First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



June 29, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00am Summer Worship

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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Summer Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. L. Craig Foster

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

Prelude — *His Eye is on the Sparrow* — Cindy Berry

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Ansley B. Page

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power.

Psalm 145:8-11

✞Opening Song — *Jesus Strong and Kind* — Colin Buchanan

Today's service features a taste the music we often sing in our Contemporary Worship Service, presented unplugged in the Sanctuary. Since they are not in our hymnal, you will find the music for the opening and closing songs on the insert in this bulletin.

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace,
help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

✞Response

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind
Jesus strong and kind

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✞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

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.

First Reading Galatians 5:22-23

Second Reading Ephesians 4:25-32

Sermon *Rooted in the Spirit: Kindness* Rev. L. Craig Foster

Paul wrote another list of virtues in Colossians 3:12: "Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Where do you see overlap between this and the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5?

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.

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

Offertory *Kindness* Steven Curtis Chapman

✞New Doxology

Thomas Ken and Thomas Miller

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Praise God, praise God,
Praise God, who saved my soul
Praise God, praise God,
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

✞Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Closing Song

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Pat Barrett, Jason Ingram, Chris Tomlin

✞Charge and Benediction

✞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.

Summer Worship

Sermon Series: Rooted in the Spirit

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.

Special Music

Beginning today through July, we will celebrate a variety of musical styles during worship. This morning, we are pleased to feature acoustic music from our Contemporary Worship team. On July 6, we'll enjoy American music; July 13 will feature jazz by John Moody and friends; July 20 will highlight spirituals; and on July 27, we'll close the series with bluegrass.

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Lundy Camp and MacRae Few
and in memory of
Thomas Heard Few, Fielder Jennings Few, Goode Frank Lundy, Jr, Joseph Elisha Camp, and Justin Meakin Gilreath.

What we know as "The Doxology" is the 14th and final verse of a 17th-century hymn by Thomas Ken. Verses 1, 12, and 13 of that same hymn can be found as Hymn #663 in the Glory to God Hymnal. Our doxology this morning puts Thomas Ken's verse with the familiar 16th century tune OLD HUNDREDTH, originally composed for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter by Louis Bourgeois, and a 21st century chorus written by Thomas Miller.

Life of the Church

Sunday, June 29, 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. Find out more about how you can support Team FPC at fpcspartanburg.org/endalz.

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, wishing them God's blessing as they make Tyger River Presbyterian Church 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. Tomorrow, **June 30**, 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 864-585-1999 with questions.

Total Ministries Food Drive

Next Sunday, drop off non-perishable donations for TOTAL Ministries before or after service in the marked bins in the Tower Room. For a list of items needed, visit fpcspartanburg.org/total.

Potluck Celebration - July 13

Join us after worship on **July 13** in Fogartie Hall for a churchwide potluck to celebrate the marriage of Pastor Leslie and David Denny. The church will provide fried chicken, bread, and beverages. Bring a dish in a disposable pan to share (enough to feed your family plus 3)—potato salad, baked beans, salad/vegetable, casserole, dessert, or fruit—as we gather in joy and fellowship.

Youth Summer Activities

There are several ways to get involved with FPC Youth this summer! From the **Middle School Mission Experience** to the **Montreat Youth Conference** and a **Spartanburgers game**, there are meaningful opportunities for connection, service, and spiritual growth. Scan the QR code for details and to sign up. For questions, contact Carrie Coleman at ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org.

Tickled Pink Pop Up Party

All women are invited for a mid-summer morning of fellowship, fun, and a short Bible study, Tuesday, **July 22**, 9:30-10:30am in Fogartie Hall. Wear your summer pink, bring a friend, and join us to be encouraged and uplifited!

Order Your Kirkin' Banner

Now is the time to order your family's banner for Kirkin' o' the Tartans. The cost of purchasing and sewing your tartan is $150. The fabrics are ordered from Scotland, so complete your 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 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

Today's Musicians

Lisa Cunningham, guitar/vocals;
Landon Hammett, piano/vocals;
Matthew Kelly, guitar/mandolin/vocals

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Parts of today's liturgy is from the Book of Common Worship.

Calendar

July 6
Congregational Meeting / 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 19-26
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

September 10
Wednesdays at First Returns

September 14-21
Host Church for A Way Home (formerly SPIHN)

October 25
Winter Warmth

October 26
Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Keep up with all Life of the Church events at fpcspartanburg.org.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Be kind because although kindness is not by a long shot the same thing as holiness, kindness is one of the doors that holiness enters the world through, enters us through — not just gently kind but sometimes fiercely kind."

- Frederick Buechner

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 L. Denny
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
Director of Finance

Joanie Shackleton
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and Mission Support

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Cathy Bagwell
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Communications Coordinator

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Cathy Rush
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Admin to Music

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