First Presbyterian Church
Spartanburg



Service for the Lord's Day

July 21, 2024
11:00am - Sanctuary

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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

Introit — *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* — arr. Moses Hogan

As we gather in worship, we remember and rejoice that God has appointed one day in seven to be kept holy, set aside as the occasion for the people of God to worship corporately. God has also commended daily worship by the people, whether gathered in assembly or at home. -PCUSA Directory For Worship

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
we sing praises to God's holy name;
to declare God's steadfast love in the morning,
and God's faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of all creation.
For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;
at the works of your hands we sing for joy. — Psalm 92:1-4

✞Hymn 66 — *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* — Pentecost

Prayer of Confession — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.
We confess that we act like we are in control, as if you will bless whatever we do.
If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us.
If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us.
We forget that we are creatures at the mercy of the Creator.
We fail to pause so we can receive your goodness
and to remember that it is you who are in control, not us.
Have mercy on us, God of grace.
Humble our hearts and put the mind of Christ within us.
In your Son's name we pray…

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✞Response: Hymn 623 *I've Got Peace like a River (verses 1&3)* Peace Like A River

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (x2)

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. (x2)

✞Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, the ultimate peacemaker. In the midst of divisions, we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs. Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

Life of the Church Kay Maddox

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

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 *Kum ba Yah (verses 1&4)* Kum Ba Yah

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

First Reading Genesis 1:31-2:1-3

Second Reading Deuteronomy 5:1-7, 12-15

Sermon Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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

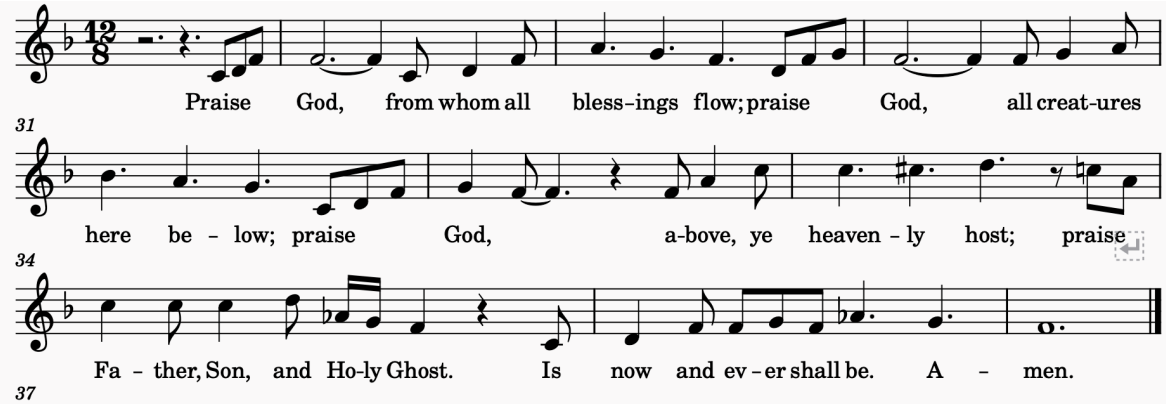
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

"All the things in this world are gifts from God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily. As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us to develop as loving persons. But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal." –St. Ignatius of Loyola

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Ain't Got Time to Die* Hall Johnson

✠Doxology Glory to God



✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I Want To Be A Christian

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response *Amen* Jester Hairston

Closing Voluntary *Amen!* arr. Fred Brock

Rhythms of Faith

Spirituals

The African-American spiritual had its roots in the songs slaves brought with them to this country from Africa and the Caribbean. As the slaves became Christian they adapted the words to reflect their new-found faith.

The spirituals of the 1800s tended to be "call and response"…that is, a leader would sing and the people would reply. In the early 1900s, the Fisk University Jubilee Singers of Nashville began to arrange spirituals in choral form, and the anthems in this service are a direct outgrowth of their work.

The short history lesson aside, spirituals have developed a worldwide following because of their immediate emotional impact, and because of their unbridled expressions of sacred joy and sorrow (sometimes simultaneously!).

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Audrey Neumann and Bryce Leedham
and in memory of
Richard Aasland, Patricia Bailey, Timothy Leedham, Nancy Neumann, Robert Neumann, and Ashley Nofziger.

Life of the Church
Sunday, July 21, 2024

A Sabbatical Blessing
Today during Children's Time, we give a special blessing to Rev. Leslie Lang as she embarks on a 10-week sabbatical journey. Please be in prayer for Leslie as she takes this time to renew, learn, and connect with God. If you have questions about anything related to missions or young adults while she is away (July 22-September 30), please call or email Cathy Rush in the church office at crush@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-583-4531.

Next Sunday
Next Sunday, join us for Sunday school at 10:00am in Fogartie Hall. Following also in Fogartie Hall, we will conclude our July sermon and song series, *Rhythms of Faith* with a selection of Bluegrass music and a sermon by Rev. Craig Foster.

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.

In the Arms of God
Women's Connection 2024, *In the Arms of God,* is August 9-11 in beautiful Montreat, NC. This will be a time of Sabbath with old and new friends and a time of much-needed rest. There is only one spot left! Register at fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection.

Family Bingo Night
Enjoy a delicious dinner and a fun game of bingo on Wednesday, August 28 begining at 5:30pm. Wednesdays at First meal prices apply. Register now at fpcspartanburg.org/bingo or scan the QR code.

Blood Drive
Our next blood drive will be Sunday, September 22. If you would like to participate, please refrain from donating blood after July 28. Thank you!

Bereavement Meal Ministry
Did you know that when a church member passes away, there is a team that takes a home-cooked meal to the family? This ministry needs you! We need six teams to serve two months out of the year and commit to providing a meal when needed. If you're interested, please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org.

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.

Looking Ahead
August 9-11
Montreat Women's Conference

August 11
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 28
Family Bingo Night

September 8
Rally Day

September 11
Wednesdays at First Begins

October 26
Winter Warmth

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Today's Musicians
Lisa Cunningham, guest conductor;
Erica Pauly, guest organist;
Matias Mariani, soloist
Summer Choir

Front Image: Shabbat Table Crowns, by Yoram Raanan

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

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