant Tate, Stephan Bolliger; **1983**: Brian Tate; **1984**: James Bearden; **1985**: Kenneth Tuck;; **1988**: Michael T. Myers; **1989**: Julius Hedden, Jack Murphy, Clarence Crews, Jonathan Silliman; **1990**: Samuel Shackelford ; **1991**: John Lee; **1992**: Andy McKee, Hutson McClure, Benjamin Ratterree; **1993**: Johnny Campbell, Thomas Roberts, Brooks Crenshaw, Michael Pack; **1994**: Paul Lee, Will Bean, Philip Lowe, Jay Reagan, Joseph Biber, Tripp James, Stephen Shaw; **1995**: Walton Irwin, Paul Davis, James Pickens, Lewis Clayton; **1996**: Stephen Fitzpatrick, Hampton Crow, Grant Close; **1997**: W. Keenan Mayo, Robert Hicklin, Chase Biber, Bryan Pack, Matt Jeffords, James R. Glenn; **1998**: Norman Jones, David Berry, John Burrell, Drew Story, Harry Clayton, William Bean, McGrego Hayslip, William Ratterree, Carlisle Bean, Stephen Long, William Richter; **1999**: Grey Wicker, Noah Douglas, Carrington Dunn, Jake Erwin, Tommy Jeffords, Robert F. Chapman, Andrew Kinard; **2000**: William Halligan, Adam Bean, Steven Harman, Stuart Davis; **2001**: Duncan Berry, Steven Olejnik, Van Burchfield, Nathan Erwin, Scott Davis; **2002**: Michael Williams, Jay Easterling; **2003**: Christopher Duren, Deas Richardson; **2004**: Calvin Wicker, John Long, Mack Harman, Max Gravlee; **2005**: William Sanders, Kamal Treifi, Ayman Treifi, Ross Anderson; **2006**: Grier Bomar, Alex Gravlee, Louis Howell; **2007**: Michael Cannon, Ashton Ward, William Ward, Taylor France, Matthew Smith, William Bagwell, Powell Henderson, Cobb Howell; **2008**: Hal Crow, James Foster, Steven Axelrod, Matthew Roberts, Jacob Strehl; **2009**: Tanner Oldham, James Sanders; **2010**: John Nelson, Jacob Henderson, James Purinton, Christopher Keith, William Dawes, Martin Groke, Will Hall, Evan Reid; **2011**: Michael Edwards, Bryan Graham, Robert West, Nicholas Broome, Graham Gowan, Robert Grier; **2012**: Parker Scott, Shaw Camp, Cole Harp, Luke Strehl, Mercer Heath, Davis Kleman, Glen McKinney, Troy McKinney, Mason Barrett, Cameron Brown; **2013**: Hollis Burnett, Harrison Carmichael, Chambers Easterling, Ryan Harp, Shelton Laney, Jack Madsen, Hudson McKinney, Myers McKinney, Elford West Morgan, Bow Smith, Ian Threatt, William Valainis; **2015**: Calum Cecil, Jonathon Henderson, Cody Horton, Graham Keith, Jack Lodmell, Will Patterson, Cole Ray; **2016**: Mac Barrett, Wells Laney, Justin Barron, Tom McMeekin, Colin Cumbo, Thomas Hollingsworth, Lawson Page, Ellis Smith; **2017**: McCall Morehead, Jack Bingham, Matthew Smith, Simon West, Adam West; **2018**: Nathan Glover, Ben Pickens, IV, Charles Mobley, Ben Madsen, Hank Butehorn, Caleb Thompson, Justin Gibson, Harrison Van Vleet, Rex Bingham, Sam Shackelford, Zach Strehl; **2019**: Drew Patterson, Seth Reid, Will Henderson, Florian Sloan, Marshall Rogers, Hunter Smith, Townes Fly; **2020**: Matthew Gibson, Charlie Pickens, Elliott Cont, Alex Barron; **2021**: Will Jones, Jon Rose, Robert Liollio, Finley Reid, Will Pressley, Thomas VanVleet; **2022**: Parker Hoenig; **2023**: James Bright, Ben Brough, Mills Bullington, Will Eaton, Jackson Hall, James Howlett, Will Manello, Foster Neely, William Pickens, Nick Rose

Arrow of Light Award

The following Cub Scouts recently received their Arrow of Light Award:
James Anderson, Mason Cecil, Grant Close, Jack McGillicuddy,
Wilson Neely, and Liam Sewell.



Life of the Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Witness Season Lunch 'N Learn

There will be several opportunities in February to learn about our 2024 Witness Season project, an Outdoor Learning Lab for the Bethlehem Center. If you would like to sign-up to attend a Lunch 'n Learn on February 19 from 11:30am-1:00pm to hear more, you can register at fpcspartanburg.org/witness-season or by scanning the QR code. The deadline is February 13. Lunch will be $10.

Acts 2 Fellowship

Spend time around the table, breaking bread with friends and serving others! February's Acts 2 Fellowship will include a service project along with lunch/dinner to honor Witness Season. Scan the QR Code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/acts2 to register by February 12.

Annual Report

On Wednesday, January 31, Rev. Alan Dyer led us in a celebration of FPC's accomplishments in 2023 and looked forward to our ministry together in the coming year. If you missed Our Year in Review, we encourage you to watch the livestream and take a look at the Annual Report. Both can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/yearinreview or by scanning the QR code.

Wednesdays at First

Join us starting at 5:00pm for Wednesdays at First (WAF). Dinner reservations and more information can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/waf. Volunteer opportunities are available! This week, Marcia and Holt Andrews will present Pipe Organ 101 in the Sanctuary for our after-dinner programming.

God's Trombones

Sweet Gilliard Productions and New Day Baptist Church proudly present James Weldon Johnson's God's Trombones: Seven Sermons in Verse on February 17 at 6:00pm at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. We invite you to this production of James Weldon Johnson's iconic work, which will include eight local pastors preaching through each of the seven sermons. Tickets are $50, and can be purchased using the QR code or by visiting fpcspartanburg.org/gods-trombones.

Congregational Retreat

Join your church family in beautiful Montreat, NC for a weekend of relaxation, fun, and spiritual growth May 3-5. There will be programming for all ages (including nursery) and plenty of free time to hike and explore Black Mountain, play games, or take a nap.

Accommodations will be in Assembly Inn and Winsborough, with single rooms and two-room suites available in each. Visit montreat.org/accommodations to get information on each lodge and choose the right one for you and your family. Comprehensive costs for each room can be found on the website listed below. Please note that room sharing is possible and scholarships are available.

For complete information and to register by March 15, visit fpcspartanburg.org/retreat.

Discover First Presbyterian

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please join us at the Discover FPC Class Sundays, February 18 through March 3 from 10:00-10:50am in the Large Private Dining Room (Family Life Center). A light breakfast will be served on March 3 along with an opportunity to meet with Session and go on a church tour. Joining is optional. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org.

Ready to Join FPC?

Have you been visiting and you are ready to join First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor on Sunday, February 11th at 10:30am. There will be a brief meeting of the Session (Church governing body) for the purpose of welcoming new members. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

Gym Hours

Mondays-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.

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 2208*
Emmaus – *Room 2207*
Abide – *Room 2200*
L.I.F.T. – *Room 2201*
Glory Days – *Purnell Room*

Today's Musicians

Early Worship: Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews; Genesis Choir

Contemporary Worship: Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals; Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, electric guitar; Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin; Matthew Kelly, guitar/vocals; Jeff Key, bass guitar

Traditional Worship: Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews; Lisa Cunningham, guitar; March Moody, violin; Chancel Choir; LightShine Choir

Calendar

February 4
Scout Sunday

February 11
Youth Sunday

February 14
Ash Wednesday

February 19
Witness Season Lunch 'N Learn

February 25
Witness Season Sunday
Acts 2 Dinners: Supper and Service

Looking Forward

March 24
Palm Sunday

March 28
Maundy Thursday

March 31
Easter

April 13
Churchwide Day of Service

April 21
Confirmation Sunday

May 3-5
Congregational Retreat at Montreat

May 12
Mother's Day

May 19
Day of Pentecost

June 3-6
Vacation Bible School

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

Someone I loved once gave me
a box full of darkness.
It took me years to understand
that this, too, was a gift.

- Mary Oliver

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
Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor Discipleship

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Interim Associate Pastor
for Congregational Care

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor
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

Pano Stathakis
Director of Hospitality

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
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