First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



March 2, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

Youth Sunday

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 — Elise Deberry

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

Opening Voluntary — *Gift of Finest Wheat* — Charles Callahan

✞Call to Worship — Edie Wood

Who made this beautiful day?
We believe that God, the Creator, made this day –
God made this day so we can rest, and reflect, and enjoy;
God made this day so we can open our eyes and see beauty,
And see pain, and see opportunity,
And see hope.
So let us go into this day with our eyes, ears, and hearts wide open,
And let us worship God.

✞Hymn 611 — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — Hymn to Joy

Prayer of Confession — Susu Wood

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners –
full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.
Perhaps you see us simply as human –
as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done,
and bless the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more
into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love.
Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! Amen.

✞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.

✞Passing of the Peace

Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.
And also with you.
Let us share signs of peace with one another.

Life of the Church — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon Elise Deberry

Today's preacher in the traditional services is Elise Deberry, who is a senior at Byrnes High School and will be attending Converse University in the fall. Elise was confirmed at FPC in 2022. We have been blessed by Elise sharing her gifts of song and preaching in the Contemporary Service. It's a joy to have her preach again on Youth Sunday!

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Offertory *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

✙Doxology: Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sung Responsively)

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 Hymnal Page 35

Sharing of the Elements

The gifts of God for the people of God. *All communion bread is gluten free.*
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 450 *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

✙Charge and Benediction

✙Benediction Response

Hymn 306, verse 1 Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Closing Voluntary *Toccata in Seven* John Rutter

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Welcome		Britton Matthews
Instrumental Prayer		*The Love of God*
✞Call to Worship		Jillian Scott
✞Song of Praise		*Cornerstone / As For Me and My House*
Prayer of Confession		Wynn Story
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes and Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		Larson Colley
Life of the Church		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Children's Time		Lowry Kinard and Caroline Ringo
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Sadie Brock
Sermon		Finley Sloan
Communion		*All communion bread is gluten free.*
Prayer after Communion		Ellie Hallenbeck
Communion Music		*Available*
✞Closing Song		*Trust In You*
✞Benediction		

Today's preacher is Finley Sloan. Finley is a junior at Spartanburg High School. She was confirmed as part of the Confirmation Class of 2023. We are blessed to have Finley proclaim the word of God this morning!

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Welcome and Invitation — Mary Soutter and Michael Pack

This is the day that the Lord has made;
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Opening Voluntary — *Sinfonia in A Minor* — Georg Philipp Telemann

Acolyte — Wells Blanton

Introit — *The God of Abraham Praise* — Leoni

✞Call to Worship — Addie and Jack Usry

Who made this beautiful day?
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✞Hymn 611 — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — Hymn to Joy

Prayer of Confession — Abby and Charlotte Clementson

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Assurance of Pardon — Saffy Evans

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✞Response

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and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
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Life of the Church — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Abby and Eliza Edwards

Prayer for Illumination — Jay Blanton

First Reading — Psalm 119:73-80 — Catherine Jenkins

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 — Francis Halligan and Lily Dargis

Sermon — Elise Deberry

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Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings — Michael Pack

Offertory — *I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills* — Rene Clausen

Offertory text can be found on page 14 of the bulletin.

✞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.

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) — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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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.
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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 — *All communion bread is gluten free.*

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Communion Music — *Lift Thine Eyes* — Felix Mendelssohn

Prayer After Communion — Kate and William Lancaster

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Closing Voluntary — *Toccata in Seven* — John Rutter

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Jacob Emmanuel Kuntz
by Jeff, Janet, and John Kuntz.

Life of the Church

Sunday, March 2, 2025

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.

Lenten Sermon Series

This Lent, we will step into the wilderness — a place of testing, transformation, and unexpected encounters with God. Through the stories of Miriam, Hagar, Moses, Elijah, Ezekiel, and Jesus we'll explore how God meets us in barren places and leads us toward hope. Come and walk this sacred path with us as we seek God's presence in the wilderness, and discover wisdom, resilience, and renewal for our own journeys.

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. **The deadline to sign up is today**! Register at fpcspartanburg.org/museum or scan the QR code.

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. Volunteers are needed each Sunday, and anyone is welcome! Please sign up at fpcspartanburg.org/greeter or scan the QR code.

Imposition of ashes - March 5

On Ash Wednesday, **March 5**, the Chapel will be open 8:00am-1:00pm. A pastor will be present during those hours for you to receive the imposition of ashes and for prayer.

Ash Wednesday Service - March 5

Following Wednesday night dinner, 5:00-6:15pm,we will hold a brief, family-friendly Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm to mark the beginning of the Lenten season, including the imposition of ashes. Nursery is provided for infants through age 3. Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday at fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code.

Pig 'n Pickle - Youth Fundraiser

Time is running out to register! On Saturday, **March 8**, our Youth and Recreation ministries will host FPC's first Pig 'N Pickle, a barbecue contest and pickleball tournament. Register your pickleball team, compete in the barbecue competition, or plan to come for fun and fellowship. Help us reach our goal of 20 pickleball teams and 10 BBQ contestants! Details and registration links can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/pignpickle or scan the QR code. All funds raised through this event will go directly to the high school mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Make Up Blood Drive

If you were unable to donate blood at our recent FPC drive, sign up to give o March 6 at Cedar Spring Family Dentristy (272 Cedar Springs Road) from 1:00-4:00pm.

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 with any questions and if you plan to attend.

JOY Fellowship Trip

Join us for a special JOY Fellowship outing **March 12** at the Old Stone Church in Glenn Springs. Jim Farmer will discuss *North of Main*, a new book published by Hub City Press, that explores the history of black neighborhoods such as North Dean Street, Gas Bottom, and Back of the College. Meet at 10:15am to carpool. The program will begin at 11:30am. A complimentary lunch of assorted sandwiches, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/joytrip or scan the QR code.

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 at fpcspartanburg.org/playground, mail a check, or stop by the church financial office by **March 15**.

Churchwide Day of Service

The 3rd Annual Churchwide Day of Service is **March 29**! This is a family-friendly morning of helping at our ministry partner sites around the community. We will gather in the morning for prayer and reconvene for lunch after serving our partner organizations. Sign up by March 19 at fpcspartanburg.org/dayofservice or scan the QR code.

Gym Hours

Our gym is open Monday-Thursday from 7:00am-8:00pm; Friday from 7:00am-2:00pm; and Saturday from 8:00am-12noon. If you plan to access the fitness area/walking track, please bring your keycard. Please note that children under 13 years of age must have parent/guardian supervision to use the basketball court, and you must be over the age of 13 to use the walking track/fitness area. Thank you!

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.

Cleveland Academy Literacy Day

Save the date and join us for this exciting day at Cleveland Academy on Monday, **March 31** from 8:00-11:00am. It will be a fun morning of literacy for all the first graders in the school, with the theme "Today is going to be a GREAT day!" Volunteers will be needed in blocks to help with art, writing, and movement stations. Be on the lookout for more information and the opportunity to sign-up!

Women's Connection - Aug. 8-10

Save the date for the Women's Connection conference at Montreat, **August 8-10**, featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. The church has reserved 20 registrations and rooms in Assembly Inn. Learn more about Amy-Jill Levine and the schedule for the weekend at montreat.org/events/wc-2025 or scan the QR code. Watch for information about how to register through the church soon!

Offertory

I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills
Rene Clausen

I lift mine eyes unto the hills; from where comes my help?
My help is in the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved,
and God shall never sleep.
Behold, the Lord who keeps watch over Israel
shall slumber not, nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you,
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil,
It is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord will watch over you,
your going out and you coming in,
From this time forth and forever more.
Alleluia, Amen.

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, Genesis Choir

Contemporary Worship
Addyson Hammett, vocals;
Catherine Jenkins, vocals;
Finley Sloan, vocals;
Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Landon Hammett, vocals/keyboard;
Anna Harkey, violin;
Jeff Key, electric guitar;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship
Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Chancel Choir, Youth Orchestra (Abby Clementson, Bridge Keller, Sophia Keller, Ava Key, Bryson Kiehl, Kate Lancaster, Connor Lyerly, Iris Newman, Mary Soutter Pack, Maddie Raynor, Resce Youngblood)

Technical Support

Contemporary Worship
Kathryn Martin, David Millinor, Todd Camp

Traditional Worship
Sam Foster, David Foy, Todd Camp

Calendar

March 4
Concordia College Choir Concert

March 5
Ash Wednesday

March 8
Pig 'N Pickle Youth Fundraiser

March 20-21
African American Museum Trip

Looking Forward

March 23
Mendelssohn in the Wilderness:
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

April 27
Confirmation Sunday

May 18
Baccalaureate Sunday

June 2-5
Vacation Bible School

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

Youth Communion Servers

Early Worship: Edie Wood, Susu Wood

Contemporary Worship: Bryson Kiehl, Marianna Hallenbeck

Traditional Worship: Henry Blanton, David Evans, Anna Evans, Anne Neely, Michael Pack

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To Ponder Prayerfully

"Happiness is neither virtue nor pleasure nor this thing nor that but simply growth. We are happy when we are growing."

- William Butler Yeats

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

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Associate Director, Youth Ministry

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Receptionist and Admin
to Music and Mission

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Congregational Care and Deacons

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