First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



February 11, 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 — Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

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

Opening Voluntary — *Simple Gifts* — Dale Wood

✞Call to Worship

God, our creator, calls out to each of us,
"Come as you are. Bring your authentic self."
As the Church we gather,
to live by faith, with praise and thanksgiving!
As the body of Christ,
we are called to be beloved community.
God has pulled us in, paved a way for us today.
May Christ be our light. Let us worship God!

✞Hymn 403 — *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* — Unser Herrscher

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion,
In Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness.
Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world.
We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect.
Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways,
For the sake of him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

✞Response

Hymn 582 — Glory to God

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.

This morning we celebrate Youth Sunday, a service planned and led by FPC middle and high school youth. Today we highlight the gifts of God present in our young people, but also recognize that our youth are more than the "future of the church;" they are crucial members of the church in the present.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✞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

Scripture Reading	1 Peter 4:8-11	Andrew Sims
Sermon		Foster Neely

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed — Hymnal Page 35

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	*Come, Live in the Light*	David Haas

✞Doxology

Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Our preacher this morning is Foster Neely. Foster is a senior at Spartanburg High School and a lifelong member of FPC. He has been an integral member of our youth group, living out his faith with compassion, wisdom, and curiosity. We are so excited to see what God has in store for Foster next!

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 774	*There Is Now A New Creation*	Stuttgart

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Benediction Response — O Waly Waly

Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.

Closing Voluntary	*Trumpet Tune*	Craig Phillips

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

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Welcome		Grace deMaine
✞Call to Worship		Ellie Hallenbeck
✞Songs of Praise		*God Is In This Story; Fill My Cup*
Prayer of Confession		Addie Usry
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Fill My Cup*
✞Passing of the Peace		Catherine Jenkins
Life of the Church		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Children's Time		Ben Neely and Jack Usry
Anthem		*Reckless Love*
First Reading	Psalm 133	Lane Greer
Second Reading	1 Peter 4:8-11	
Sermon		Elise Deberry
Prayers of the People		Sadie Brock
✞Closing Song		*Build Your Kingdom Here*
✞Benedication		

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Our preacher this morning is Elise Deberry. Elise is a junior at Byrnes High School and the granddaughter of Deborah Lemke. She is a wonderful example of what it means to use the gifts God has given each of us to serve others.

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Traditional Worship
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Sanctuary

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Welcome and Invitation — Grace deMaine

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Opening Voluntary — *Simple Gifts* — Arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle

Acolyte — Savannah Pinilla

✞Call to Worship — Ramsey Neely

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✞Hymn 404 — *What Is This Place* — Komt Mu Met Zang

Prayer of Confession — Susu Wood

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✞Passing of the Peace — Wade Cooper Neely

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And also with you.
Let us greet one another with signs of peace.

Life of the Church — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Abby Edwards and Mary Soutter Pack

Prayer for Illumination — Harriet and Wallace Lynch

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Responding to the Word

✞Affirmation of Faith — Grace Mitchell

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty;
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People — Saffy Evans

Loving God, You cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
Hear our prayers for your church and world: For the hungry and the overfed
May we have enough;
For the mourners and the mockers,
May we laugh together;
For the victims and the oppressors,
May we share power wisely;
For the peacemakers and those who bring war;
May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;
For the silenced and the silencers,
May we speak your Word of truth;
For the unemployed and the overworked,
May our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;
For the troubled and the secure,
May we live together as wounded healers;
For the homeless and the housed,
May our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;
For the vibrant and the dying,
May we all die to sin and live to love.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings — Anna Evans

Offertory — *Alleluia, Praise the Lord* — John Moody

Alleluia, Praise the Lord was composed by our own John Moody for the FPC Mission Trip to Santa Clara, Cuba in 2022 and performed as a gift to our partner church there. The Chancel Choir today is singing the United States premiere!

✠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 — Michael Pack

Bearing the Word to the World

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Closing Voluntary — *Trumpet Tune* — Craig Phillips

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Hollis Blackwell Taylor
by Naomi Taylor and Family.

Life of the Church

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Souper Bowl of Caring

Today, our youth will lead us in worship at all three services. They are excited to share their talents and perspectives as we all worship God together. Additionally, we have the opportunity to support Total Ministries through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth will be collecting monetary donations in large soup pots following all three services.

Witness Season Activities

This year's Witness Season project will fund an outdoor play space with a natural playground to be built at **The Bethlehem Center**, a hub of positive activity in the Highland community. This space would include a gardening area, amphitheater, and water play areas.

There will be several opportunities througout the month 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.

FPC's Children's Ministry is collecting **art and craft supplies** as well as snacks throughout the month. Drop off donations in the marked bins outside Fogartie Hall or in the Tower Room.

Wednesdays at First

Join us starting at 5:00pm for Wednesdays at First (WAF). This week's menu is pulled pork, rice and gravy, succotash, roll, and dessert. Volunteer opportunities are available. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/waf to learn more and sign up to volunteer!

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday is February 14, marking the first day of the Lenten season.

The **Chapel** will be open from 8:00am-1:00pm. A pastor will be present for you to receive the imposition of ashes and for prayer.

The family-friendly **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:15pm and will include the imposition of ashes. Nursery will be provided for infants through age two. The service will be livestreamed.

Why Jesus?

Will Willimon's book *Why Jesus?* explores the life of the fascinating preacher from Nazareth and how He continues to challenge us, invite us into service for God, and shows us the true meaning of our lives. Willimon will be leading the program at WAF on February 21, so make plans to join us!

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. Tickets are very limited and can be purchased using the QR code or by visiting fpcspartanburg.org/gods-trombones.

Acts 2 Dinners and Lunches

February's Acts 2 Dinners and Lunches are fun, small group gatherings with new and old friends! Come strengthen your ties with your faith family. Scan the QR Code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/acts2 to register by tomorrow, February 12. Questions? Contact Ansley Page at apage@fpcspartanburg.org.

FPC Basketball Banquet

What a wonderful basketball season we have had so far! We are excited to end this year on a high note with our final few weeks of games followed by our Church Basketball Banquet. We will honor each team on stage and enjoy a night of fellowship together! Please scan the QR code to register you and your family. We look forward to celebrating all our hardworking players, coaches, and of course parents on Tuesday February 20th at 5:30PM in Fogartie Hall. Can't wait to see you then!

Pickleball!

On **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 1:00-3:00pm, the Gym Floor is set up for Pickleball. Equipment available at the FLC Desk.

Gym Hours

Mondays-Thursdays: 7am-8pm; Fridays: 7am-2pm; Saturdays: 8am-12noon

WDS Substitutes Needed

The Weekday School at FPC is looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact Kris Graham, Director of the Weekday School (kgraham@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-706-0460).

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. 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.

Churchwide Day of Service

On Saturday, April 13, we will be holding our Second Annual Churchwide Day of Service! Meet at the church at 8:30am for coffee and devotion. From 9:00am-12:00pm, we will serve in various local organizations around Spartanburg. Come back at noon for lunch and a debrief together. $20/person or $75 for families of four or more. Price includes lunch, supplies, and a Day of Service t-shirt. (Scholarships available - contact Pastor Leslie for more info). Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/dayofservice to register by March 30. Childcare available upon request for children under 6 years.

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. This class will be held 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 in attending this class, 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.

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.

Youth Greeters and Ushers

Henry Blanton, Camille Cleland, Marianna Hallenbeck, Mary English Hammett, Ben Jones, Duncan Jones, Ellie Jones, Jane Manello, Will Manello, Cannon Mitchell, Anne Neely, Andy Pulliam, Sam Sims, Edie Wood

Youth Camera Operators

Contemporary Worship
David Millinor

Traditional Worship
Sam Foster

Today's Musicians

Early Worship
Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews

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

Youth Vocalists: Elise Deberry, Lillie Kimbrell, Olivia Marsh, Finley Sloan

Traditional Worship
Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews;
Chancel Choir; John Moody, piano;
Adena and Matt McDaniel, percussion

FPC Youth Chamber Orchestra
March Moody, Director
Violin: Brady Johnson, Abby Clementson, Kate Lancaster, Maddie Raynor
Viola: Foster Neely, Wade Cooper Neely
Cello: Lillie Kimbrell, Jackson Pingley
Flute: Mary Soutter Pack
Oboe: Sam Van Hyning
Bassoon: Killian McDaniel
French Horn: Finnigan McDaniel, Connor Lyerly

Calendar

February 11
Youth Sunday

February 14
Ash Wednesday

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

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

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

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Parts of today's liturgy are from the Book of Common Worship PC(USA) and Call to Worship.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

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
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Admin to the Senior Pastor

Cathy Bagwell
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Caroline Goodman
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Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin
to Music and Mission

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

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