First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



May 26, 2024

Service for the Lord's Day

Trinity Sunday

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.*

Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

Gathering Around the Word

It is no accident that our Sunday worship mirrors Isaiah's vision of heavenly worship. Note in the sidebars the parallels between our first scripture reading and our worship this morning.

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. L. Craig Foster

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

Opening Voluntary — *Allegretto from Sonata IV* — Felix Mendelssohn

Introit — *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* — Deo Gracias

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah 6:3 (NRSV)

✙Call to Worship — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Holy, holy, holy is our God;
Heaven and earth are filled with God's glory.
The God of glory thunders;
God's voice shakes the wilderness.
No one knows from where it comes, or to where it goes,
and all in God's temple say, "Glory!"
Will we hear that voice saying:
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
O God, we are here, send us!
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

✙Hymn 1 — *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* — Nicaea

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Isaiah 6:5 (NRSV)

Prayer of Confession — Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us,
yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.
We confess that we have stumbled,
and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again.
Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength,
and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other,
through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news:
We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption.
Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out,
for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

✙ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✙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 — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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

The Word for Children

Prayer for Illumination — *Lord of All Good* — Toulon

First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading — Psalm 29

Sermon — *The Splendor of God's Presence* — Rev. L. Craig Foster

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.

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Isaiah 6:6-7 (NRSV)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah 6:8 (NRSV)

And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8 (NRSV)

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

Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/offertory to view the text.

Offertory — *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* — Hal H. Hopson

Please refer to the sidebar for the Offertory text.

✠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

✠Hymn 69 — *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* — Here I Am

✠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 — *Psalm XIX* — Benedetto Marcello

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Lint W. Eberhardt, III
by Alice M. Eberhardt, Dr. Linton W. Eberhardt IV,
Mr. and Mrs. Brand R. Stille, Reid and Ebbe Stille.

Life of the Church

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Join a Summer Book Study

After Evangelicalism: The Path to a New Christianity by David Gushee (Led by Craig Foster)
Mondays beginning June 3 at 6:00pm

Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber
(Led by Leslie Lang and John Lefebvre)
Thursdays beginning June 6 at 10:00am

Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers by Michael G. Long
(Led by Nan and Tom McDaniel and Craig Foster)
Thursdays beginning June 6 at 12:00pm

Into the Heart of Romans: A Deep Dive into Paul's Greatest Letter by N.T. Wright (Led by Craig Foster)
Tuesdays beginning June 11 at 12:30pm

Women's Study: **Looking for God in Messy Places: A Book About Hope** by Rev. Dr. Jake Owensby (Led by Ansley Page)
Select Wednesdays at 6:00pm & Thursdays at 9:30am

In-person and online options available. Details on each study and registration forms can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/bookstudy.

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 in your late college through early first-career years (ages 20-25ish) and desire to explore meaning and purpose within a faith context, please contact Rev. Leslie Lang at llang@fpcspartanburg.org for more information and to apply by June 15.

Thank you!

Thank you to the 5th grade liturgists and acolytes this year who helped to share God's light with our FPC family: James Anderson, Elodie Bouwmeester, Charlotte Clementson, Grant Close, Lily Dargis, Willard Fairey, Frances Halligan, Kathryn Martin, Caroline Ringo.

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 June 9. Scan the QR code to learn more or visit fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc. Contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org with questions or more information.

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! Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/montreatplaydate.

Today's Musicians

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews, Summer Choir

Front Cover: "The Holy Trinity" by Mark Jennings
Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2.

Remembering Their Service and Sacrifice

Today we honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have entered the church triumphant, including:

Name	Branch	Dates of Service
Lt. Col. Claude Bertram Barre	Army	WWII
Elizabeth Evert Bean SP2	Navy	1942-1944
Lt. Howard Carlisle Bean	Navy	1943-1945
CPL James L. Burnett	Army	1944-1946; POW
Joseph E. Camp, Sr.	Navy	
Lt. Col. William Hunt Carpenter, Jr.	Air Force	1961-1988
CWO Warren Clary	Army	1946-1964
Tech Sgt. Elton D. Crenshaw	Army Air Corps	
1st Lt. Charles Douglas Crump	Army	1941-1943; KIA
S1C William Eldridge Donald	Navy	1944-1946
Pfc. Everette Eckard	Army	1943-1945
Grant E. Estep	Army Air Corps	WWII
Major Fred Groke	Army	1960-1979
SSgt. John W. Hill, Jr.	Army	1942-1946
James Powers Hickson, Jr.	Army/National Guard	
Cpt. Robin Marcellus Hood	Army	1940-1946
MSgt. Robert T. Humphries	Army	1939-1953
Lt. Ralph Newsom Kelley	Navy	WWII
Walter W. Laseter	Army	WWII
Frank Warner Lee, Jr	Army	1940-1944
Dr. Guy Lehman	Army	1943-1946
LCDR Rev. Elden H. Luffman	Marines	WWII and Vietnam
G. Frank Lundy	Air Force Reserves	
Lt. Col. Robert A. Maddox	Air Force	1955-1975
Lt. Joe Mattison	Army	1957
Paul Wayne McKillop	Air Force	1970-1974
Lt. Doris J. Mills	Navy	1942-1945
Cpt. William Palmer Mills	Army	1941-1945
Donald E. Oldham	Army Air Force Pilot	1943-1945
MSgt. Gerald L. Palmer	Army Air Corps	1941-1945
Lt. Col. Benjamin "Ben" R. Pickens, Sr.	Army	1941-1946
Cpt. Benjamin Robinson Pickens, Jr.	Army	Vietnam
John Renfro	Army	1961-1963
Elgia Vernon Sheppard	Navy	WWII
Major W. Leonard Still	Army	WWII
Robert L. Stoddard	Navy	1943-1947
Holcomb McClain Stroup, Jr.	Army	1951-1953
SSgt. Ned Sydnor	Army	1951-1953
John Thomas Tatham	SC Nat. Guard and Army Reserves	
LCDR Hollis B. Taylor	Navy Medical Service Corps	1945-1972
Lt. Col. William K. Thompson, Jr.	Army Reserves	1943-1975
Pvt. Herbert Lockwood Thruston	Army Field Artillery	1918
Dewey W. Tomlin	Army	1940-1945
Col. Frances Kyle Tothill	Air Force	WWII
J.D. Trout, Sr.	Navy	1943-1946
Cpt. Bob Wise	Navy	1947-1952

We give thanks for all those that served - named and unnamed.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"God does not need the Creation in order to have something to love because within himself love happens. In other words, the love God is is love not as a noun but as a verb. This verb is reflexive as well as transitive.

- Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

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

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