First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



June 22, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

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 the QR Codes. The ShelbyNext QR code will direct you to our online giving portal. Additionally, you may give via Venmo or 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.*

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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 — *Thy Holy Wings* — arr. John Ferguson

Introit — *Nothing Can Trouble* — Nada de Turbe

✙Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Be still before the Lord and wait with hope;
For those who trust in the Lord will find strength.
Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.
We gather to worship the God who is faithful through every season.
Come, let us worship the Lord who tends and keeps us, now and forever.

✙Hymn 307 — *God of Grace and God of Glory* — CWM Rhondda

Prayer of Confession — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

In the Prayer of Confession, we pause to tell the truth about ourselves and our world. It's not always an easy practice, but we trust that it is grace that calls us to confession and grace that sets us free. The honest speech of confession makes newness possible.

Good and gracious God,
you call us to be patient like a farmer waiting for the rain,
but we confess that we often grow restless.
We want quick fixes, easy answers, instant relief.
We grumble, we compare, we forget
that you are at work even in the waiting.
Forgive us, Lord, for our anxiety,
our short tempers, our inability to trust your timing.
Teach us again the slow grace of patience—
to endure in faith, to hold one another
with gentleness, and to wait for your coming
with steadfast hearts.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news:
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
God's grace meets us in our impatience
and leads us toward wholeness.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

✙ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✙Response

Hymn 447 — We are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

✙Passing of the Peace

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

Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those 2nd grade and older may return to the pews.

Prayer for Illumination — *Be Still My Soul* — Finlandia

First Reading — Galatians 5:22-23

Second Reading — James 5:7–11

Sermon — *Rooted in the Spirit: Patience* — Rev.Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Commissioning of Dominican Republic Youth Mission Team

Questions to the Mission Team

Questions to the Congregation

Commissioning Prayer and 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

Today we commission a team of youth and adults who will spend the coming week serving alongside brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic. Commissioning is how we bless and send those going out in Christ's name. It reminds us that these servants do not go alone, but rather with the prayers and support of this congregation - and with God's Spirit guiding their service.

Offertory *Until We Rest in Thee* Sue Ellen Page

See the last page of the bulletin to access the text link and QR code for today's offertory.

✞Doxology Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✞Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 720 *Jesus Calls Us* Galilee

✞Charge and Benediction

We go forth into the world to serve God in our daily lives as a continuation of our worship so that our work is our worship until such time as we gather again.

✞Benediction Response
Hymn 288 Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Closing Voluntary *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. John G. Barr

Rooted in the Spirit

Summer Sermon Series

This summer, we invite you to explore the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In a world where promises are easily broken and hope can feel fragile, these are God's enduring gifts to us — signs of grace that take root even in disappointment. Come be grounded, encouraged, and renewed by the Holy Spirit's quiet but abiding work in and among us.

<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 22, 2025

Ride to End Alzheimer's

This July, our church is sponsoring a cycling team for the annual Ride to End Alzheimer's to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Alzheimer's Association of SC. Our team currently consists of Bill Craft, Hubert Huang, Sam Foster, and Craig Foster (and it's not too late to join!). Not up for riding? Find out more about how you can support Team FPC at fpcspartanburg.org/endalz.

Joy Fellowship Trip

Join the JOY (Just Older Youth) Fellowship on Thursday, **June 26**, for a tour of the Looking Glass Creamery and Farm Store in Columbus, NC, followed by lunch at Southern Manners in Landrum. The buses will leave from the parking lot at 10:15am. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/joytrip by tomorrow.

Church Family Night

We are heading to the Spartanburgers game for a fun Family Night on Wednesday, **June 25**! If you already have season tickets or were planning to attend, we'd love for you to join us and connect with others from FPC. Come enjoy the game, some fellowship, and a great night at the ballpark!

A Way Home Needs You!

First Presbyterian will host homeless families through A Way Home **July 6–13,** and **we need many volunteers.** Volunteers who interact with guests must complete a background check and meet with Pastor Leslie or Rhonda Dickerson for training. Learn more at fpcspartanburg.org/awayhome.

Potluck Celebration - July 13

Join us after worship on **July 13** in Fogartie Hall for a churchwide potluck to celebrate the marriage of Rev. Leslie Lang and David Denny. Bring a dish in a disposable pan to share—potato salad, baked beans, salad/vegetable, casserole, dessert, or fruit—as we gather in joy and fellowship.

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, **July 6**, 2025, following the 11:00am worship service, for the purpose of requesting Foothills Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral Relationship between Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise and First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, effective July 6, 2025.

Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

On Sunday, **July 6**, following the 11:00am Worship service and Congregational Meeting, join your church family in the Social Hall as we say farewell to JD and Eliza. Members are encouraged to write notes of gratitude to John Daniel, which will be collected in a basket in the Receptionist's Office at the church until the morning of July 6. We will present these to JD during the celebration. Please join us in expressing our gratitude to John Daniel and Eliza and wishing them God's blessing as they make Tyger River their new home.

Shepherd's Center Market

The Shepherd's Center of Spartanburg offers active seniors a variety of programs and an encouraging environment for staying engaged in community. On Monday, **June 30** from 12:00-1:00pm, they will host a FREE fruit and vegetable giveaway to the first 250 people who stop by the lower parking lot beside the Family Life Center. Contact the Shepherd's Center at 864-585-1999 if you have any questions.

Order Your Kirkin' Banner

Now is the time to order your family's banner for Kirkin' o' the Tartans. The construction of the staffs and stands as well as the sewing of the banners will be performed by volunteers, but the cost of purchasing and sewing your tartan is $150. The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland. Complete the order form at fpcspartanburg.org/tartan by **Friday, July 25.**

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 Grade - Large Private Dining Room
(Outside of Fogartie Hall)
Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

Combined Adult Sunday School

Fogartie Hall

This summer in worship we will be exploring the Fruit of the Spirit, and in Adult Sunday School, we will hear from members of our congregation as they share how the Spirit works through them as they live out their faith outside the walls of the church. Join us each Sunday at 10:00am in Fogartie Hall to hear from a different member of our congregation.

June 22
Mark Ferguson
Professor of Humanities and
Chair of the Dept. of Theatre, Wofford College

June 29
Shana Egge
Pediatrician, ReGenesis Health

July 6
No Sunday School

July 13
Laura Boles
President/CEO, Mobile Meals

July 20
Amy Curtis
Physician, Radiation Oncology,
Medical Group of the Carolinas

July 27
Suzy Cole
Attorney and Co-founder of Legal Village Hub

Offertory Text

Visit fpcspartanburg.org/offertory or scan the QR code to view today's offertory text.

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Calendar

June 25
Church Family Night at the Spartanburgers Game

June 28-July 5
Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

July 6
Celebration of the Ministry of
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

July 6-13
Host Church for A Way Home (formerly SPIHN)

July 13
Wedding Potluck for Leslie Lang and David Denny

July 19
Montreat Play Date

July 20-26
Montreat Youth Conference (High School)

July 21-24
Middle School Mission Experience at P.C.

July 22
Tickled Pink Pop Up Party

July 27
Lemonade on the Lawn

Looking Ahead

August 6
FPC Variety Show

August 8-10
Women's Connection at Montreat

August 10
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 24
Rally Day

The Flowers in the Tower Room
are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Rev. Leslie Lang and David Denny
and in loving memory of
Jeffrey Lang.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"I have climbed several higher mountains without guide or path,
and have found, as might be expected,
that it takes only more time and patience commonly
than to travel the smoothest highway."

- Henry David Thoreau

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

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Associate Pastor
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

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Cathy Rush
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