First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



May 19, 2024

Service for the Lord's Day

Pentecost

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 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 — *Veni, Creator Spritus* — Libby Larsen

✞Call to Worship — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Call upon God's holy name.
For in calling, we are saved.
Listen for the wind of the Spirit.
For in listening, we find new life.
Respond to the promises of Christ.
For in responding, we bring hope to our world.

✞Hymn 2 — *Come Thou, Almighty King* — Italian Hymn

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Merciful God,
we do not know how to pray as we ought,
and we know too well our constant failures
to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word.
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way,
keep us in your care, and lead us into faith.
We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us
all things and grant us courage and peace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God searches the heart
and the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

✞Response

Hymn 581 — *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.* — 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.

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from a historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started, making Pentecost the church's birthday.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Life of the Church

In our baptism God has called and sealed us. Baptism is an important event, not simply in the life of the child and family, but in the life of the whole church. We are baptized into a community and not in abstraction from the community.

Sacrament of Baptism — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Foster Buchanan Cecil — Cam Cecil, Elder

Daughter of Amanda and Michael Cecil — Caroline Ringo, Reader

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading — Acts 2:1-21

Sermon — *Surprised by Hope: Of the Church* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed — Hymnal Page 35

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* — arr. K. Lee Scott

✙Doxology

Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✙Hymn 295 — *Go to the World!* — Sine Nomine

✙Charge and Benediction

✙Benediction Response

Hymn 288 — Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
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Closing Voluntary — *Trumpet Call* — 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		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Start A Fire*
Prayer of Confession		
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Lord Listen To Your Children*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Anthem		*Fresh Wind*
First Reading	Romans 8:22-27	
Second Reading	Acts 2:1-21	
Sermon	*Surprised by Hope: Of the Church*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Affirmation of Faith		
Apostle's Creed		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*Build Your Kingdom Here*
✞Benediction		

"Lord listen to Your children praying.
Lord send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord listen to Your children praying.
Send us love, send us power,
Send us grace."

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Sanctuary

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Acolyte — Luke Usry

Introit — *Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire* — Veni Creator Spiritus

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children		Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Prayer for Illumination	*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*	Trentham
First Reading	Romans 8:22-27	Andrew Sims
Second Reading	Acts 2:1-21	
Sermon	*Surprised by Hope: Of the Church*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Recognition of High School Graduates — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

A Prayer for and Commissioning of Graduates

Lord, we come in awe on this day of celebration of our children's magnificent achievement and with pride that we have been privileged to be participants in their dreams. As their dreams now take them to new places and happenings, take them ever more fully into your will that they may always find comfort and guidance in your presence.

Lord, we thank you for our graduates and ask that you would continue to nurture their dreams. Help them to seek your will in all that they do, and give them the grace to hold fast to their faith through all the days ahead. Give them courage and strength to persevere. Amen.

Now, on behalf of this congregation, we send you out as Christ's witnesses into the world. Go forth, knowing that you are missionaries to the world, representing God and this congregation wherever you go. Go with God's power and wisdom, God's discipline and love, God's grace and peace and abundant joy.

This morning we celebrate Baccalaureate Sunday and acknowledge the accomplishments of our graduated seniors. As we prepare to send them out into the next chapter of life, may we remember the vows that we've taken as a congregation at their baptisms, to love and nurture them in the way of faith.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Though French organist Luis Vierne's Kyrie Eleison (from his Solemn Mass) was not written specifically for Pentecost, we think it captures some of the spirit of that day. The roiling opening statement from the organ portends that something big, really big, is coming. Yet when the choir enters it is almost a whisper, an echo of that original "still, small voice." As the piece continues it runs through a range of dynamics and emotions, finally concluding in a triumphant shout from both choir and organ.

Offertory — *Kyrie Eleison* — Louis Vierne

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

✙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

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.

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The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Ila Belle Levie Bagwell, Lula Frances Hill Levie, Dovie Powell Bagwell, and Ophelia (Felie) Williams Adams
by Frances (Fran) Jewell Bagwell.

Life of the Church

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Surprised by Hope

The Easter story is one of surprise. The women go to the tomb expecting to find one thing, but instead find something very different. The tomb is empty; Christ is risen! This Easter Season, we invite you to join us as we explore how the resurrection continues to surprise us with God's hopeful vision for our future and our present.

Acts 2 Lunches and Dinners

Spend time around the table, breaking bread with friends to strengthen your faith family ties through conversation and fellowship! Acts 2 gatherings are for adults ages 22-102. You are invited to join a small group (8-12) of church friends for fellowship and lunch OR dinner on Sunday, June 9. Everyone will bring something to help with the meal. Registration is required. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/acts2 to sign up by May 22!

JOY Fellowship BMW Tour

It's time for another fun JOY Fellowship (age 55+) adventure! On Tuesday, June 4, we will visit BMW Manufacturing for a tour. The cost is $10.50 per person, and please bring money for lunch at one of the nearby restaurants. The church bus will leave from the Family Life Center at 8:30am. Register by May 26 at fpcspartanburg.org/joy or scan the QR code.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection 2024 will be held in Montreat August 9-11. The keynote speaker is Becca Stevens, founder and president of Thistle Farms. Sign up today at fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection or scan the QR code to enjoy a weekend of worship and self-care!

A Place at the Table

Young adulthood is tough! You may be right on that cusp of graduating from college and worried about what will be next, or you are in that early phase of adjusting to the "real world" and it not being what you imagined or expected. We want to provide a place at the table to explore these questions together. If you are a young adult in your late college through early first-career years (ages 20-25ish) and desire to explore meaning and purpose within a faith context, please reach out to Rev. Leslie Lang at llang@fpcspartanburg.org for more information and to apply by June 15.

Youth Summer Calendar

Get ready for a summer full of fun with FPC Youth! Stay up to date on all events and register for summer activities at fpcspartanburgyouth.org/events!

Alzheimer's Support Group

First Presbyterian Church is hosting a support group for caregivers of family members with dementia. The group will meet from 12:00-1:00pm on the third Thursday of each month beginning on June 20, in the Senior High room (Room F202 on the second floor of the Family Life Center). The group will be co-facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Jerone Wilder, an Alzheimer's Association certified Community Educator and Support Group Facilitator, and our Parish Nurse Beth Cecil. If you or anyone you know would be interested in participating in the group, please contact Beth Cecil (bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-208-2136) for additional information.

Montreat Play Dates

Spend the day rock-hopping in the creek, playing on the playground, and enjoying games in the Youth Center during our Montreat Play Dates on June 22 and July 20! This is for families with children ages 4k-6th grade. Registration is open at fpcspartanburg.org/montreatplaydate.

Baccalaureate Recognition

This morning, we will have a special portion of the
11:00am Sanctuary worship service to recognize our high school seniors:

Katelyn Anderson
Jaden Atkins
Anna Beeson
Julia Brantley
Grayson Bryant
Mills Bullington
Sophie Clayton
Caroline Colbath
Eleanor Coleman
James Crenshaw
Christopher Curtis, Jr.
Hayes Edwards
Caroline Feather
Mark Gauthier, IV
Ann Chambers Harrill
Parker Hoenig
Lilly Ruth Hyde
Brady Johnson
Sarah Kate Keller
Mary Caroline Lominack
Will Manello, Jr.
Lilli McKillop
Foster Neely
William Pickens
Andy Pulliam
Dorothy Salley
Andrew Sims
Sarah Gordon Walsh
Simms Wilkins
Ryleigh Willard
Molly Yarborough
Noah Yarborough

A reception in the Chapel Courtyard area will immediately follow the service.
We invite you to congratulate our graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Please also join us in congratulating those who are graduating from college or graduate school.

Lara Elizabeth Dym
M.A., Converse University

Carson Kneisley
B.A., Converse University

Lillian Grace Groke
B.S., Clemson University

Martin Christopher Groke
D.O., Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

Lisbon Lopes
B.A., Converse University

Anna Catherine Morgan
B.A., Furman University

Taylor Parker
B.S., Presbyterian College

Elizabeth Anne Stevens
B.I.S., USC Upstate

Rachel Ann Summers
B.S., United States Naval Academy

Caleb Fowler Thompson
B.A., The Citadel

Andrew Patrick Youngblood
B.A., The Citadel

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor today at 10:30am. There will be a brief meeting to welcome 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*
An extensive book-by-book study of the Bible.

Emmaus – *Room 2207*
A journey with eyes open towards Jesus, with fellowship and a fresh new scripture-based lesson each week.

Abide - *Room 2200*
For younger adults and parents of preschool/elementary children to gather for a time of fellowship and learning.

L.I.F.T. - *Room 2201*
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

Front Cover: "The Holy Spirit of Pentecost" by Laure Barlet
Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion and Abingdon Worship Annual

Calendar

May 19
Baccalaureate Sunday
Day of Pentecost

May 26
Trinity Sunday
(One Worship Service at 11am)

May 27
Memorial Day
(All Church Facilities Closed)

Looking Forward

June 3-6
Vacation Bible School

June 9
Acts 2 Lunches & Dinners

June 9-15
High School Mission Trip

June 16
Father's Day

June 22 and July 20
Montreat Play Dates

July 8-11
Middle School Mission Week

July 20-27
Montreat Youth Conference

August 9-11
Montreat Women's Conference

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;
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals;
Jeff Key, electric guitar;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Reel Robertson, Chancel Choir

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Church is a moment in time when the Kingdom of God draws near,
when a meal, a story, a song, an apology, and even a failure
is made holy by the presence of Jesus among us and within us."

- Rachel Held Evans

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

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
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