First Presbyterian Church
Spartanburg



Service for the Lord's Day

July 7, 2024
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 — *Come Thou Fount* — arr. Ben Roundtree

Introit — *Almighty Father* — B.F. White

In the New Testament, believers observed the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, as the time when the new people of the covenant gathered to worship God in Jesus Christ. They came to speak of this as the Lord's Day. As we gather for worship this Lord's Day we do so with the conviction that the life of the Church is one, and that its worship, witness, and service are inseparable.

✙Call to Worship — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Rely on God's providential care.
God's grace is sufficient for us.
Take nothing for the journey but faith in Christ.
We can trust the God of our salvation.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Come! Let us worship.

✙Hymn 463 — *How Firm a Foundation* — Foundation

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Ansley B. Page

Merciful One, we are tired in body and soul.
You teach us that your grace is sufficient,
but we yearn for something more tangible.
You assure us that your strength is made perfect in weakness,
but our weakness feels so heavy.
Give us humble hearts this day,
that we may see beyond the surface and behold the grace
you hold for us when we rest completely in your care.

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 475, verse 3 — Nettleton

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

✙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.

Prayer for Illumination — *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* — Restoratoin

First Reading — Psalm 48 — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Second Reading — Mark 6:1-13

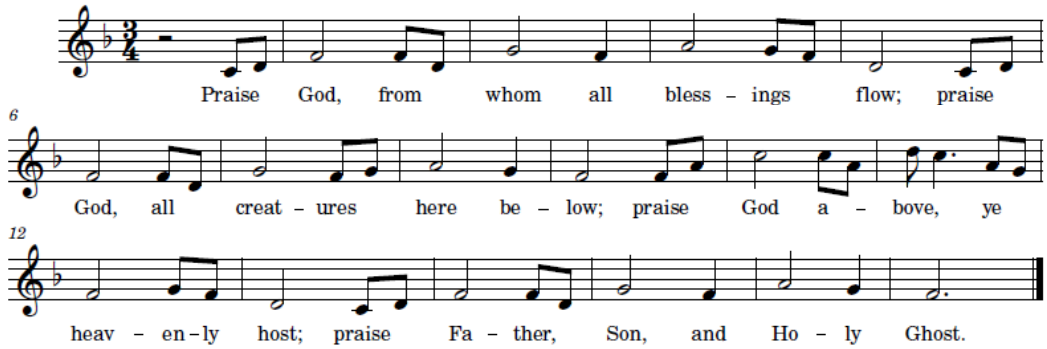
Sermon — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Simple Gifts* — Mack Wilberg

✙Doxology — Prospect



Please scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/offertory to view the text to *Simple Gifts*.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving — Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

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.

"Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in Christ, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through God's mercy."
-Karl Barth

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.

Sharing of the Elements

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Communion Music

Holy Manna arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Beach Spring

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response

Hymn 509, verse 3 Holy Manna

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Closing Voluntary

A Joyous Voluntary Lowell Mason

Rhythms of Faith

American Music

All of the music used in today's service either came directly from or was informed/inspired by the shape note tradition of the early to mid 1800's. Songs from this tradition generally used a simplified five note scale and were rustic in character, reflecting their Appalachian roots. All but two of the tunes are anonymous, emerging from the shared experience of local communities making music together.

Spartanburg played an important role in the development of shape note singing, and three of our pieces (Almighty Father, Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, and God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending) can be traced directly back to this community and brothers-in-law William Walker and B. F. White, who began as collaborators, but later became competitors (Holt Andrews will be happy to share that story).

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallace Chapman (Susan)
by their family.

Life of the Church

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Reception Today

Please join us for a reception following the worship service today honoring Interim Pastor for Congregational Care, Dr. Lewis Galloway and his wife Dr. Bunny Alexander. We will miss Lewis and Bunny and thank them for serving the members of First Presbyterian!

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, NC on July 13! These easily navigable rapids are perfect for anyone ages 5 and up (no experience needed)! The cost is $44 per person. Register 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.

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 at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

Welcome Rev. Klompmaker

Next Sunday, July 14, we will 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 dinner and test your wits with a game of trivia on Wednesday, July 17 begining at 5:30pm. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/trivia or scan the QR code.

Officer Recommendations

The Congregational Nominating Committee needs your help nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons. Submit a nomination form found at fpcspartanburg.org/nominations or scan the QR Code by July 15. 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."

Rhythms of Faith

Throughout July, there will be one worship service at 11:00am with each Sunday incorporating a different genre of music. July 14 - Jazz; July 21 - Spirituals; July 28 - Bluegrass (Fogartie Hall).We hope you will join us!

Looking Ahead

July 17
Family Trivia Night

July 20
Montreat Play Date

August 9-11
Montreat Women's Conference

August 11
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 28
Family Bingo Night

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

Today's Musicians

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Kristen Gill and Janet Kuntz, flute;
Thomas Cotter and Matt Gill; trumpet;
Kaci Cotter, horn; Jeff Kuntz; trombone;
John Holloway, tuba; Summer Choir

Front Image: "Christ Preaching in the Temple" by Guercino

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

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