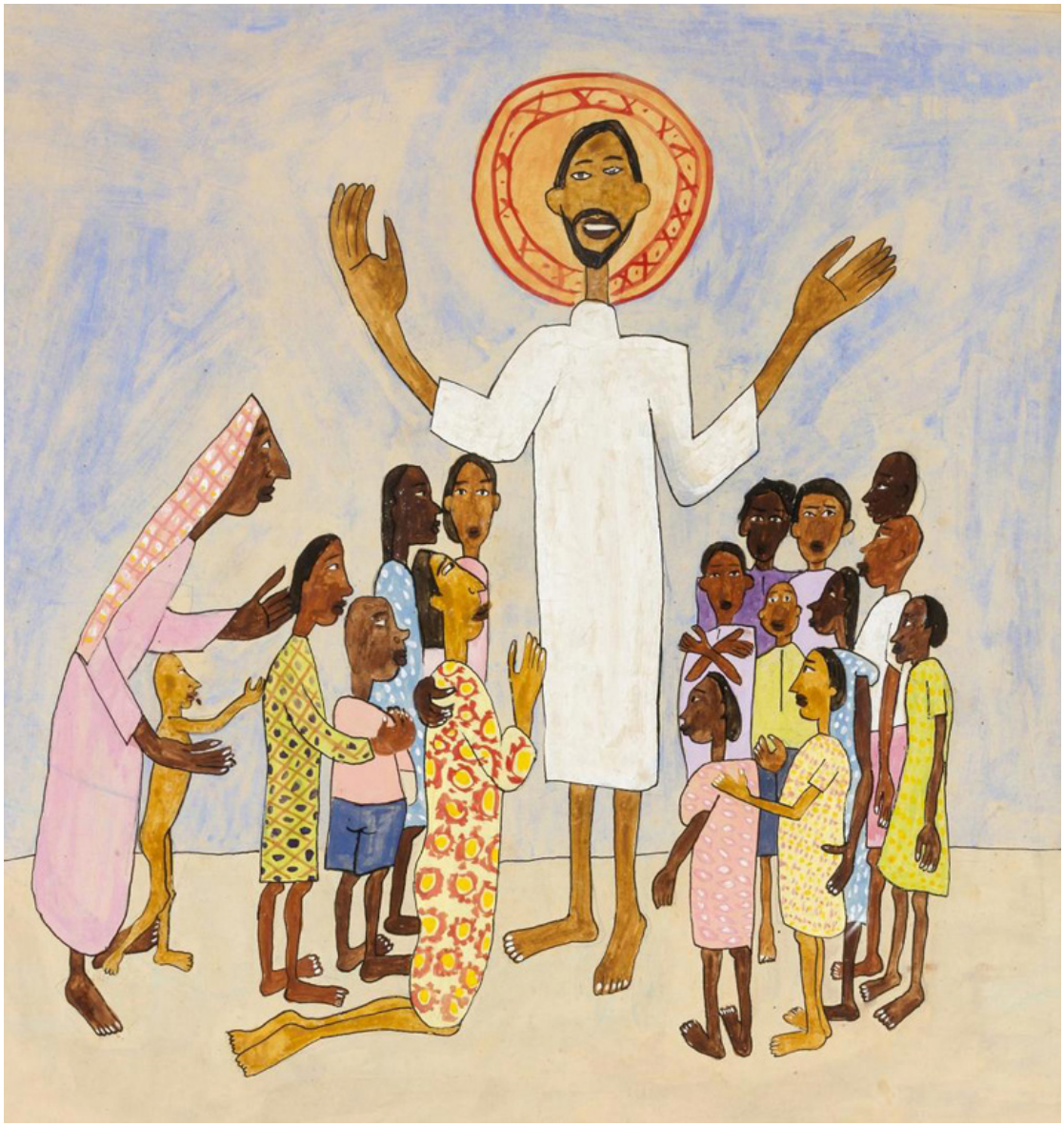
First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



September 22, 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 — *Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"* — Claude Murphree

✞Call to Worship — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Happy are those who follow paths of righteousness.
We take delight in the wisdom of God.
Happy are those who reach out to those in need.
We find delight in the love of God.
Happy are those who set aside envy.
We draw delight in the selflessness of God.

✞Hymn463 — *How Firm a Foundation* — Foundation

Prayer of Confession

Servant God,
humble our hearts, even when we are proud.
Call us back to service and love,
even when our focus is lost in the pursuit of power and prestige.
Remind us to be childlike in faith and to be faithful as your children.
Cover us with your grace and unify us in your peace,
that we may embrace your wisdom from above
and your humility from below.

Silent Confession

There is pain and evil in the world, in which we are often participants. If we ignore the ways we cause pain to God, to others, and to creation, we limit the opportunities for transformation and healing. In Confession we practice bringing our pain to the light, so that God can transform it.

Assurance of Pardon

The God who loves and sustains us hears ours plea.
The Lord welcomes us into the blessed community of freedom and light.
Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

✞Response: Hymn 799 — I Love the Lord

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

✞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 — Mark 9:30-37

Sermon — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith

The Word, which was with God from the beginning,
was embodied in Jesus Christ.
We hold that what God says to us and does for us
centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord
as he is remembered, known, and expected.
In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:
by grace through faith we are set right with God,
adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done,
but because of what Christ has done.
In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out:
to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us.
The Spirit adds no different Word from God,
but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Come Thou Fount* — arr. 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 697 — *Take My Life* — Hendon

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

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 — *"Allegro Maestoso" from Sonata Two* — Felix Mendelssohn

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
Instrumental Prayer		
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Holy Holy Holy*
Prayer of Confession		
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes And Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Anthem		*Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*
First Reading	Psalm 54	
Second Reading	Mark 9:30-37	
Sermon		Rev. Alan F. Dyer
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✞Closing Song		*New Doxology*
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Acolyte — Savannah Pinilla

Introit *How Happy Are the Saints of God* — Wareham

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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 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* Austin

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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.

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 *Just as I Am* K. Lee Scott

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

After we receive our offerings, we take a moment to dedicate them to God's work in our community and in the world. This ritual of setting apart concludes the offering by reminding us that we give not just to an organization but to a faith community called to make God's love visible.

✠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

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by his wife Julia B. Burnett and daughter Letitia B. Uyak

Life of the Church

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Blood Drive

Today, the Blood Connection will be in the Family Life Center parking lot from 8:00am-1:00pm. Please stop by the information table if you have not already signed up for an appointment.

Wednesdays at First

Join your church family for dinner beginning at 5:00pm on Wednesday evening and stay for enriching programs beginning at 6:30pm. Register and pay for dinner at fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code by Monday at 4:30pm.

Coffee with Rev. Rachel

You are invited to coffee and conversation with Rev. Rachel! There are four opportunities this fall for you to sign up to spend an hour with Rachel over coffee and a treat in the Perrin Room. Attendance at each event will be limited to 12 people; note the different times and days of the week. To view dates/times and to reserve your spot, visit fpcspartanburg.org/coffee or scan the QR code.

Hand in Hand Truck Drive

A new school year has begun and Hand in Hand has been busy as Spartanburg County School social workers have identified a large number of students in need of food and clothing. Please support the Hand in Hand Truck Drive on **October 6** from 8:30am-12:30pm with your donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and/or monetary contributions. To see the full list of items or to donate online please visit handinhandspartanburg.org or scan the QR code. Click DONATE to find a list of suggested items. You may also contact us at (864)913-2179.

Fresh-Baked Bread Needed

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with our brothers and sisters worldwide. We invite you to bring a home-baked or store-bought loaf of bread to the communion table in the worship service of your choice. Place home-baked bread on the Communion Table and store-bought bread in the baskets by the pews before or following worship. Your contributions will be distributed to various missions in our community that feed the hungry.

Winter Warmth

Winter Warmth, FPC's largest annual mission, is **October 26.** We need many hands to help make this a successful day for our families. Please consider volunteering either Friday or Saturday morning. To sign up or find out other ways you can serve, please visit fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth.

Healing & Wholeness Service

On **October 13** at 5:00pm in the Chapel, we will hold a Healing and Wholeness Service in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Please come for prayer, contemplative music, and silence. Following the service, all are invited Wave of Light, a community-led awareness event for pregnancy and infant loss, which will be held at Hatcher Garden.

African American Museum Trip

Are you interested in visiting the International African American Museum in Charleston, taking a historical walking tour, and debriefing what you've learned and experienced? Rev. Leslie Lang is exploring the possibility of taking a group to Charleston on November 14-15th. The cost would be approximately $300 total or less, depending on the number of participants. Please contact Cathy Rush at crush@fpcspartanburg.org to get on the information list.

Fall Bible and Book Studies

Get plugged in to FPC through our Fall Bible and book study offerings. Several groups have started meeting, but it isn't too late to join! Please visit fpcspartanburg.org/studies for details.

Thank you for your Laptops!

Thank you to all who have donated laptops to the FPC Laptop Ministry. Please keep them coming! If you know anyone who needs a laptop and is associated with First Presbyterian's ministries and missions, please fill out the form found at fpcspartanburg.org/laptop or by scanning the QR code.

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.

Pastoral Concern?

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Gym Hours

Members may use the First Presbyterian Church gym Mondays-Thursdays from 7:00am-8:00pm, Fridays from 7:00am-2:00pm, and Saturdays from 8:00am-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.

Calendar

October 6
World Communion Sunday

October 8-9
Vaccination Clinics

October 13
Healing and Wholeness Service for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

October 16
Coffee with Rev. Rachel

Looking Forward

October 17
JOY Fellowship Tour to Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

October 26
Winter Warmth

October 27
Kirkin' O' the Tartans / Shelter Service

October 30
Trunk or Treat

October 31
Coffee with Rev. Rachel

November 3
All Saints' Evening Worship

November 10
Acts 2 Fellowship

November 17
The Installation of Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

November 20
Advent Family Workshop

November 28
Run with Rev. Rachel at the Turkey Day 8K

December 1
First Day of Advent

December 8
Chamber Singers Concert

December 11
Annual White Gift Service

February 1
Dominican Republic Mission Trip

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

Offertory

Just as I Am
K. Lee Scott

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind:
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love
The breadth, length, height and depth to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Reel Robertson

Contemporary Worship

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

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Tower Room
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Calhoun Gosnell
by their family.

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 2215*
An extensive book-by-book study of the Bible

Emmaus – *Room 2217*
A journey with eyes open towards Jesus, with fellowship and a fresh new scripture-based lesson each week.

Abide - *Room 2207*
For younger adults and parents of preschool/elementary children to gather for a time of fellowship and learning.

L.I.F.T. - *Room 2208*
Faithful and energetic disciples who love growing deeper in faith through Bible study and trusting Jesus.

Glory Days - *Purnell Room*
Parents of youth & collegiates, come strengthen your faith and friendship with condensed stand-alone Bible lessons

Front Cover:
Come Unto Me, Little Children by William H. Johnson

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"True greatness, Jesus says, is not to be above others,
but to be least of all and servant of all.
It is not to ascend the social ladder but rather descend it,
taking the lowest place. It is not to seek the company of the powerful,
but to welcome and care for those without status,
such as the child that Jesus embraces and places before his disciples."
- Elisabeth Johnson

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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