First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



May 5, 2024

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, all children are invited to return to their seats. Children's Worship will resume next week, May 12.

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 — Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

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

Opening Voluntary — *Pastorale* — Charles Wesley

✞Call to Worship — *From Psalm 27* — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord will shelter me in the day of trouble; the Lord will lift me up.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
Let us worship the Lord, our God.

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

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive us for trusting in our own strength and not trusting in your providential care.
Forgive the wrong that we have done and the good we have left undone.
We have hurt our neighbors, ignored the needs of others,
and wounded your image in us.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, we pray…**

Silent Confession

We confess our sin to recognize the ways in which we have fallen short of God's purposes for our lives. We confess our sin to experience anew the grace of God and to live lives of gratitude. Karl Barth wrote, "Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder lightning. The two belong together, so that only gratitude can correspond to grace, and this correspondence cannot fail... Radically and basically, all sin is simply ingratitude."

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
By God's mercy, we are forgiven, we are washed clean, and we are given new life.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

✞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.
Let us greet one another as we share the love and peace of Christ.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading Acts 1:1-11

Sermon *Surprised by Hope: Last Things First* Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Soon and Very Soon* Andrae Crouch

Offertory Text can be found on the last page of the bulletin.

✞Doxology
Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sung Responsively)
The text to The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving can be found on the last page of the Traditional Service Bulletin

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Sharing of the Elements

The gifts of God for the people of God. *All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*
Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away— the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper looks to the future in hope because Christ who died and was raised will come again to transform the whole creation. Therefore, we, who commune with Christ and with one another, are nourished by bread and wine to walk our earthly way as a people of hope.

Communion Music *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* Timothy Shaw

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Houston

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Benediction Response
Hymn 547, verse 3 Ar Hyd Y Nos

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
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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. John Daniel DeBevoise
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Your Great Name*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Ansley B. Page
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
First Reading	Daniel 7:13-14	
Second Reading	Acts 1:1-11	
Sermon	*Surprised by Hope: Of the Second Coming*	Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Communion		*All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*
Communion Music		*My Jesus*
✞Closing Song		*The Solid Rock*
✞Benediction		

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Acolyte — Savannah Pinilla

Introit

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After his death and resurrection, Jesus used the greeting "Peace be with you" three times when he met with his disciples (John 20:19-29). Notice that he explicitly used this greeting with those who called themselves his followers. When we pass the peace, we remember the joy and responsibility that comes with being followers of Jesus.

Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 824 — *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* — McAfee

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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 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

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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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrew McKee, Sr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe McClain Stroup, Jr., and Mrs. Betty McKee Baker
by the Paul Andrew McKee, Jr. family.

Life of the Church

Sunday, May 5, 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.

Blood Drive Sunday

Our Blood Drive is today, May 5, 8:00am-1:00pm. The church will receive a donation of $25 for each viable donation and each donor will receive $25 in rewards that can be redeemed for eGift cards! Visit the Blood Connection bus if you haven't signed up for an appointment time.

Joy Fellowship Spring lunch

The JOY Fellowship (age 55+) Spring Luncheon is Thursday, May 9 at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. Enjoy a delicious meal and a musical presentation by Dr. Steven Graff, Assistant Professor of Piano at Converse University Petrie School of Music. Scan the QR code to sign up by tomorrow or visit fpcspartanburg.org/joyluncheon.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting, for Sunday, May 12, 2024, to be held at the start of the 11:00am Traditional Worship Service, to act on the report and recommendation of the APNC to call an Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Diaconate.

Pray for our Cuba Team

Several members and staff will travel to Santa Clara, Cuba next week to help implement a sustainable water purification system. Pray for them and for the work they will complete.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection 2024 is a time to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself, and a time and space for Sabbath. We hope you will join us in Montreat August 9-11. The keynote speaker is Becca Stevens, founder and president of Thistle Farms, a nonprofit organization that is helping women survivors overcome and heal. Workshop registration opened earlier this week, and these fill up quickly. Sign up soon so you can register for the workshop of your choice. The cost of $425 includes housing and registration. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection for details!

Baccalaureate Sunday

On Sunday, May 19, 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 2024,** please fill out the form at fpcspartanburg.org/baccalaureate or scan the QR code by May 10.

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!

Flower Guild Needs Vases!

The Flower Guild is requesting donations of bud vases and small vases (no larger than a quart). Please drop off your donations in the Sacristy.

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.

Youth Summer Calendar

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

Winter Warmth Donations

We're already preparing for Winter Warmth, First Presbyterian's largest annual mission project. We distribute brand-new coats, hats and scarves to children in need across Spartanburg County. We need your help! If you crochet or knit, we are collecting hats and scarves. All donations can be dropped off in the Mission Closet across from the church library right inside the Chestnut Street entrance. You may also purchase hats and scarves to donate. Winter Warmth will take place on October 26. If you have questions, please email winterwarmthfpc@gmail.com.

Share Your Smile on Sundays!

Share your smile on Sunday mornings! Join the team of Sunday greeters to welcome members and visitors to First Presbyterian Church! Sign up at fpcspartanburg.org/ministry-finder or scan the QR code.

Receiving Church News?

Are you receiveing the latest FPC news and events? We send a congregational email every Friday and mail a monthly newsletter. If you aren't receiving these communications and would like to, please visit fpcspartanburg.org/news or scan the QR code.

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.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews, Janet Kuntz
Genesis Choir

Contemporary Worship

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Alexa Cotran, lead vocals;
Anna Harkey, violin;
Jeff Key, electric guitar;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar;
Leigha Pace-Keller, lead vocals/keyboard

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews, Janet Kuntz
Chancel Choir

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor Sunday, May 19 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 from dynamic teachers.

Offertory Text

Soon and Very Soon
Andrae Crouch

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,we're going to see the King.
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

Calendar

May 12
Congregational Meeting
Mother's Day

May 19
Baccalaureate Sunday
Day of Pentecost

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

September 8
Rally Day

October 26
Winter Warmth

October 27
Kirkin' o' the Tartans

November 3
All Saints' Day

To Ponder Prayerfully

"But hope has an astonishing resilience and strength.
Its very persistence in our hearts indicates that it is not a tonic
for wishful thinkers but the ground on which realists stand."

- Kathleen Norris,
Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life

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

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