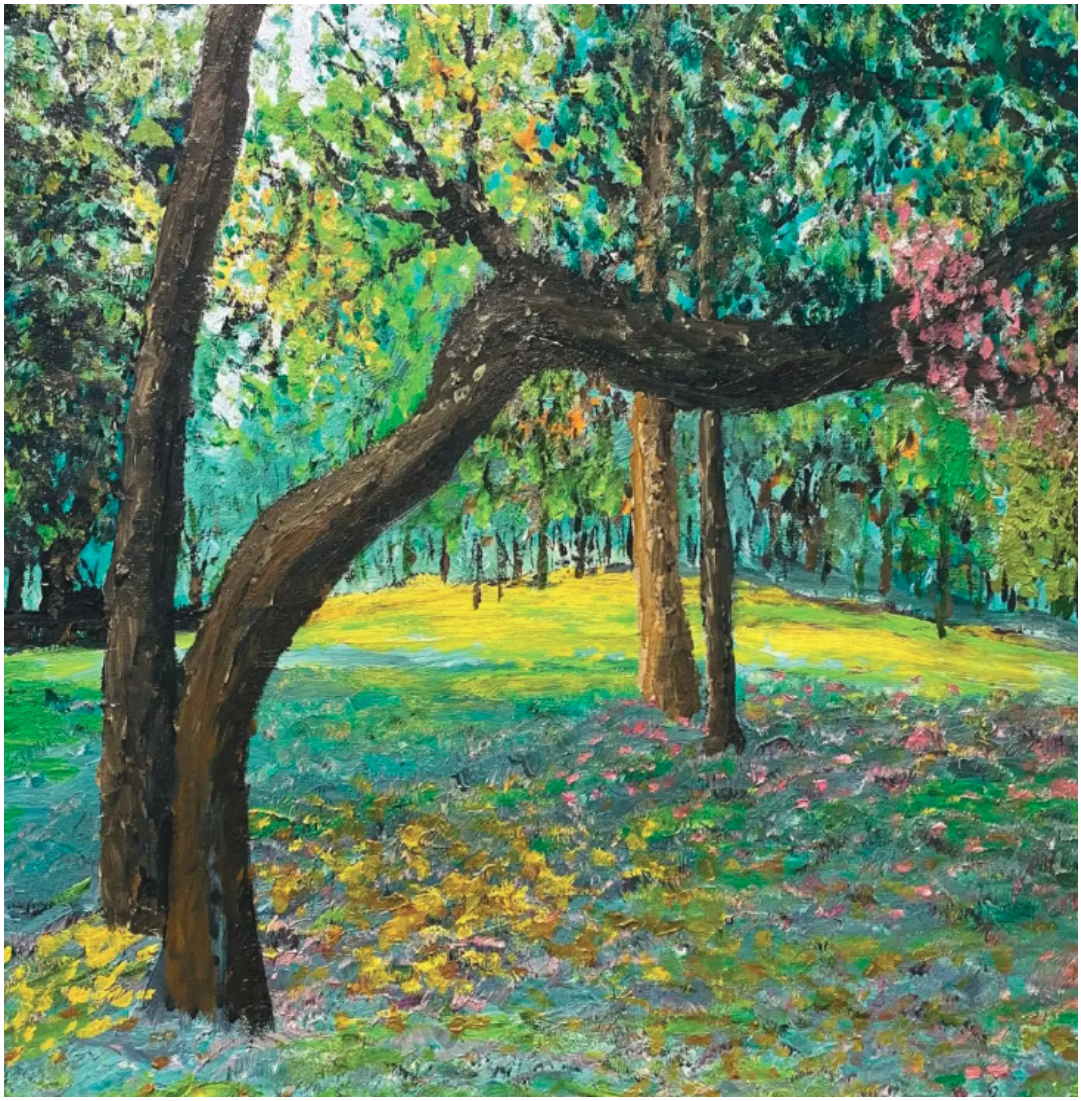
First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



May 11, 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 — *He Shall Feed His Flock* — G.F. Handel

✞Call to Worship — Savannah Pinilla

The Lord is our Shepherd; we lack for nothing.
We come to worship the One who restores our souls.
Christ is risen, and life is made new.
We come to worship the One who brings life out of death.
In the power of the Spirit, God gathers us, lifts us, and sends us.
We come with hope and joy to praise the living God!

✞Hymn 14 — *For the Beauty of the Earth* — Dix

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Living God,
you are always stirring life where we expect only endings.
Yet we confess how often we live
as though your resurrection power were far away.
We grow weary in doing good.
We overlook the quiet needs of our neighbors.
We forget that you are still at work, even in the ordinary days.
Forgive us when we lose heart.
Forgive us when we forget the hope to which we are called.
Raise us again by your mercy.
Renew in us the gifts you have given, that we might offer our lives in love,
trusting that no labor is ever lost in your kingdom.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of 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

The order of worship is called a liturgy, which quite literally means "work of the people." What we do together in prayer and praise, listening for and responding to God, proclaiming and confessing our faith, and engaging in forms of self-offering during this time of worship, is our work in this service.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. The word "sacrament" comes from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery." Sacraments (in our tradition baptism and the Lord's Supper) 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 (354-430) was the first to describe sacraments as "outward, visible signs of inward, spiritual grace."

Sacrament of Baptism *Catherine "Kate" Winfield Cochran*
Daughter of Mary Catherine and Brooks Cochran

Response: Hymn 188, verse 1 *Jesus Loves Me* Jesus Loves Me

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-43

Sermon Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

✙Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
In life and in death we belong to God. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. Margaret Bonds

✙Doxology: Hymn 609 Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✙Hymn 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* Kelvingrove

✙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 *Praise to the Lord* David Cherwein

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Welcome		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Instrumental Prayer		*More Like You*
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Overcome*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. L. Craig Foster
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes and Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Anthem		*Springtime*
First Reading	Psalm 23	Hudson Huang
Second Reading	Acts 9:36-43	
Sermon		Rev. Alan F. Dyer
✞Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith		
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*More Than Amazing*
✞Benediction		

In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Integral to reunion was the preparation of a Brief Statement of Faith. While recognizing realities of diversity and disagreement in both the church and the world, members of the drafting committee sought to articulate Presbyterians' common identity.

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

Gathering Around the Word

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Acolyte — Wells Blanton

Introit — *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* — St. Columbia

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

Sacrament of Baptism — *George Nicholas Caggiano*
Son of Page and Nick Caggiano

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 — *I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes* — Dundee

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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 *See What Love* Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us, in His goodness,
that we should be called God's own children. (I John 3:1)

✠Doxology

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✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

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God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission it bears witness to God's reign over all life.

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Ila Belle Levie Bagwell, Lula Frances Hill Levie, Dovie Powell Bagwell, Ophelia (Felie) Williams Adams, and all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers who have gone before us

by Frances (Fran) Jewell Bagwell.

Life of the Church

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Happy Mother's Day

The Mother's Day Offering provides charitable care to residents who have outlived their life's savings due to old age or costly medical bills so that they can continue to call Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, "home." You can donate using the designated Mother's Day Offering envelopes, by writing a check and adding "Mother's Day Offering" in the memo, or giving online at giving.prescommunities.org (and include FPC Spartanburg on "Step 3 - Donor Information"). Thank you for keeping this special Presbyterian tradition alive!

Next Sunday: Baccalaureate

On Sunday, **May 18**, we will celebrate all graduates. If you are a member of First Presbyterian Church and will graduate **college or will receive a graduate level degree in 2025,** please fill out the form at fpcspartanburg.org/baccalaureate or scan the QR code by tomorrow, May 12.

Next Sunday: Discover FPC

Discover FPC classes are offered for visitors and new members to learn more and ask questions about our church, values, mission, and programs. The next class will be **May 18** at 12:00noon. Scan the QR code to learn more or visit fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc.

Vision Survey

We invite you to take time to complete the congregational survey. Your responses are critical to helping us listen well — to one another and to the living God — as we discern where the Holy Spirit is leading our church in the next 3-5 years. Please scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/vision to respond by **May 30.** If you would prefer to complete a paper copy, please contact the church office.

Used Bikes Needed for Thornwell

We still need six female 24-inch bikes and three male 26-inch bikes for Thornwell's residential children. Please only donate the sizes listed. Drop off at the recreation desk (near the gym) **today!**

Ready to Join FPC?

Come to the Parlor today, **May 11** at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

Churchwide Dinner & Concert

Join us Wednesday, **May 21** for a Scottish dinner in Fogartie Hall at 6:00pm and then for a Bon Voyage concert performed by the FPC Scotland Choir in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. Reservations can be made at fpcspartanburg.org/scotland or by scanning the QR code. The 35-voice FPC Scotland Choir will sing music that will be performed in Scotland throughout the week of May 26-June 4, including the first jazz/gospel music ever offered in worship at Inverness Cathedral.

Remembering Their Service

On Sunday, **May 25**, the church will honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have passed on. Please fill out the form found at fpcspartanburg.org/memorialday or scan the QR code if you would like your loved one's name, rank, and branch of service printed in the May 25 bulletin.

Montreat Play Dates

Families with chilren ages 4K-6th grade: spend the day rock-hopping in the creek, playing on the playground, and enjoying games in the Montreat Youth Center on **June 14 and July 19**. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/montreatplaydate or scan the QR code!

New Book Study: Begins May 15

In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. A.J. Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7 and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today. Join us on Thursdays at 12:00noon in the Purnell Room or on Zoom!

A Way Home Training

First Presbyterian Church will host homeless families through A Way Home in July. All volunteers must complete a background check and attend training, **June 8** at 12:30-1:30pm in the Large Private Dining Room. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP to Rhonda Dickerson (rhonda032856@gmail.com).

Women's Connection

There are only three spots left for the 2025 Women's Connection at Montreat! Pull up a chair and join other women for a time of renewal and discernment, with powerful worship and rich engagement with the Bible on **August 8-10** in Montreat, NC. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection or scan the QR code.

Playground Project

Construction will begin on the new playground in the next few weeks. We still need your support for playground maintenance. Read more about this project and give your gift by visiting fpcspartanburg.org/playground or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support!

Ride to End Alzheimer's

This July, our church is sponsoring a cycling team for the annual Ride to End Alzheimer's, a 3-day, 257-mile bicycle trek, to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Alzheimer's Association of SC. Our team currently consists of Bill Craft, Hubert Huang, Sam Foster, and Craig Foster (and it's not too late to join!). Not up for riding? Find out more about how you can support Team FPC at fpcspartanburg.org/endalz.

Basketball Jersey Recycling

Do you have any church basketball jerseys lying around at home, or ones that no longer fit your kids? Join us in our commitment to sustainability by participating in our Church Basketball Jersey Recycling Project. Please donate your gently-used ***dark green jerseys*** beginning tomorrow in the marked baskets at the FLC desk. We ask that they be washed and free of any major stains. Thank you!

Support the Youth DR Team

This summer, 22 youth and 6 adults will go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Not only can you begin praying for them and all the lives they will touch, you can also help offset the cost of their trip. If you would like to donate, please visit fpcspartanburg.org/giving or scan the QR code. Choose Youth DR Mission Trip in the Fund dropdown menu and enter your amount. Thank you for your prayers and support!

ACM Reentry Simulation

Angels Charge Ministry will hold a Reentry Simulation Friday, **May 16**, 10:00am-12:00noon at TK Gregg Community Center. This event will demonstrate how difficult it is for those coming out of incarceration. Please RSVP to Theresa Bowles at manntheresa@aol.com or 864-680-1420.

Sunday Greeters & Ushers Needed

Christian hospitality begins on Sunday mornings—and you can be a part of our welcoming team! We need friendly faces to serve as Greeters and Ushers. Sign up for either opportunity at fpcspartanburg.org/sundayserve.

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. Thank you!

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, Erica Pauly, Sarye Glenn

Contemporary Worship

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

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Erica Pauly,
Chancel Choir

Front Cover: Oil painting of the Old Sheldon Church Ruins in Yemassee, SC by Don Murray, a resident of the Columbia Presbyterian Commuity.

Calendar

May 18
Baccalaureate Sunday

May 21
Dinner & FPC Scotland Choir Bon Voyage Concert

May 25
Worship as One (through July 27)

May 26
Memorial Day: All church facilities closed

Looking Forward

June 1
Lemonade on the Lawn

June 2-5
Vacation Bible School

July 6-13
Host Church for A Way Home (formerly SPIHN)

June 8
Day of Pentecost
Ordination/Installation of New Church Officers

June 14/July 19
Montreat Play Dates

July 13
Wedding Potluck for Leslie Lang and David Denny

July 27
Lemonade on the Lawn

August 8-10
Women's Connection at Montreat

August 10
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 24
Rally Day

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

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Emery Carr and Parker Blanchard
and in loving memory of
Bonnie Carr and Marian Cook.

To Ponder Prayerfully

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- Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon

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
Director of Finance

Joanie Shackleton
Assistant Director of Finance
and Mission Support

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

Kerri Bell
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Congregational Care and Deacons

Andy Mayfield
Grounds Manager

Judith Holbert
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