First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



June 2, 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!

Blue 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 — *Meditation on Land of Rest* — David Paxton

✞Call to Worship — Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

People of God, enter this place with thanksgiving and praise,
for the Lord is good.
Come and rejoice, sing glory to God,
for the Lord is good.
Remember, the steadfast love of God endures forever,
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Today's call to worship is adapted from Psalm 138. The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms.

✞Hymn 403 — *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* — Unser Herrscher

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Ansley B. Page

Gracious God,
we often forget that you are the ruler of our lives.
Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere.
We want what others have.
We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down.
We become distracted by the activities around us.
We forget to keep our focus on you. Forgive us.
Strengthen our faith, that we may see your presence in our lives.
Remind us again that you are the Lord of our lives —
the one who loves us completely,
the one who offers us abundant forgiveness,
the one who never leaves our side.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of God, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

✞Response: Hymn 447 — We Are Forgiven

✞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.

Life of the Church

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Sermon Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Psalm 139* Alan Pote

✞Doxology
Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

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)
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

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

Communion Music *What a Fellowship* arr. Gilbert Martin

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 515 *I Come with Joy* Dove of Peace

✞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 *Gigue* Douglas E. Wagner

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	*Shine Jesus Shine*
Prayer of Confession	Rev. L. Craig Foster
Sung Assurance of Pardon	*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*
✞Passing of the Peace	
Life of the Church	
Children's Time	
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Sermon	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Communion	*All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*
Communion Music	*Let Your Light Shine*
✞Closing Song	*My Lighthouse*
✞Benediction	

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Sanctuary

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Introit — *Arise, Your Light Is Come* — Festal Song

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those second grade and older will return to the pews.

Prayer for Illumination — *O God, You Search Me* — O God, You Search Me

First Reading — Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Sermon — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* — Jody Lindh

Please see the back page of the bulletin for 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.

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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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✠Hymn 515

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✠Charge and Benediction

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we go out to share that nourishment in the ordinary intersections of our daily lives. The Lord's Day service is the indispensable event that identifies the church with its Lord and equips it to identify with those whom the Lord has called us to serve.

✠Benediction Response

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Closing Voluntary

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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Wendy Mason
by her family.

Life of the Church
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Lemonade on the Lawn

Before and after the 11:00am Traditional service today, enjoy lemonade and refreshments on the front lawn. This will also be an opportunity to pick up your VBS t-shirts! Please be in prayer for the students and volunteers this week at VBS.

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.

Discover First Presbyterian

If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church, please join us at the Discover FPC Class next Sunday, June 9. Learn more at fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc or scan the QR code. Contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org with questions.

An Evening with Kirk Neely

Experience the insight, charisma, and wit of Dr. Kirk H. Neely (storyteller, author, and pastoral counselor with 58 years in ministry) as he hosts a Bill's Book Club (BBC) discussion on books that have shaped our lives. Everyone is welcome to attend Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Arthur Center or via Zoom. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/bbc for more information.

Young Adults at Fretwell

Summer is HERE! Come grab a beverage or snack and hang out with some other friends from First Pres on Wednesday, June 12 at Fretwell (101 Fretwell St) from 5:30-7:00pm. Kids are welcome, as long as you keep an eye on them. Bring a friend! Hope to see you then!

A Place at the Table

Young adulthood is tough! 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.

Show Your Appreciation

As we prepare to welcome a new Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, we also need to pause to express appreciation to our beloved Interim Associate Pastor, Lewis Galloway for his service in this role for the last five months. Lewis and Bunny will soon return to their great life of retirement in Black Mountain, NC. We will have a special reception honoring them on July 7 after 11:00am worship. Members are encouraged to write notes of gratitude to Lewis, which will be collected in a basket in the receptionist's office at the church up until July 7. Let's overwhelm Lewis and Bunny with a huge number of our expressions of love and gratefulness!

Tickled Pink Pop Up Party

All women are invited for a mid-summer boost of fellowship, short study, and fun on Tuesday July 9 at 9:30am in Fogartie Hall. Bring a friend!

Parkinson's Support Group

Do you or someone you know have Parkinson's? You are invited to a support group the third Tuesday of each month beginning June 18 at 4:30-6:00pm in the Arthur Center. Please join us for socializing, support, and information presented by experts each month. To RSVP and for updated information, visit gapsonline.org (GAPS Monthly - Spartanburg tab). Contact Parish Nurse Beth Cecil (bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-208-2136) for additional 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). Please contact Beth Cecil (bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-208-2136) for additional information.

Women's Connection

There are only a few spots left for Women's Connection 2024 that will be held in Montreat August 9-11. The cost of $425 includes housing and registration. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection for details!

JOY Fellowship Tour of BMW

On Thursday, July 18, the JOY Fellowship (age 55+) will visit BMW Manufacturing for a tour. The cost is $10.50 per person, and bring money for lunch at a nearby restaurant. The bus will leave from the Family Life Center at 8:30am. Register by July 10 at fpcspartanburg.org/joy or scan the QR code.

Family Trivia Night

Enjoy chicken tenders, mac & cheese, slaw, salad, fruit, and dessert before testing your wits with a game of trivia! Join us Wednesday, July 17 begining at 5:30pm. Wednesdays at First meal prices apply. Register your family at fpcspartanburg.org/trivia or scan the QR code. You don't want to miss this!

Stay Active This Summer!

Whether you're into pickleball, walks on the beautiful Spartanburg trails, need help improving your balance, or thrilling kayak adventures, the Recreation Ministry has something for you! Visit fpcspartanburg.org/recreation or scan the QR code to see all that's happening this summer!

Order Your Family Tartan

Kirkin' o' the Tartans is Sunday, October 27. If you would like to add your family's tartan to the procession, now is the time to order your banner. The cost of purchasing and sewing your tartan is $150. Tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland. Please submit your order form and payment no later than Friday, July 26. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/tartan or scan the QR code to order online.

Neighborhood Meal Ministry

The Neighborhood Meal Ministry needs volunteers as well as meal sponsors for July 18 and several Thursdays in August. They are also accepting donations of toiletry items, granola bars, crackers, and any takeaway foods. Please reach out to Betsy Burrell or Mary Lorick Thompson.

Stephen Ministry Needs You!

If you are looking for a way to serve that provides a once-a-week interaction with someone who is desperately in need of Christian caring, this is the place for you! New class starting in August. Contact Dana Halliday at danahalliday1@charter.net.

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor on Sunday, June 16 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.

Summer Sunday School - 10am
(Gathering Time - 9:45am)

Children and Youth

Nursery – *Room C105 (Clark Building)*
Preschool ***(3K-5K)*** – *Room C110 (Clark Building)*
1st - 5th Grades – *Large Private Dining Room*
Youth - *Second Floor of the Family Life Center*

Combined Adult Sunday School

The Rise and Fall of the Monarchy
Fogartie Hall

This five-week study explores the rise and fall of the monarchy as we find it in the books of 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship
John Moody; Erica Pauly; Genesis Choir

Contemporary Worship
Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals;
Anna Harkey, violin;
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship
Lisa Cunningham; Erica Pauly; Summer Choir

Offertory

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Jody Lindh

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

Calendar

June 2
Lemonade on the Lawn

June 3-6
Vacation Bible School

June 9
Discover FPC
Acts 2 Lunches & Dinners

June 9-15
High School Mission Trip

June 12
Young Adult Social at Fretwell

June 16
Father's Day

June 22 and July 20
Montreat Play Dates

Looking Forward

July 8-11
Middle School Mission Week

July 9
Tickled Pink Pop Up Party

July 13
Green River Adventure

July 17
Family Trivia Night

July 20-27
Montreat Youth Conference

August 9-11
Montreat Women's Conference

Front Cover: "Castle" by Laura Gollinger

Parts of today's liturgy are from Abingdon Worship Annual.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Grace is the answer to the call for help.
Grace isn't just forgiveness, a covering, an acquittal;
it is an infusion, a transplant, a resurrection, revolution of the will and once.
It's the hand of a Higher Power that made you and loves you
reaching into your soul with a gift of a new well.
Grace is freedom."

- James K.A. Smith

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

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