First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



February 16, 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, you may place your gift in the Offering Plate or you can scan the QR Codes. The ShelbyNext QR code will direct you to our online giving portal. Additionally, you may give via Venmo or 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.*

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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 on Darwall's 148th* — Charles Callahan

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Come, let us worship the Lord, who has prepared a feast for all people.
We come to rejoice in God's salvation.
Christ has died and risen so that we might stand firm in His grace.
This is the good news in which we gather.
Let us worship God with joy!
Let us worship God together!

✞Hymn 363 — *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* — Darwall's 148th

English pastor/poet/composer John Darwall (1731-89) wrote the tune for our opening hymn to go with a text he had written on Psalm 148... hence the tune name Darwall's 148th. In addition to our opening hymn, the Closing Voluntary for today's worship also uses music based on the same tune.

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love and mercy,
you have called us to stand firm in your gospel, yet we falter.
We confess that we have doubted your grace, forgotten your promises,
and lived as though Christ's resurrection had no power in our daily lives.
Forgive us, Lord. Lift the veil from our eyes,
that we may see your victory over sin and death.
Renew us once more by your Spirit,
that we may walk in love and proclaim the Good News with joy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

Call to Discipleship: Witness Season 2025 — Richard DuBose

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon — *On Christian Love: Love that Transforms* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

✠Affirmation of Faith

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth* — Felix Mendelssohn

✠Doxology: Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 269 — *Lead On, O King Eternal!* — Lancashire

✠Charge and Benediction

We go forth into the world to serve God in our daily lives as a continuation of our worship so that our work is our worship until such time as we gather again.

✠Benediction Response

Hymn 549 — Soon Ti

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

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. Leslie A. Lang
Instrumental Prayer		
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Egypt*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. L. Craig Foster
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes and Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church Call to Discipleship: Witness Season 2025		Richard DuBose
Children's Time		
Anthem		*I Speak Jesus*
First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9	
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	
Sermon	*On Christian Love: Love that Transforms*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
✞Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed		
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*This Is Our God*
✞Benediction		

The Call to Worship is a reminder that, while worship is something we do, we do it as a response to what God has already done. God calls us to worship. We respond to God's call with praise, confession, gratitude, and wonder.

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Sanctuary

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Acolyte — Huntington Clark

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Passing the peace in worship reflects Christ's gift of reconciliation, and reminds us of our unity as the body of Christ and our call to share God's peace with one another and the world.

Life of the Church

Call to Discipleship: Witness Season 2025 — Richard DuBose

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Prayer for Illumination — *The Lord is My Light* — Taize Community

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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

Offertory *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Mack Wilberg

Offertory text can be found on the last page.

✠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

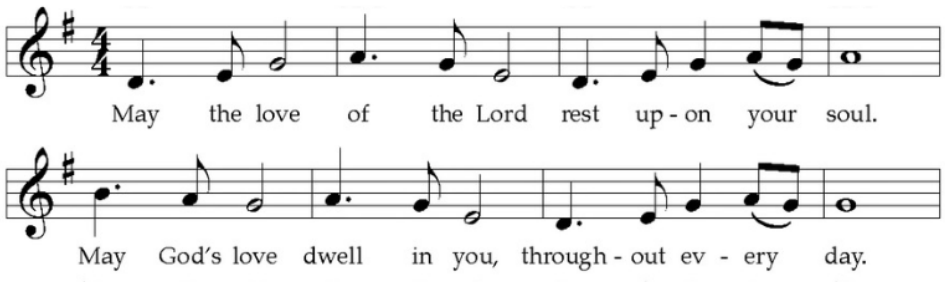
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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Donald Summers
by the family.

Life of the Church
Sunday, February 16, 2025

Witness Season Sunday - Today!
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. So far, the congregation has generously donated over $5,500. Please help us reach this goal for our friends in Montreat! You may give to this project any time by scanning the QR code or visiting fpcspartanburg.org/witnessseason.

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.

Dr. Andy Root - Next Sunday!
Dr. Andy Root is a professor, author, and engaging teacher of church and contemporary culture. Next Sunday, **February 23**, Andy will lead a combined Adult Sunday School class at 10:00am in Fogartie Hall as well as a lunch and learn, **Faith-full Parenting,** also in Fogartie Hall, **for parents of 4th through 12th graders after 11:00am Traditional Worship.** Lunch requires pre-registration. Register your entire family for lunch, and then gain insights into the cultural and generational shifts of parenting and youth ministry in general. Childcare after lunch is available. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/faithfullparenting for details and to register.

Tending the Fire: Marriage Retreat
Love month is the perfect time to invest in your marriage! All couples, from newlyweds to well-seasoned, are invited to a Marriage Enrichment Retreat **February 28-March 1** in Fogartie Hall. On Friday evening, enjoy a delicious meal together. On Saturday, retreat leaders Jeannie DuBose, M.S., and Rev. Keigh Grogg will lead us in engaging scripture, reflections on the blessings of love, and will teach us some new tools for navigating life's transitions together. These two will share wisdom and encouragement from their own respective marriages and counseling experience. Only $60 per couple! Register by February 19 at fpcspartanburg.org/marriage or scan the QR code.

Wednesdays at First - February 19
Full Schedule

5:00pm	Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
5:00pm	Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
6:15pm	Recreation for Children (Gym)
6:30pm	Sabbatical Reflections with Rev. Leslie Lang
6:30pm	Youth Fellowship and Bible Study
7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. Join us after dinner in the Social Hall to hear about Rev. Leslie's sabbatical in 2024. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code.

Pig 'n Pickle - Youth Fundraiser
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...or plan to come for fun and fellowship! Details and registration links can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/pignpickle or scan the QR code.

Concordia Choir Concert @ FPC

The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota has a reputation as one of America's finest choirs. The 72-voice choir has performed in nearly every major hall including Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center as well as numerous international tours. On **March 4,** the Concordia Choir will offer a free concert at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. A freewill offering will be collected to cover the college's travel costs. This is a rare opportunity for our community and is open to the public.

African American Museum Trip

There are limited spots left for the International African American Museum trip in Charleston! Rev. Leslie Lang will take a group on this trip **March 20-21** and the cost is $250 which includes transportation, lodging, and two meals. Contact Leslie at llang@fpcspartanburg.org to sign-up by **February 25**.

Play and Grow Together

Thank you to all who have supported the vision of a new playground at FPC thus far. Please join us in supporting this project that will provide a safer, more accessible, and visible playground for the children of our church, Weekday School, and community. Give online by scanning the QR code or visiting fpcspartanburg.org/playground, mail a check, or stop by the church financial office **by March 15**.

Ready to Join FPC?

Come to the Perrin Room Sunday, **March 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!

Sunday Greeters Needed!

Sunday morning Greeters are one important way we live out our commitment to show Christian Hospitality to visitors, new members, and regular attenders alike! Volunteers are needed each Sunday, and anyone is welcome! Please sign up at fpcspartanburg.org/greeter or scan the QR code and help us welcome all people to First Presbyterian Church.

Offertory

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
arr. Mack Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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 - Fogartie Hall

Please join us in Fogartie Hall today for Combined Adult Sunday School. Richard DuBose, president of the Montreat Conference Center, will lead our time together. Richard, a graduate of Davidson College, has served as president of Montreat Conference Center since 2014. He has an extensive background in development, and has worked with Points of Light, Columbia Theological Seminary. Richard is the son and grandson of Presbyterian ministers and grew up participating in the Clubs program at Montreat. His wife, Jeannie, will co-lead our Marriage Enrichment Weekend!

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Matias Mariani

Contemporary Worship

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

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Matias Mariani, Chancel Choir

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Calendar

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Special Guest: Dr. Andy Root

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Looking Forward

March 2
Youth Sunday

March 4
Concordia College Choir Concert

March 5
Ash Wednesday

March 8
Pig 'N Pickle Youth Fundraiser

March 20-21
African American Museum Trip

March 23
Chamber Singers: Mendelssohn in the Wilderness

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

April 27
Confirmation Sunday

May 11
Mother's Day

May 18
Baccalaureate Sunday

June 2-5
Vacation Bible School

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"The Gospels do not explain the Resurrection; the Resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the Resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith."

- John S. Whale

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

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Associate Pastor
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

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

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