First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



June 30, 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, 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 — *Allegro from Concerto No. 3* — Johann G. Walther

✞Call to Worship — Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies are everlasting.
They are new every morning.
Great is God's faithfulness.
Let us sing praises to God,
and give thanks for God's name.

We use the language of "call" frequently in our worship: the call to confession, the call to give, the call to go out and serve. Worship (and life!) is a never-ending dance between the divine call and our response.

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,
and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely place,
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Move to those places where love is needed,
Have faith that you are with us.

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Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

✞Response: Hymn 447 — We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (x2)

✞Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Life of the Church

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

Sermon Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *I Will Sing of Thy Mercies, O Lord* Felix Mendelssohn

✠Doxology

Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response

Hymn 748 Tallis' Canon

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Closing Voluntary *In Thee is Gladness* J.S. Bach

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		*Confidence*
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		*Psalm 34 - Taste and See*
First Reading	Psalm 130	
Second Reading	Lamentations 3:22-33	
Sermon	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*	Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Affirmation of Faith		
A Brief Statement of Faith		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)*
✞Benediction		

"Faithful You are.
Faithful forever
You will be.
Faithful You Are
All Your promises
are Yes and
Amen.
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11:00am
Sanctuary

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Introit — *God, Reveal Your Presence* — Arnsberg

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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Prayer for Illumination	*Wait For The Lord*	Taize Community
First Reading	Psalm 130	Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Second Reading	Lamentations 3:22-33	
Sermon		Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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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

The offering of material goods in worship is a corporate act of self-dedication in response to God. It expresses thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all good, the redeemer from sin and evil. –Directory for Worship

Offertory *God is My Strong Salvation* Austin Lovelace

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

✠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

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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
June and Joe Griffin
by the family.

Life of the Church

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Rhythms of Faith

Throughout July, there will be one worship service following Combined Summer Sunday School at 11:00am with each Sunday incorporating a different genre of music. We hope you will join us!

July 7 - American Music; July 14 - Jazz;

July 21 - Spirituals; July 28 - Bluegrass (Fogartie Hall)

Reception for the Galloways

As we prepare to welcome a new Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, we also pause to show appreciation for our beloved Interim Associate Pastor, Lewis Galloway. Members are encouraged to write notes of gratitude to Lewis and Bunny, which will be collected in a basket in the receptionist's office at the church until July 7, when we will hold a special reception after 11:00am worship. Let's overwhelm them with love and gratitude!

Officer Recommendations

The Congregational Nominating Committee needs your help nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons. A nomination form can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/nominations or by scanning the QR Code for a direct link to the form. You may submit as many names as you would like, suggesting any member of FPC, including yourself. To see the list of current church officers on the church website, click "About Us" and "Church Leadership." The deadline for submittal is Monday, July 15.

Women's Connection

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

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!

Green River Adventure

Take a guide-assisted river trip down a three-mile section of the Lower Green River in Saluda, SC on July 13! These easily navigable rapids are perfect for anyone ages 5 and up (no experience needed)! The cost is $44 per person. Space is limited. Register by July 9 at fpcspartanburg.org/recreation or scan the QR code.

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.

Reception for Rev. Klompmaker

On July 14, we welcome Rev. Rachel Klompmaker as our new Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for refreshments and to meet Rachel.

Family Trivia Night

Enjoy a delicious dinner and test your wits with a game of trivia! Join us Wednesday, July 17 begining at 5:30pm. Register your family at fpcspartanburg.org/trivia or scan the QR code.

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.

Family Bingo Night

Join your church family for dinner and a fun game of bingo on Wednesday, August 28 at 5:30pm in Fogartie Hall. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/bingo or scan the QR code!

Honor Your Loved Ones

The Flower Guild creates beautiful arrangements each Sunday to enhance the worship experience and as a way to honor loved ones. To sponsor a floral arrangement, please contact LeAnne Thurmond Holcombe at leanne.thurmond@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Meal Ministry

The Neighborhood Meal Ministry needs volunteers and meal sponsors as well as donations of toiletry items, granola bars, crackers, and any takeaway foods. Please contact Betsy Burrell (b_burrell52@yahoo.com) or Mary Lorick Thompson (tmarylorick4@gmail.com) if you are able to assist with this ministry.

Stephen Ministry Needs You!

If you are looking for a way to serve that provides interaction with someone who is desperately in need of Christian caring, this is the place for you! A new class starts in August. Contact Dana Halliday at danahalliday1@charter.net if this ministry is of interest to you.

Calendar

July 7, 14, 21, 28
One Worship Service - Rhythm of Faith

July 8-11
Middle School Mission Week

July 7
Reception for Lewis Galloway and Bunny Alexander

July 9
Tickled Pink Pop Up Party

Looking Forward

July 13
Green River Adventure

July 14
Welcome Reception for Rev. Rachel Klompmaker

July 17
Family Trivia Night

July 18
JOY Fellowship Tour of BMW

July 20
Montreat Play Date

July 20-27
Montreat Youth Conference

August 9-11
Montreat Women's Conference

August 11
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 28
Family Bingo Night

September 8
Rally Day

October 6
World Communion Sunday

October 26
Winter Warmth

October 27
Kirkin' o' the Tartans

November 28
Thanksgiving Day

December 1
First day of Advent

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor Sunday, July 14 at 10:30am. Please contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

Discover FPC

Discover FPC classes are offered for visitors and new members to learn more and ask questions about First Presbyterian Church, our values, mission, and programs. These classes are open to anyone and provide an opportunity to learn about our church and the denomination. The next series of three classes will begin September 8 at 10:00am If you'd like to participate in the next series of Discover FPC, please contact Cathy Bagwell.

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.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Marcia Andrews, Matias Mariani

Contemporary Worship

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

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews, Summer Choir

Front Cover:
"The Daughter of Jairus"
by Annemiek Punt

Parts of today's liturgy are used with permission from "Hold Fast to What is Good" by Beth Merrill Neel and from Lisa Frenz.

Offertory

God Is My Strong Salvation

Austin Lovelace

God is my strong salvation:
What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation,
My light, my help is near:
Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm in the right I stand;
What terror can confound me,
With God at my right hand.

Place on the Lord reliance;
My soul with courage wait;
His truth be fine affiance,
When faint and desolate;
His might Thy heart shall strengthen;
His love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen;
The Lord will give thee peace.

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

June 2-August 25

Fogartie Hall

Join us this summer in Fogartie Hall for our 2024 Summer Adult Sunday School series. During June, we will explore The Rise and Fall of the Monarchy as we find it in the books of 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah.

Then during July and August, we will consider what it means to "be church" in our Reformed theological tradition. We will explore both the content and the methods of our distinctive and dynamic theological tradition, as we are challenged to consider how we might think theologically about our lives and the world around us.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"The authors of Lamentations, of Habakkuk,
and of many psalms see trouble and cry to the Lord.
Much Lament rises from the interrogative mood.
How long, Lord, how long? Why, Lord, why? When, Lord, when?
It's important to see that lament makes no sense
if God is indifferent or off duty.
Lament makes sense only if God is present,
addressable, and full of steadfast love."

- Cornelius Plantigna, Jr.

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
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