First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



August 13, 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. 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

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Today's call to worship is adapted from Psalm 95. The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms.

✞Hymn 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* — Darwall's 148th

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Gracious God, we know that we have so many shortcomings.
In the depth of our hearts, we struggle to leave our failures behind.
Teach us that suffering brings endurance,
that endurance produces character, and that character brings hope.
Forgive us, O God, and, by your grace, fill us with your hope and faith
so that we may become your living water in the wilderness of this world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news of God's grace:
Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.
Once we were lost and dead - now Christ has become our life and salvation.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

✞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

First Reading Psalm 95

Second Reading Romans 5:1-11

Sermon *Heart of the Matter: From Suffering to Hope* Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship. The money given at the offering is a token and symbol of our desire to devote our whole selves to God's service in response to God's loving faithfulness in us.

Offertory *He Leadeth Me* arr. Dale Wood

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Maryton

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response

Hymn 288 Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
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Closing Voluntary *Carlisle* Healey Willan

<u>The Flowers in the Chapel</u>
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Following the service, you are invited to a time of coffee and book swap in the Social Hall.

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Welcome		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
✞Call to Worship		
✞Songs of Praise		*Hope Has a Name* *Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)*
Prayer of Confession		
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Living Hope*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time The Blessing of the Backpacks		Kara Clark
Scripture Reading	Romans 5:1-11	
Sermon	*Heart of the Matter:* *From Suffering to Hope*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Anthem		*At the Cross*
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*Great is Thy Faithfulness*
✞Benediction		

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Opening Voluntary — *All Praise to Thee, Eternal God* — J.S. Bach

Introit — *As Morning Dawns* — Wareham

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Kara Clark

The Blessing of the Backpacks

Children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those second grade and older will return to the pews.

Prayer for Illumination — *Open My Eyes* — Open My Eyes

First Reading — Psalm 95 — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Second Reading — Romans 5:1-11

Sermon — *Heart of the Matter: From Suffering to Hope* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

✞Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In 1983, the two largest Presbyterian churches in the US reunited. The reunion plan included a call for a brief statement of the Reformed faith. This statement is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of worship. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

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.

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Offertory *How Can I Keep From Singing* Jeffrey Honore

✠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.

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Life of the Church

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

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

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

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

Today: Summer Sizzle

Book Swap and Coffee Shop: Today, between and after services, stop by the Social Hall for coffee, treats, and swap some books for summer reading!

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.

Lemonade on the Lawn

On **Sunday, August 27**, after the 11:00am Traditional Service, enjoy refreshments with your Church Family.

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.

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.

Children's Choirs: Join us for a fun year of Children's Choirs! Check out the new choir groupings below and register today! The QR code will take you directly to the registration page. We are 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

APNC Recommendations

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) needs the help of First Presbyterian Church congregants in nominating members of the church to serve on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. This committee will be charged with searching for our next **Associate Pastor for Congregational Care**.

The CNC is especially searching for nominees who have past or present experience serving in the areas of congregational care, older adult ministry, or other Diaconate related ministries.

This QR code will direct you to a form for your recommendation* – you may suggest any member of First Presbyterian Church, including yourself. Submissions are due prior to Sunday, August 20. *You may offer additional nominations by submitting another form.

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.

Learn About Thornwell

Thornwell's campus is home to Lush Acres Farm, a 340-acre working farm providing locally-produced agriculture products, learning opportunities with livestock, and family-friendly festivals and markets throughout the year. Lush Acres Farm is an extension ministry that supports Thornwell's overall mission to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

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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!

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!

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

Welcome Class

On **Sunday, September 17**, we will have a special Welcome Class, 12:00-2:00pm in the Large Private Dining Room. Lunch will be included. If you are interested in joining or learning more about First Presbyterian Church, please RSVP to Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2132); this will help us with planning.

Interested in Joining?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Purnell Room **today or Sunday, September 10, 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; Bruce Campbell, Guest Organist
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; Bruce Campbell, Guest Organist; Chancel Choir

Calendar

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Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship
Summer Sizzle: Book Swap and Coffee Shop

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Looking Forward

August 21
First Day of Weekday School

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
Summer Sizzle!

September 13
Wednesdays at First Begins

September 17
Welcome Class

September 19
Tickled Pink Resumes

September 24
Acts 2 Lunches and Dinners

October 14
Churchwide Day of Service

Front Cover: "What Wondrous Love is This" by Mike Moyers (www.mikemoyersfineart.com)

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Whatever we may suffer, God has suffered.
The worst has already happened and been repaired.
All shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

- Julian of Norwich

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
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Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin to Music

Andy Mayfield
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Judith Holbert
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