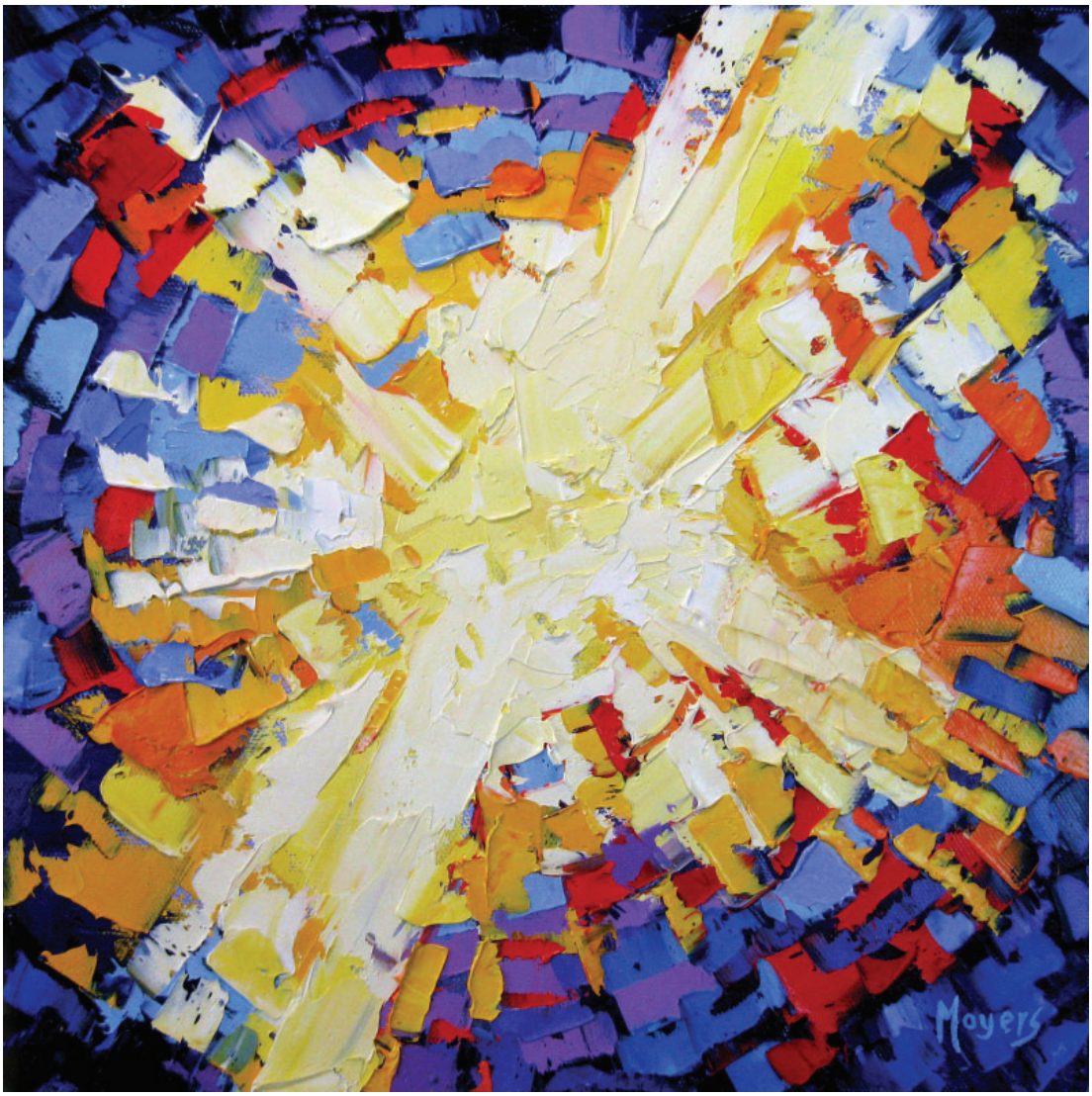
First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



August 6, 2023

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, located at the end of each pew. 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!

Blue 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.

A Nursery is available for infants through age 3 in the Clark Bldg, Rooms 105 (Toddler) and 108 (Crib).

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 and large print hymnals are available for the Chapel and Sanctuary. Please locate an usher for assistance. Large print bulletins are available upon request.

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.

Call to Worship — Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Called by God, we have come to worship.
Called by Christ, we have come to follow.
Called by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.
Called together, we gather to worship the living God.

We gather in worship to attend to the presence of God in our lives. In worship we see the world in light of God's grace and go forth with a vision and power for living in the world as God's people. The rhythm of the life of the believer moves from worship to ministry, from ministry to worship.

✞Hymn 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* — Azmon

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Ansley B. Page

Almighty God,
there is no distinction between us, for we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory.
We have not always kept your words in our hearts and minds
nor taught them to our children when we are at home and when we are away.
Forgive us, we pray, and give us the gift of your grace,
that we may be made right through our faith in Jesus Christ . . .

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Take heart, God is our rock and our fortress:
The Holy One has stored up an abundance of goodness
for those of us who take refuge in God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

✞Response

Hymn 581 — Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

✞Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us greet one another as we share the love and peace of Christ.

Life of the Church

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Romans 1:16-17, 3:22^{b}-28

Sermon *Heart of the Matter: Romans*
The Power of the Gospel
Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

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

Communion Music *What a Fellowship* Gilbert Martin

Prayer After Communion
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* Land of Rest

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Benediction Response
Hymn 547, verse 3 Ar Hyd Y Nos

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
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Closing Voluntary *A Joyous Voluntary* *Lowell Mason*

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. Leslie A. Lang
✞Call to Worship		
✞Songs of Praise		*The Solid Rock; Yes And Amen*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. L. Craig Foster
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Lord I Need You*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Children's Time		
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Communion		
Communion Music		*Psalm 23*
✞Closing Song		*How Can I Keep From Singing*
✞Benediction		

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Introit — *God Is My Strong Salvation* — Wedlock

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. Ansley B. Page

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Prayer for Illumination *Faith Begins By Letting Go* — Lux Prima

First Reading — Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Second Reading — Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28

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Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings — Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Offertory — *Until We Rest in Thee* — Sue Ellen Page

✞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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sung Responsively)

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.

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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.

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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go — Susan Borwick

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The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Bobby Freeman
by his family.

Life of the Church

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Today we begin our new worship schedule.

8:30am **Early Worship**
(Chapel)

9:00am **Contemporary Worship**
(Fogartie)

10:00am **Sunday School**
(9:45am – Gathering Time)

11:00am **Traditional Worship**
(Sanctuary)

August Sermon Series

Paul's Letter to the Romans provides one of the most concise, clear, and beautiful presentations of Christian doctrine in all the Bible. It is a letter that gets to the "heart of the matter" when it comes to crucial questions about sin, redemption, grace, and the life of faith for believers. This four-week series during the month of August is an invitation for us to know Paul better and to understand how this ancient letter continues to shape our faith in Christ today.

TOTAL Ministries Food Drive

Today, drop off non-perishable donations for TOTAL Ministries in the marked bins in the Tower Room, Narthex, or the Family Life Center Lobby.

Young Adult Summer Fun!

This afternoon **Sunday, August 6, 2:00-5:00pm**, all young adults (20s, 30s, and even 40s!) are invited to celebrate the end of summer with sweet treats, games, and fun! This is a kid-friendly event; arrive in your swimsuits and bring towels, lawn chairs, blankets, etc. Hosted by Anna Blanton and Jennifer Hoy (503 Maverick Circle, Spartanburg, 29307). To properly prepare, please RSVP via text (864-435-7825) or email (bradeyhoy@gmail.com).

Summer Sizzle - Augut 13

Book Swap and Coffee Shop: Next Sunday, between and after services, stop by the Social Hall for coffee, treats, and swap some books for summer reading! New and gently-used books can be dropped off at the church office through August 10.

Church Family Dinner & Trivia

On **Wednesday, August 30 at 5:30pm**, share a meal with your church family and test your wits with a game of trivia! Reservations required; Wednesdays at First pricing applies. RSVP by Monday, August 28.

Recreation Ministry Classes

There are several classes available with the Recreation Ministry. Yoga meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:15am. Bootcamp Classes are available Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 7:15am (via Zoom) and at 9:15am (on the Track). Questions? Please contact Colleen Darrall, Recreation Director (cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-583-4531 ext 109).

Pickleball!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, the Gym Floor will be set up for Pickleball. Equipment is available at the FLC Desk.

Help with CAST Camp!

(Care, Accept, Share, Teach), is a ministry of First Presbyterian that serves children who have/are experiencing homelessness. THIS (August 7-10, 9am-1pm) is the final week of camp. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gloria Close (864-431-1367; closely@bellsouth.net).

Register for Children's Music

First Steps: Our First Steps in Music® program, designed for newborns through age 3 children and their parents, nurtures your child musically and promotes one-on-one time singing and playing. Classes begin mid-September and last 8-10 weeks. Use the QR code to register online beginning August 1.

Children's Choirs: Join us for a fun year of Children's Choirs! Check out the new choir groupings below and mark your calendars for August 1, when registration will open. The QR code will take you directly to the registration page. We're bursting with excitement to get started!

- **Joyful Sound** (4K)
  led by Debbie Keiser
- **Angel Chatter** (Kindergarten - First Grade)
  led by Martha Bean
- **LightShine** (Grades 2-5)
  led by Marcia Andrews and March Moody

WDS Substitutes Needed

The Weekday School at FPC is looking for substitute teachers for the 2023-24 school year. If you are interested in being a substitute at our wonderful Weekday School, please contact Kris Graham, Director of the Weekday School (kgraham@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-706-0460).

Tutor at Cleveland Academy

Are you able to commit to one hour a week to help end child poverty through the gift of literacy? Kindergarten Tutors are needed every day, 9am-10am, at Cleveland Academy to work in small groups with students. Please contact Mary Elizabeth Evans (mewevan@gmail.com) if you are interested and able to help.

Volunteer Opportunities . . .

Visit www.fpcspartanburg.org/ministry-finder.

Learn About Thornwell

Did you know that Thornwell offers programs for parents? Through the Building Families and Strengthening Families programs, parents are taught important skills and coping tools that help them build a stable family and strengthen it over time through love and support. The Building Families program serves families in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina and Strengthening Families provides a 14-week course on the Thornwell campus.

Join us for lunch and learn more!

Make reservations for the **Thornwell Luncheon on Tuesday, August 29, 12:00pm in the Large Private Dining Room**. There is no cost, but we need your reservation by Sunday, August 20. Use the QR Code to register, or contact Ian Ritchings (iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2139) with your name and how many will be attending.

Hospitality Time

Before the 11:00 Worship Service this morning, stop by the Perrin Room - just down the hallway from the Tower Room - for a refreshing beverage. Feel free to take a few minutes to visit with other church members and visitors. If you have any questions about First Presbyterian, our Hospitality Team would like to help you find the answer. Additionally, if you are a church member in need of a Church Access Card, please come by to have your picture taken; your card should be available within the week (no charge for your first card; replacements are $10).

Are you Receiving The eNews?

Receive the latest FPC news and events every Friday in your inbox! Sign up by using the QR code or go to fpcspartanburg.org/enews. Never miss out on the life of our church!

Interested in Joining?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Purnell Room next **Sunday, August 13, at 10:30am**. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you.
Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 864-208-2125 / jhull@fpcspartanburg.org.

Gym Hours

Mondays-Thursdays: 7am-8pm; Fridays: 7am-2pm; Saturdays: 8am-12noon

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.

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

Introduction to Romans – *Fogartie Hall*

This four-week study explores the historical context, structure, vocabulary, themes, and influence of Paul's magnum opus Letter to the Romans. Come learn why this single book of the Bible has been so influential to Christians throughout history and how we can fruitfully read Romans today.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship: Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews; Genesis Choir
Contemporary Worship: Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals; Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, electric guitar; Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin; Leigha Keller, vocals; Jeff Key, bass guitar
Traditional Worship: Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews; Chancel Choir

Calendar

Sunday, August 6
2:00pm Young Adult Fellowship (offsite)

August 7-10
CAST Camp

August 11-13
Women's Retreat (Montreat Conference Center)

Sunday, August 13
Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship
Summer Sizzle: Book Swap and Coffee Shop
8:30am Early Worship (Chapel)
9:00am Contemporary Worship (Fogartie Hall)
10:00 Sunday School (9:45am Gathering Time)
10:30am Receiving New Members (Purnell Room)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Looking Forward

August 27
Lemonade on the Lawn
Youth Ministry Fall Kick Off Party!

August 29
Thornwell Informational Luncheon

August 30
Church Family Dinner and Trivia

September 3
ONE Worship Service at 11am

September 6
JOY Fellowship Ladies' Tea

September 10
Rally Day

September 13
Wednesdays at First Begins

September 19
Tickled Pink Resumes

September 24
Acts 2 Lunches and Dinners

October 14
Churchwide Day of Service

Front Cover: "Awake My Soul" by Mike Moyers (www.mikemoyersfineart.com)

Parts of today's liturgy are from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion & Abingdon Worship Annual.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"[The gospel] is the promised 'power of God for salvation' (Romans 1:16) –
a power that frees us from all that opposed God and God's will
and all that alienates us from ourselves and each other.
This power frees us to live according to God's original plan,
where selfless sharing, justice, mutuality, respect, trust, forgiveness
and joyful community become realized."

- Charles Moore

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. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship and Communications

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care and Deacons

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor
Young Adults and Missions

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Associate Pastor
Youth and Campus Ministries

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 Leader

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Pano Stathakis
Director of Hospitality

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

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Ian Ritchings
Administrative Assistant
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin to Music

Andy Mayfield
Grounds Manager

Judith Holbert
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William Massey
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