First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



August 11, 2024

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!

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 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.

Opening Voluntary — *Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 3* — J.S. Bach

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

We gather this morning ready to listen.
Open our ears, Lord.
We gather this morning ready to learn.
Open our minds, Lord.
We gather this morning ready to love.
Open our hearts, Lord.
We gather this morning ready to worship.
Open our spirits to receive you, Lord.
We gather to praise the Lord Almighty!

We use the language of "call" frequently in our worship: the call to confession, the call to give, the call to go out and serve. Worship (and life!) is a never-ending dance between the divine call and our response.

✞Hymn 804 — *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* — Marion

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we long to hear your voice,
but sometimes we block our ears
to the true words of love you speak into our lives.
You offer us words of love and acceptance and community,
but we find reasons to ignore them or withhold them from others.
Forgive us, O God, and set us back on the path
that will lead us once more to your perfect bond of unity
in our relationships with one another and with the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

✞Response: Hymn 447 — We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

✞Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Life of the Church

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading — Colossians 3:12-17

Second Reading — Luke 2:41-52

Sermon — *Being Church: Getting Together* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from "A Declaration of Faith," which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation is intentionally written in a form to be easily used to worship.

Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith

The early Christians recognized a diversity
of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit.
Some were tempted to use these gifts
to serve their own needs and ambitions,
to form elite groups who looked down on others.
But the gifts were given for the common good,
to build up the community in love
and to equip it for its mission in the world.
We are convinced that the Holy Spirit
still calls people to various offices in the church
and gives diverse gifts to believers.
We are to use them to speak and embody plainly
the gospel of Christ in the world.
No gift is of value without love.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *So Art Thou to Me* — K. Lee Scott

✙Doxology

Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✙Hymn 693 — *Though I May Speak* — Gift of Love

✙Charge and Benediction

✙Benediction Response

Hymn 748 — Tallis' Canon

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Closing Voluntary — *Epilogue* — Norman Gilbert

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. L. Craig Foster
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
Prayer of Confession		
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		Ms. Kara Clark
Blessing of the Backpacks		
Anthem		*Evidence*
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A Declaration of Faith		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*The Father's House*
✞Benedication		

"My chains
are gone, I've
been set free
My God,
My Savior has
ransomed me
And like a flood
his mercy reigns
Unending love,
amazing grace"

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Introit — *Speak to One Another* — Hal H. Hopson

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Confession of sin is rarely at the top of anyone's list of preferred activities. Yet it stands at the center of worship and along with the Declaration of Good News reminds us of God's promise to forgive our sin when we confess contritely in the name of Christ. How does sin mislead us? How have we, because of our sin, gotten lost along the way?

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Life of the Church — Ms. Kara Clark

Blessing of the Backpacks

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

Sacrament of Baptism — *Layla Nicole Kyle*
Daughter of Stephanie and Jordan Kyle

Response — *Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.* — Jesus Loves Me
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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 — *O For a Closer Walk Wth God* — Caithness

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Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. The word "sacrament" comes from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery." Sacraments (in our tradition baptism and the Lord's Supper) are holy mysteries that we do not and cannot fully understand but through which we believe God's invisible grace becomes visible to us. The great early church theologian Augustine (354-430) was the first to describe sacraments as "outward, visible signs of inward, spiritual grace."

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 — *We Are One* — Brian Tate

Offertory text can be found on the last page of the bulletin.

✠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.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 693 — *Though I May Speak* — Gift of Love

We go forth into the world to serve God in our daily lives as a continuation of our worship so that our work is our worship until such time as we gather again.

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response

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through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

Closing Voluntary — *Epilogue* — Norman Gilbert

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Shelley Foster Crow
by the family.

Life of the Church

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Being Church Sermon Series

Christians understand the Church to be the body of Christ here on earth. But what exactly does that mean? Join us for this six-week series as we seek to understand better what it means to be church for one another and for the world in which we live through an exploration of the Six Great Ends of the Church, which are: the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, **August 11,** all students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, laptops, or bags to church to be blessed during 9:00am and 11:00am worship. After Traditional Worship, we will gather on the front lawn enjoy lemonade and light refreshments.

Dominican Republic Mission

For the past 30 years, First Presbyterian Church has sent a team of medical professionals and construction volunteers to the Dominican Republic to serve God's people. Now is the time to sign-up for the 2025 trip! Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/dr for more information and to register. Contact Lee Jenkins at clw164@yahoo.com or Cathy Rush in the church office for more information.

First Steps in Music

There are only a few spots left for First Steps in Music for children ages 0 to 3 years! Register now at fpcspartanburg.org/childrensmusic or scan the QR code.

Register for Children's Choir

Registration is now open for Children's Choirs (grades 4K-5)! Choirs will meet on Wednesday evenings during the school year beginning September 11. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/childrenschoir to register or scan the QR code.

Family Bingo Night

Enjoy a delicious dinner of spaghetti, salad, bread, and Jane's famous desserts along with a fun game of bingo on Wednesday, **August 28** begining at 5:30pm. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/bingo or scan the QR code. Wednesdays at First meal prices apply.

Summer Choir

Summer Choir continues through **September 1**. Anyone high school age and above is welcome to be a part of FPC's Summer Choir. Come to the Choir Room at 10:15am on Sunday mornings to prepare music for that day's 11:00am Traditional worship.

Rally Day

Learn about upcoming discipleship opportunites on **September 8** during Rally Day. Adults are invited to meet in the gym and children are invited to meet on the grassy area in the Family Life Center parking lot for a Rally Day Party including refreshments, activities, and fellowship.

Tickled Pink

All women are invited to come for study and reflection, laughter and friendship, and to strengthen your family of faith ties. Tickled Pink resumes Tuesday, **September 10** in Fogartie Hall from 9:15-10:30am. If you like, wear pink, and bring a friend!

Discover First Presbyterian

If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church, please join us at the Discover FPC Class **September 15, 22, and 29**. Learn more at fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc.

Health Ministry Updates

Our next blood drive is **Sunday, September 22**. If you would like to participate, please email Beth Cecil at bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org. Save the dates for the Drive Through Vaccination Clinic (flu shots only) on Tuesday, **October 8** from 5:00-7:00pm and the Vaccination Clinic with Bone and Skin Screenings on **October 9** during Wednesdays at First.

Winter Warmth

If you knit or sew, or if you like to shop, Winter Warmth would love your donations of hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets. Please drop these off in the Mission Closet just inside the Chestnut Street entrance. They will be distributed October 26 during Winter Wamth. Contact winterwarmthfpc@gmail.com for more details.

Laptop Ministry

If you have a laptop that you would like to donate to the First Presbyterian Laptop Ministry, please drop them by the church financial office. You may also donate funds for the ministry by check, cash, or online at fpcspartanburg.org/laptop or scan the QR code. These laptops will be reset and all personal information will be removed. Laptops will be donated to both local and international ministries. Contact Lynise Clarke at lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org for more information.

Pastoral Concern?

If you need to contact a Minister for a Pastoral Concern, call **864-208-2142** day or night. The minister-on-call will answer your call as soon as possible.

Calendar

August 9-11
Montreat Women's Conference

August 11
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 25
Youth Fall Kick Off Party
Young Adult Summer Bash

August 28
Family Bingo Night

September 1
Worship as ONE at 11:00am

September 8
Rally Day

Looking Forward

September 10
Tickled Pink Resumes

September 11
Wednesdays at First Resumes
Children's Choir Begins

September 17
JOY Fellowship Ladies' Tea

September 18
Younger Women's Bible Study Resumes

October 6
World Communion Sunday

October 17
JOY Fellowship Tour to Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

October 26
Winter Warmth

October 27
Kirkin' O' the Tartans
Shelter

October 30
Trunk or Treat

November 3
All Saints Evening Worship

December 1
First Sunday of Advent

For the latest information on events at FPC, visit fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor today, August 11 at 10:30am. Please contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org for more information.

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.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
John Koontz, Matias Mariani

Contemporary Worship

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals;
Anna Harkey, violin; Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals;
Jeff Key, electric guitar;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
John Koontz, Summer Choir

Front Cover:
Sanctuary Banner Two, The Great Ends of the Church from Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green

"The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship ofthe children of God."

Multi-hued hands represent all the children of God. The dove's wings are tipped downward, sheltering the people of God. The triangle of light links the dove to the people.

To see all six banners of The Great Ends of the Church, visit bpcog.org/banners.

Parts of today's liturgy are from Abingdon Worship Annual.

Offertory

We Are One

Brian Tate

When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise,
we are one.
When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry,
when we run, we are one.

And we shall love one another with all our hearts.
And we shall care for each other with all
our soul and our might.

When we stand, when we fall, when we rise,
we are one.
In the cold, in the heat, in the dark, in the sun,
we are one.

And we shall love one another…

When we're hurting one another,
that's the way we hurt ourselves.
With our sisters and our brothers we rise.

And we do, and we try, we must live, or we die.
We will reach, we will climb, we will rise,
we will fly, we are one.

And these words shall be forever in all our hearts.
And we shall teach them to our children,
and remember them in our lives.

When we walk…

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

June 2-August 25
Fogartie Hall

Throughout the month, we will consider what it means to "be church" in our Reformed theological tradition. We will explore both the content and the methods of our distinctive and dynamic theological tradition, as we are challenged to consider how we might think theologically about our lives and the world around us.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"A church is a place where we try to think, speak,
and act in God's way, not in the way of a fear-filled world.
A church is a home for love, a home for brothers and sisters to dwell in unity,
to rest and be healed, to let go their defenses and be free – free from worries,
free from tensions, free to laugh, free to cry."

- William Sloane Coffin

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 A. Lang
Associate Pastor
Young Adults and Missions
(On Sabbatical until October 1)

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
Church Financial Officer

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Admin to the Senior Pastor

Cathy Bagwell
Visitor and New Member Coordinator

Caroline Goodman
Communications Director

Ian Ritchings
Communications Coordinator

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin
to Music and Mission

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Andy Mayfield
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