First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



October 15, 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. Alan F. Dyer

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

✞Call to Worship

Let us sing to God,
for God is here.
Let us sing of love,
for love is here.
Let us sing and rejoice,
for here our souls are restored.

✞Hymn 37 *Let All Things Now Living* — Ash Grove

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.
Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

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

Christ, the Living Water, is here,
washing over us with mercy,
filling us with hope and renewal.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✞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.

✞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

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading John 4:5-30, 39-42

Sermon *This Is Our Story: Samaritan Woman* Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed — Hymnal Page 35

Call to Discipleship — Peter Neidenbach
Stewardship

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul* — Wilbur Held

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

The Prayers of the People combine thanksgiving and intercession for the community and the world, providing a space for us to name the places of celebration and of sorrow in our lives.

Bearing the Word to the World

Hymn 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* — In Babilone

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response — O Waly Waly

Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.

Closing Voluntary *St. Anne* — Gordon Young

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		*Forever Reign*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Living Hope*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church Call to Discipleship: Stewardship		Peter Neidenbach
Children's Time		
First Reading	Psalm 95:1-7	Sadie Brock
Second Reading	John 4:5-30, 39-42	
Sermon	*This Is Our Story: Samaritan Woman*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Anthem		*Living Water*
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*Thrive*
✞Benediction		

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Opening Voluntary — *Pastorale* — George F. Handel

Acolyte — Caroline Ringo

Introit — *Come, Worship God* — O Quanta Qualia

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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 — *You Are Before Me, Lord* — Sursum Corda

First Reading — Psalm 95:1-7 — Grace deMaine

Second Reading — John 4:5-30, 39-42

Sermon — *This Is Our Story: Samaritan Woman* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

✟Affirmation of Faith — Rev. Joanne R. Hull

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our first scripture lesson is being read by Grace deMaine, FPC's new Associate Director of Youth Ministry. Grace was born and raised at John Knox Presbyterian Church (Greenville, SC) and is a junior at Wofford double majoring in Government and Religion. Help us welcome Grace and support her with prayer as she shepherds our youth in their faith journeys!

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.

Call to Discipleship:

Stewardship — Peter Neidenbach

Scripture tells us that we are able to love ourselves and to love others because we have first been loved by God. So, too, we give of ourselves and our resources out of gratitude to God for what God has already graciously given to us. We give because God has first given to us.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *You Have Searched Me* — Michael Joncas

✠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 435 — *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* — In Babilone

✠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 — *St. Anne* — Gordon Young

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Samuel B. Shackelford, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joy Glenn
by the family.

Life of the Church
Sunday, October 15, 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!

Young Adult Fellowship
TODAY, Oct 15, 4-6pm, all Young Adults are invited for food and fellowship at the Breeden's Pavilion (171 Twin Pond Dr). BBQ and activities for kids. If you would like, bring your fishing poles and bait! RSVP to Jane Breeden via text (864-590-4783) or email (Janebreeden5@gmail.com). It's not too late to RSVP!

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 **Monday, October 16** and on **Monday, November 13**. The lunch is free, but please let us know you will be attending by using the QR code.

Participate in Kirkin'
If you are a Tartan Banner owner and would like to participate in the 8:30am or 11:00am Kirkin' o' the Tartans service, please scan this QR code to participate.

Wednesdays at First - Oct 18
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; use this QR Code to sign up.

Menu: Adults: Baked Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Zucchini Sauté, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert & Beverage; Children: Pizza, Homemade Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Cookie & Juice Box

Adult Programs:

Covenant Connections (Fogartie Hall)

Just Faith

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

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.

Church Basketball

Registration now for Church Basketball (grades 1-12). Scan the QR code to sign up prior to the deadline of October 30. Interested in coaching? Contact Colleen Darrall (cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org).

Winter Warmth 2023

We are preparing for First Presbyterian's largest annual mission project, Winter Warmth, where we give brand-new coats to children in need across Spartanburg County. This year, the distribution will take place on **Saturday, November 11**. If you are interested in volunteering, please use this QR Code:

Do You Knit or Crochet?

In addition to coats, children will also be receiving hats and scarves, handmade by members of the church. If you are able to knit or crochet, we could really use your help in making it happen! Please **drop off your donations** in the Mission Closet, at WAF, or at the Church Receptionist's desk.

Questions? Email winterwarmth@gmail.com.

Stewardship 2024

Our stewardship season is an invitation to prayerfully consider how each of us can participate and contribute to *Living Out God's Story*. By supporting the ministry of First Presbyterian with gifts of time, talent, and treasure, you help to add your story to the Story unfolding all around us. Pledge cards are available on tables throughout the church. We encourage you to fill out a card with your estimate of giving for the coming year and return it to the church by Stewardship Sunday happening **October 29**. You can also make a pledge online by using the QR code provided here. Thank you!

Pickleball!

On **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 1:00-3:00pm, the Gym Floor is set up for Pickleball. Equipment available at the FLC Desk.

Hospitality Golf Carts

Drivers Needed: A Hospitality Golf Cart service will soon be available to anyone who would like a ride from their car to the Sanctuary for 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!

DR Mission Trip

Sign up to travel with Pastor Leslie, other church members, and local doctors to the **Dominican Republic February 3-10, 2024**. Medical as well as non-medical folks are encouraged to be a part of this wonderful ministry to the people of San Juan de la Maguana. Contact Leslie Lang or Greg Colbath for more info; use the QR Code to register.

JOY Fellowship to Montreat

On **Thursday, October 26**, join the Just Older Youth Fellowship for a tour of the Montreat Historical Foundation, the Presbyterian Heritage Center, and Montreat Conference Center. The day will conclude in Black Mountain with lunch at a local restaurant. Sign up by Friday, October 20 by contacting Joanie Shackleton in the church office (864-208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org)

Share Your Favorite Bible Story

We invite you to share your favorite Bible story from the Old or New Testament and what that story has meant to you. A selection of the submitted stories will be shared (with your permission) as part of our ***2023 Advent Devotion Book: The Stories that Shape Us***. Go to fpcspartanburg.org/stories - or use this QR code - to submit your story. Questions? Contact Craig Foster (cfoster@fpcspartanburg.org). Each story and reflection should be submitted by November 1, so don't delay!

Joining First Presbyterian

If you would like to become a member of First Presbyterian Church, please make your way to the **Church Parlor at 10:30am** on **Sunday, November 12**. 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: Erica Pauly, guest organist

Contemporary Worship: Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, electric guitar; Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin; Leigha Keller, vocals; Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship: Janet Kuntz, guest director; Erica Pauly, guest organist; Chancel Choir; Paul MacPhail; Debbie Keiser

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4:00pm Young Adult Fellowship (offsite)
5:30pm Sunday Night Youth - Middle School (FLC)
6:30pm Sunday Night Youth - High School (FLC)

October 18

Wednesdays at First
5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
5:00pm Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
6:15pm Christian Rec for Children (Gym)
6:15pm Youth Fellowship & Study (Upstairs, FLC)
6:15pm Young Adult Women's Bible Study (F202, FLC)
6:30pm Adult Programs (See WAF Article)
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

October 22

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)
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Looking Forward

October 19

Stephen Ministry 30th Anniversary Dinner

October 20-22

High School Fall Beach Retreat

October 25

Trunk or Treat

October 29

Reformation Sunday
Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Stewardship Commitment Sunday

November 5

All Saints' Day Observed

November 11

Winter Warmth Distribution

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a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"If we wish to quench our thirst,
we must lay aside books which explain thirst and take a drink."

- Jean Pierre de Caussade,
Abandonment to Divine Providence

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. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship and Communications

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care and Deacons

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor
Young Adults and Missions

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Associate Pastor
Youth and Campus Ministries

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

Grace deMaine
Associate Director, Youth Ministry

Carrie Coleman
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Pano Stathakis
Director of Hospitality

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

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Ian Ritchings
Administrative Assistant
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin to Music

Joanie Shackleton
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