First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



August 4, 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!

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.

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 — *Choral* — Joseph Jongen

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

With all the saints, through every generation,
we join our voices to declare:
Jesus Christ is Lord.
He has been Lord from the beginning,
he will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord. Let our mouths proclaim God's praise,
and our lives declare our worship of Jesus the Christ.
O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

"Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God." -Eugene Peterson

✞Hymn 305 — *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* — Darwall's 148th

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Ansley B. Page

Loving God, you have promised to be
at our side each moment of our lives.
And yet so often we live our days as a timid and fearful people.
We fail to speak up, we look the other direction,
we stop short of the places you call us to go.
Forgive us, O God.
Loosen our lips, open our hearts,
and free us once more from the grip of the tomb,
that we may desire you as the fullness of life
and proclaim your saving deeds to all 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

✞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 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sermon *Being Church: Preaching Good News* Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

✙Doxology
Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sung Responsively)
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Sharing of the Elements *All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Communion Music *I Come With Joy* Karen Marolli

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

✙Hymn 321 *The Church's One Foundation* Aurelia

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we go out to share that nourishment in the ordinary intersections of our daily lives. The Lord's Day service is the indispensable event that identifies the church with its Lord and equips it to identify with those whom the Lord has called us to serve.

✙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;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Closing Voluntary *Voluntary in A Major* William Selby

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		*Good God*
Prayer of Confession		
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Good God*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Scripture Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	
Sermon	*Being Church: Preaching Good News*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Communion		*All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*
Communion Music		*Communion*
✞Closing Song		*Rescuer*
✞Benediction		

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.

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Introit — *In the Midst of New Dimensions* — New Dimensions

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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 — *O God in Whom All Life Begins* — Noel

First Reading — Psalm 84:1-7

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sermon — *Being Church: Preaching Good News* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ministry of Hope Lesotho

✞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 psalms have served believers in every generation as a biblical source of prayer and praise and as models for their own response to God. The book is an invaluable resource for worship. The people of God have also heard God addressing them in the psalms, as the prayers and hymns bear witness to the nature and work of God. The Psalter is unique, bringing together human word and word of God in an inseparable unity.

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.

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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Communion Music

Table of Plenty — Dan Schutte

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

Life of the Church

Sunday, August 4, 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.

First Steps in Music

Registration is now open for First Steps in Music for children ages 0 to 3 years! Classes will begin in mid-September and they fill up fast. Register now at fpcspartanburg.org/childrensmusic or scan the QR code.

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 as we embark on a new school year. After Traditional Worship, we will gather on the front lawn to celebrate this tradition and enjoy lemonade and light refreshments.

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.

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. Should you donate a laptop, you will receive a non-cash donation letter. You will also receive a tax-deduction letter for all funds donated to the Laptop Ministry. Contact Lynise Clarke at lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org for more information.

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

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 or contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org.

Stephen Ministry Needs You!

If you are looking for a way to serve that provides a once-a-week interaction with someone who is desperately in need of Christian caring, this is the place for you! Training is provided, and a new class starts this month. Contact Dana Halliday at danahalliday1@charter.net for details.

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. Questions? Contact Lee Jenkins at clw164@yahoo.com or Cathy Rush in the church office.

Bereavement Meal Ministry

Did you know that when a church member passes away, there is a team that takes a home-cooked meal to the family? This ministry needs you! We need six teams to serve two months out of the year and commit to providing a meal when needed. If you're interested, please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org.

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 them off in the mission closet across the hall from the library (just inside the Chestnut Street entrance). These will be distributed to nearly 1,000 children on October 26 duirng the Winter Warmth event. Contact winterwarmthfpc@gmail.com for more details.

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.

Fpc Columbarium

Life stories for loved ones inurned or those memorialized in the Columbarium have been added to Chronicle, a cemetery management software system. If you would like to add information for your loved ones, please email Lynise Clarke at lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org. Find the FPC Columbarium on Chronicle at map.chronicle.rip or scan the QR code.

Ushers Needed

We are always in need of ushers to help distribute bulletins and assist with seating during all three worship services on Sunday mornings. If you are able to serve, please reach out to Joanie Shackleton at jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor on Sunday, August 11 at 10:30am. There will be a brief meeting to welcome new members. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

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

Being Church
Fogartie Hall

Today's Musicians

Early Worship
Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Genesis Choir

Contemporary Worship
Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Alexa Cotran, vocals;
Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals;
Anna Harkey, violin;
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship
Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Summer Choir

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 15
JOY Fellowship Tour to Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

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

"The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind."

The book represents the Scriptures. The dove is rising from the Scriptures indicating the source of both the original witness and our present understanding. The same Spirit that inspired the original writers enables us to receive the gospel. The cross behind the book and the dove reminds us that the heart of the gospel is Jesus Christ, God with us and for us.

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.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to Christ's institution, there, it is not to be doubted, a church of God exists."

- John Calvin

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

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