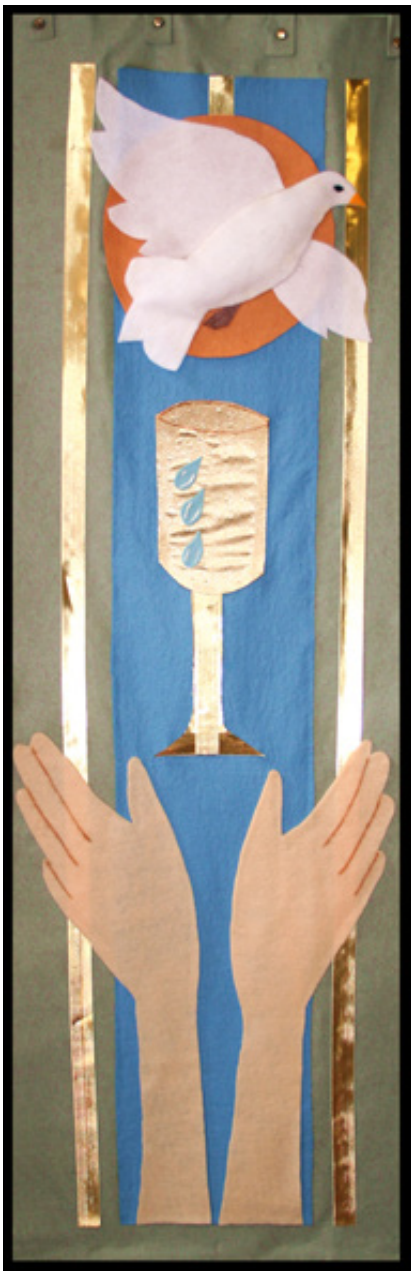
First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



August 18, 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 in the 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!

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. L. Craig Foster

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

Opening Voluntary — *Lobe Den Herren* — Max Drischner

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! — Psalm 150

The Book of Psalms has been the hymnal and prayer book for God's people for millennia. Not surprisingly the psalter ends in resounding praise with the psalm we are using as our Call to Worship this Sunday.

✞Hymn 35 — *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* — Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come into your presence
acknowledging our need, our frailty, and our waywardness.
Too often, we worship parts of your creation
rather than lifting our eyes to the Creator of heaven and earth.
Too often, the cares of this world crowd our best attempts to worship you,
and too often our attempts at worship are half-hearted and timid.
By your grace, remind us of your presence and your love,
that we may indeed worship you in spirit and in truth,
not only in this time and place but throughout our lives.

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.
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✞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

Scripture Reading — John 4:5-10, 19-23

Sermon — *Being Church: Pew Sitting* — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967

The church gathers to praise God,
to hear his word for humankind,
to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper,
to pray for and present the world to him in worship,
to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort,
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and to speak and act in the world's affairs
as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.
The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are,
at work or play, in private or in the life of society.
Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection.
Their witness is the church's evangelism.
Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.
The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Like Him We Rise* — Tom Trenney

✙Doxology

Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✙Hymn 265 — *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* — Duke Street

✙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 — *Lobe Den Herren* — J. G. Walther

The text for our Benediction Response was written by Mary Jackson Cathey, former Director of Education at our church and the first ever female graduate of Richmond Seminary.

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. John Daniel DeBevoise
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Fill My Cup*
Prayer of Confession		
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Fill My Cup*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Anthem		*God So Loved*
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✞Closing Song		*Thrive*
✞Benediction		

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Traditional Worship
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Sanctuary

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Introit — *O Sing to the Lord* — Canatai Ao Senhor

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

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Prayer for Illumination — *In the Lord* — In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

First Reading — Revelation 4:1-11

Second Reading — John 4:5-10, 19-23

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
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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 *Praise the Lord* Traditional Cameroon

✠Doxology

Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
John Walton (Jack) West, Minnie Sangster Duck,
Susie Auten West, and Lanie Matthews Kabrick
by Linda Sangster West.

Life of the Church

Sunday, August 18, 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 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.

Finding Hope in Lament

The biblical practice of lament is found throughout scripture but is largely neglected in the church today. This monthly Bible study, beginning **August 20** at 5:30pm in Room 2215, explores the practice of lament as it is found throughout the Bible and invites us into this practice as we stand with the suffering and lift those sufferings to God, finding hope along the way in the God whose love for us knows no end. (Note that this study uses the same curriculum that the Circles will be using this year but is open to everyone. All are welcome, regardless of age or gender!). Purchase your book at fpcspartanburg.org/studies or scan the QR code.

Young Adult Summer Bash

All adults aged 22-40(ish) are invited to celebrate the end of summer on Sunday, **August 25**, 5:00-7:00pm! This is an adult-only event. Bring a swimsuit and towel to enjoy water activities or just come to relax lakeside. The location will be included in the confirmation email. RSVP at fpcspartanburg.org/yasummerbash or scan the QR Code.

Family Bingo Night

Enjoy a delicious dinner along with a fun game of bingo Wednesday, **August 28** begining at 5:30pm. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/bingo or scan the QR code. Wednesdays at First meal prices apply.

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.

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.

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

You won't want to miss the Rally Day Party on **September 8 from 10:00-11:00am**! Join us in the Gym to learn about upcoming discipleship opportunites, enjoy refreshments (including a biscuit bar!), children's activities, and great 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. There will also be an evening Tickled Pink! If you like, wear pink, and bring a friend!

The Book of Job Bible Study

The Book of Job is a bit of enigma. It challenges the easy answers to our hardest questions, giving voice to those questions and various answers in the extended poetic conversation between Job, his friends, and eventually God. This 11-week study, beginning **September 10** at 12:30pm, will walk through the text of Job and consider what it has to offer as we seek to understand where God is in the midst of human suffering. This will be a hybrid Zoom study, and participants are welcome to join in-person or by Zoom. Sign up at fpcpsartanburg.org/studies or scan the QR code.

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.

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.

JOY Fellowship Ladies' Tea

Join the ladies of the church for tea and scones in the Perrin Room and courtyard Tuesday, **September 17 at 3pm**. Hats and white gloves optional. RSVP at fpcspartanburg.org/ladiestea or scan the QR code.

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.

Share Your Smile on Sundays!

Share your smile and a kind word with others on Sunday mornings! Join the team of Sunday greeters and ushers to welcome members and visitors to First Presbyterian Church! Sign up by contacting Joanie Shackleton in the church office.

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor September 29 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

Contemporary Worship

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Elise Deberry, vocals;
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,
Matt McDaniel, Summer Choir

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

"The maintenance of divine worship"

The chalice, a reminder of the Trinity, represents the Lord's Supper, and the three drops of water, Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The dove reminds us that the same Spirit is present in the Sacraments as in the proclamation of the gospel. The Sacraments enact the gospel. The raised arms signify our response of praise and thanksgiving: our worship of the living God.

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

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.

Calendar

August 25
Youth Fall Kick Off Party
Young Adult Summer Bash

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Family Bingo Night

September 1
Worship as ONE at 11:00am

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Rally Day

Looking Forward

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Wednesdays at First Resumes
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September 17
JOY Fellowship Ladies' Tea

September 18
Younger Women's Bible Study Resumes

September 22
Blood Drive Sunday

October 6
World Communion Sunday

October 8-9
Vaccination Clinics

To Ponder Prayerfully

"You have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

- St. Augustine of Hippo

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
Grounds Manager

Judith Holbert
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William Massey
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