First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



September 17, 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, 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. Joanne R. Hull

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

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✞Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
who comes to our aid in times of need,
who gives us the courage to do what we know is right.
This is our God!
Let us worship together.

✞Hymn 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* — CWM Rhondda

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Gracious God,
you call us to be the body of Christ:
to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts.
Instead of working to sustain community,
we too often follow our own desires.
Instead of trusting in your care,
we think we can do it alone.
Forgive our neglect of others.
Give us obedient spirits,
that we may care for one another, depend on your love,
and use our gifts for your gospel.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our help is in God, the maker of heaven and earth.
God is our rock, a fortress of mercy and grace.
In the name of 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.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

✠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

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading	Isaiah 51:1-6	
Second Reading	Exodus 1:15-22	
Sermon	*This Is Our Story: Shiphrah and Puah*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	*Meditation on Repton*	arr. Robert A. Hobby

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

We don't just pray the Lord's Prayer for ourselves, we pray it on behalf of the world - those who don't have their daily bread and those who are burdened by debt. We are called to be God's answer to this prayer.

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 731	*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*	Repton

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response

Hymn 175, verse 1 — Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary	*Voluntary on CWM Rhondda*	John G. Barr

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		
✞Songs of Praise		*How Firm a Foundation* *Whom Shall I Fear*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. L. Craig Foster
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Living Hope*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
First Reading	Isaiah 51:1-6	Wynn Story
Second Reading	Exodus 1:15-22	
Sermon	*This Is Our Story: Shiphrah and Puah*	Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Anthem		*No Longer Slaves*
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*You Never Let Go*
✞Benediction		

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that "he who is alone with his sin is utterly alone." But we are not alone with our sin. That's why we confess our sin together, that we might share each other's burdens, and that we might be renewed in God's grace and called to lives of joyful devotion - together.

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Acolyte — Connor Lyerly

Introit — *Come and Sing the Praise of God* — Hal'luhu

✞Call to Worship — Rev. L. Craig Foster

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Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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	*As the Wind Song*	Wairua Tapu
First Reading	Isaiah 51:1-6	Abby Clementson
Second Reading	Exodus 1:15-22	
Sermon	*This Is Our Story: Shiphrah and Puah*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

✞Affirmation of Faith — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

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 *How Firm a Foundation* Dan Forrest

✙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 731 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* Repton

Congregational Meeting Elder Stephen Parrott

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, September 17, at the conclusion of the 11:00am Worship Service for the purpose of receiving and acting on reports from the Congregational Nominating Committee [1] relative to the election of Ruling Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2025; and [2] regarding an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

✙Charge and Benediction

✙Benediction Response

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Closing Voluntary *Voluntary on CWM Rhondda* John G. Barr

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Pickens, Sr. and Mr. Benjamin R. Pickens, Jr.

by their family.

Slate of Nominees
for the Office of Ruling Elder, Class of 2026



William E. Bagwell
Member Since: 1989
Spouse: Cathy

Billy is Owner, President of Bagwell Fence Company Inc. He serves as an Usher and is on the Church Nominating Committee. He has also served as a Covenant Family Leader for Confirmation.

Bert D. Barre
Member Since: 1990
Spouse: Katherine
Children: Sallie, Martha, and Dixon



Bert is a Wealth Advisor, Principal at Colonial Trust. He has previously served as both a Deacon and an Elder. He served on the 2021 Pastor Nominating Committee and is Chair of the Spartanburg County Foundation Board of Trustees.



Steven Caldwell Blanton Jr.
Member Since: 2012
Spouse: Anna
Children: Wells and Thompson

Steven is an accountant. He previously served as a Deacon and was part of the Visitor Team and Offering Committee. Steven has also served on the Usher Guild.

R. DeFoix Calvert Jr.
Member Since: 1958
Spouse: Marsha



De is retired from Milliken & Co. He has served as a Deacon and is currently on Session as the Associate Clerk of Session. De is a teacher in the Emmaus Sunday School Class and a member of the Adult Education & Discipleship Committee.



Wendell G. Cantrell
Member Since: 2007
Spouse: Susan Clary

Wendell is an attorney. He has serves as an Usher/Greeter and is involved with the Wednesday Men's Bible Study and the Friday Men's Bible Study. Wendell has served as a Trustee at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and on the SCETV Commission.



Kristin L. Hamilton
Member Since: 2018
Spouse: Alex
Children: Hope, Sadie, and Jamie

Kristin is a Marketer and Mom. She currently serves as the Weekday School Board Chair and is on the Stewardship Committee. Kristin has also worked as a Vacation Bible School volunteer.

Debbie D. Keiser
Member Since: 1994
Spouse: Michael



Debbie recently retired from teaching music at the Weekday School after 16 years. She directs the Joyful Sound 4-year-old choir and has taught music for Vacation Bible School. Debbie also sings in both the Chamber Singers and Chancel Choir.



Frank W. Lee IV
Member Since: 1959
Spouse: Libba

Frank is retired. He has previously served as both a Deacon and an Elder. He currently chairs the Communication Committee and serves on the Facilities Committee. Frank is also a Board Member of Greater Spartanburg Ministries.

Melissa S. Morehead
Member Since: 1990
Spouse: McCall



Melissa is a Homemaker. She has previously served as a Deacon and was on the Meal Ministry Team. Melissa has also taught Sunday School and was a member of the Charles Lea Center Board.



Emily C. Neely
Member Since: 1990
Spouse: Kam
Children: Foster, Wade, and Ramsey

Emily is a Homemaker and also works at Neely's Windows. She has previously served as an Elder and is chair of the Youth Committee. Emily also works with our Boy Scouts Troop 2.



Elizabeth W. Neidenbach
Member Since: 1995
Spouse: Peter

Beth is a retired physical therapist. She has served as both a Deacon and an Elder. Beth is a 5th grade Sunday School teacher and acolyte trainer. She also serves on the FPC Hospitality Team. Beth is a board member at Cancer Association of Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties.

William R. Oldham
Member Since: 2006
Spouse: Susan

Bill is retired. He currently serves on Session and is the Chair of the Facilities Committee. Bill is also a member of the Finance Committee.





Norman F. Pulliam Sr.
Member Since: 1998
Spouse: Jo

Norman is an Investment Consultant. He currently serves as an Elder. He is Chair of the Endowment Advancement Committee and also serves on the Personnel Committee. Norman is Foreman Chair - SC School for Deaf and Blind and Foreman Chair - Spartanburg Regional Foundation.

Julianne Robertson
Member Since: 1995
Spouse: Reel

Juli is a Math teacher at Dorman High School. She has previously served as a Deacon. Juli is also a Stephen Minister and serves on the Purnell Committee and is a Chamber Singer.





Thomas M. Stokes
Member Since: 1975
Spouse: Mary

Tommy is a retired educator. He has previously served as both a Deacon and an Elder. Tommy serves as an Usher at the Chapel Service. He is also a Board Member for the Children's Advocacy Center and the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.

Slate of Nominees
for the Office of Deacon, Class of 2026



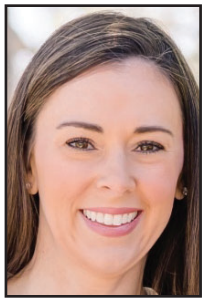
Christine Conzett
Member Since: 2021
Spouse: Chris Conzett
Children: Hudson, Madison, Catherine

Christine is a Homemaker. She serves on the Fellowship Committee and is a board member of the Weekday School.

Susan F. Gaubert
Member Since: 2000
Spouse: Cliff

Susan is a teacher. She currently serves as a Deacon and is the Quarterly Coordinator for the Monthly Meal Ministry. Susan also serves on the Life Events Committee and with the Communion to the Farthest Pew Ministry.





Jana L. Gibas
Member Since: 2014
Spouse: Paul
Children: Hallie and Lincoln

Jana is a Homemaker. She currently serves on the Fellowship Committee. Jana has been a substitute Sunday school teacher for the 3-year-old class and a Nursery volunteer.

Garrett P. Johnson
Member Since: 2022
Spouse: Becky Johnson

Garrett is a retired Army Officer (Colonel). He has served as a Youth Basketball Coach and with Vacation Bible School. He is a member of the Good Neighbor Team and serves as an usher. Garrett will be participating in the upcoming Foothills Presbytery Mission Trip to Ferncliff.





D. Matthew Kneisley
Member Since: 2009
Spouse: Betsy Kneisley
Children: Carson and Sarah

Matthew is the owner and project manager of Kneisley Painting. He currently serves on the Usher Guild and has served as a Christmas Eve Usher as well.

Sherron B. Langley
Member Since: 2012



Sherron is a legal assistant. She currently serves on the Diaconate and is chair of the JOY (Just Older Youth) Fellowship Committee. Sherron has also served on the Recreation Committee and with Wednesdays at First.



Scottie Lummus
Member Since: 1993
Spouse: Stan

Scottie is a retired teacher. She has previously served as an Elder. Scottie is currently on the Diaconate and is chair of the Life Events Committee. She serves in our Children's Ministry and is a member of Tickled Pink.

Mary Mathes
Member Since: 2010
Spouse: Bazil



Mary is a Retired Nurse Executive. She volunteers at Wednesdays at First. Mary has worked with our CAST Camp and is a part of our Good Neighbor Team, which assists refugee families.



Joseph P. Moore
Member Since: 2012
Spouse: Kate Moore

Children: Sadie Moore, Audrey Moore
Joe is a Manufacturing Supply Chain Manager. He currently serves as an Usher Captain and is a member of the Abide Sunday School class.

Alexander B. Powell
Member Since: 2017
Spouse: Coker
Children: Sadie, Net



Alex is in Commercial Real Estate. He is a Board Member of the Northside Development Group. Alex currently serves on the Diaconate and is on the Offering Committee.



Betty B. Price
Member Since: 2013
Spouse: George Price

Betty is a retired educator. She is a Member of Women's Circle 11 and is in the BBC. She participates in Tickled Pink and the JustFaith Program.

Shannon Rogers
Member Since: 2011
Spouse: Marsh Rogers
Children: Marshall, Elizabeth, and Trudy



Shannon is a Child and Family Therapist. She currently serves as a Board Member at Total Ministries and the Children's Advocacy Center.



Melissa Sullivan
Member Since: 2012
Spouse: Tim
Children: Timothy, Rookhie, and Reese

Melissa is an artist and graphic designer. She currently serves as a Deacon and is co-chair of the Meal Ministry. Melissa has been a Sunday School teacher and volunteers with the Spartanburg High School Cross Country Team.

Sally M. White
Member Since: 1995
Spouse: Lewis



Sally is a retired teacher. She currently serves on the Diaconate and is on the Wednesdays at First Committee. Sally also serves with Stephen Ministry and is on the Purnell Committee.



Andrew L. Youngblood
Member Since: 1999
Spouse: Bryan
Children: Andrew and Resce

Andy is a Middle School Teacher. He is in the LIFT Sunday School class. Andy is a member of our Audio / Visual / Lighting Team.

Slate of Nominees
for the
Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
For Associate Pastor of Congregational Care



Craig Long, Chair



Brandt Goodwin



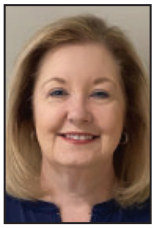
Cheryl Lang



Donna Pulliam



Josh Thompson



Linda West



Elizabeth Young

Many thanks to the 2023 Congregational Nominating Committee:
Elders: Steve Parrott (Chair), Randall Chambers (Vice-Chair), Anna Blanton
Deacons: Marsha Calvert, Sally White, Ryan Langley
Members-at-Large: Billy Bagwell, Ruthie Bailey, Paula Baker, Brooksie Berry, Beth Burris, Wendell Cantrell, Grant Close, Carroll Easterling, Whitner Kennedy

In accordance with the revisions to the Limited Term Plan adopted by the congregation on January 10, 1993, only one person is being nominated for each office. Nominations may be made from the floor. The nominees must have been contacted and expressed a willingness to serve. Information concerning the church activities of any such nominee should be presented at the time of nomination.

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT. It is for information. You must be present at the stated time to vote.

"Elders and Deacons should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world." *The Book of Order, Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Life of the Church

Sunday, September 17, 2023

This is Our Story . . .

First Presbyterian is in a season of storytelling with a church-wide focus this fall that we are calling: "This Is Our Story." Through worship, study, and mission, we are exploring the different ways that our individual and collective stories tell *the* Story of God's redemptive love at work all around us. We hope you will join us as - together - we bear witness to the good news that God's story is very much *still* being written.

Story-Telling Stations

As you come into the church, you will find story-telling stations located in the Tower Room and Family Life Center lobby. These stations will stay up throughout the fall, providing a place for all of us to share and read the stories that tell the story of God's hand at work in and through the ministry of First Presbyterian. Please take a moment (or moments) over the coming days and months to add your stories to the branches that represent the ongoing account of our life together!

Let's talk Retirement!

Gather with Pastor Joanne for lunch and reflection on the joys and challenges of retirement. We will meet in the Large Private Dining Room at noon on the following Mondays: September 18, October 16, and November 13. The lunch is free, but please let us know you will be attending by using the QR code.

Younger Women's Bible Study

Younger Women's Bible study returns THIS week with two options: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm or Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am. For more information, contact Leslie Lang (llang@fpcspartanburg.org), Donna Pulliam, or Carter Smith.

Wednesdays at First - Sept 20

Full Schedule (see Calendar ---- >)

Come for Food, Faith, and Fellowship! Dinner is served 5:00-6:15pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required by noon on Monday; online payment is preferred (fpcspartanburg.org/waf) or use this QR Code.

Menu: Adults: Hot Chicken Salad Casserole, Homemade Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Caesar Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage; Children: Chicken Tenders, Homemade Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Cookie, and Juice Box

Adult Programs:

Covenant Connections (Fogartie Hall)

Younger Women's Bible Study (Rm F202, FLC)

WAF Volunteers Needed

Wednesdays at First needs volunteers! Jobs include: Registration, desserts, serving/prep, kids table, dish washers, and breakdown. If you're willing to help with any of these tasks, on any week of WAF, please scan the QR Code to sign up. We appreciate your help in serving on our WAF Staff!

Hospitality Golf Carts

Drivers Needed: You will soon be seeing Hospitality Golf Carts in and around the parking lots on Sunday mornings. This service is available to any member who would like a ride from their car to the 11:00am Traditional Worship. **But FIRST, we need volunteers!** We are looking for folks 25 years of age or older. All drivers will go through a background check and will be trained/oriented on driving and storing the golf cart. Scan the QR code to volunteer for this easy, fun way to get involved!

Bible Studies this Fall

Mondays: ***Young Men's***; 12:00pm
Tuesdays: ***Tickled Pink***, 9:15am
McDaniel Study Group; 12:00pm (via Zoom)
Wednesdays: ***Christians in the Making***, 10:00am
Men's Bible Study, 12:00pm
Younger Women's Bible Study, 6:00pm
WAF Programs, 6:15pm
Thursdays: ***Younger Women's Bible Study***, 9:30am
McDaniel Study Group; 12:00pm (via Zoom)
Fridays: ***Men's Bible Studies***; 6:30am and 7:00am
Monthly: ***Women's Circle Meetings***, various times
Bill's Book Club, first Tuesday, 10:30am or 7:00pm

Details in the September Edition of First News!

JOY Fellowship at NASCAR

You're invited to join our Just Older Youth Fellowship as they visit the NASCAR Hall of Fame Museum in Charlotte on **Thursday, September 28**. Cost of admission is $24 per person. Bring money for lunch at the Pit Stop Café! Space is limited, so sign up today. Contact Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2132)

Fresh-Baked Bread Needed

October 1 is our annual World Communion Sunday, when we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We encourage our church family to bring a home-baked loaf of bread. That morning, loaves can be dropped off in the Sanctuary, 9:45-10:45am. The display bread will be donated after the service to those in need.

Hand in Hand Truck Drive

Our Hand in Hand community ministry will be holding a truck drive to fill their pantry with non-perishable food donations to help support Spartanburg families in need! Bring your food donations to church on **Sunday, October 1**, and drop them off at the trucks on Chestnut Street or outside Fogartie Hall. Some suggested donations are: Non-Perishable Food; Cereal; Breakfast Bars, Pasta/Sauce; Paper Products; Cleaning Supplies; Soaps, Shampoos, etc. To see the full list, go to fpcspartanburg.org/handinhand.

Travel to the Holy Land

First Presbyterian is organizing a trip to the Holy Land in Fall of 2024. If you are interested in possibly going, come to the **Purnell Room on Monday, October 2 at 5:00pm** to learn details of dates, itinerary, and costs. Questions? Contact Ansley Page (apage@fpcspartanburg.org).

Churchwide Day of Service

On **Saturday, October 14**, we will be having our second-annual Churchwide Day of Service! We will gather at the church at 8:00am for coffee and a brief devotion then, from 9:00am-12:00pm, people will serve in various local organizations around Spartanburg. Come back at noon for lunch and a debrief together, and we will finish by 1:00pm. There are service opportunities for all ages! Childcare provided - upon request - through 8 years. You won't want to miss it! Use this QR Code to register - before October 1!

Faith Initiative Summit

On **Thursday, October 19** the Faith Initiative To End Child Poverty will host a summit from 8:30am-2:00pm focused on education - especially how congregations can best support students and educators. The Faith Initiative is a consortium of congregations working to end child poverty in Spartanburg. The Summit will be held at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Spartanburg (502 S. Daniel Morgan Ave., Spartanburg, SC 29306). A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. All are welcome. To attend the October 19 Summit, please register using this QR Code:

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).

Interested in Joining?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, make your way to the **Church Library at 10:30am** on **Sunday, October 8**. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you and welcome you into the membership of the church. 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.

Sunday School - 10am
(Gathering Time - 9:45am)

Children and Youth

Nursery – *Room C105 (Clark Building)*
Preschool ***(3K-5K)*** – *Room C110 (Clark Building)*
1st & 2nd Grade - *Room C202*
3rd & 4th Grade - *Room C203*
5th Grade - *Room C206*
Youth - *Second Floor of the Family Life Center*

Adult Sunday School

Bible Alive – *Room 2208*
Emmaus – *Room 2207*
Abide – *Room 2200*
L.I.F.T. – *Room 2201*
Glory Days – *Purnell Room*

Today's Musicians

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

Calendar

September 17

8:30am Early Worship (Chapel)
9:00am Contemporary Worship (Fogartie Hall)
10:00 Sunday School (9:45am Gathering Time)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Congregational Meeting
12:00pm Welcome Class (LPDR, Fogartie Hall)
5:30pm Sunday Night Youth - Middle School (FLC)
6:30pm Sunday Night Youth - High School (FLC)

September 20

Wednesdays at First
5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
5:00pm Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
6:00pm Christian Rec for Children (Gym)
6:00pm Youth Fellowship & Study (Upstairs, FLC)
6:15pm Adult Programs (See WAF Article)
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

September 24

8:30am Early Worship (Chapel)
9:00am Contemporary Worship (Fogartie Hall)
10:00 Sunday School (9:45am Gathering Time)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30pm Sunday Night Youth - Middle School (FLC)
6:30pm Sunday Night Youth - High School (FLC)

Looking Forward

September 19

Tickled Pink Resumes

October 1

World Communion

October 14

Churchwide Day of Service

October 19

Stephen Ministry 30th Anniversary Dinner

October 25

Trunk or Treat

October 29

Reformation Sunday
Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Stewardship Commitment Sunday

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Through [Shiphrah and Puah's] everyday actions -
their sly lies, their desperate acts of faith -
they plant a seed of God's freedom in the very heart of the empire's power."

- Brian Bantum

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