First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



October 20, 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 — *All Things Bright and Beautiful* — Dale Wood

✞Call to Worship — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Give thanks to the Lord. Call on God's holy name.
Rejoice in the Lord. God fills our hearts with joy.
Give thanks to the Lord. Proclaim God's mighty works.
Rejoice in the Lord. God's miracles are a wonder to behold.
Give thanks to the Lord. Trust in God's salvation.
Rejoice in the Lord. God turns even our failings into glory.

✞Hymn 624 — *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* — Toulon

Prayer of Confession

God, you call us to step out in faith,
to place our lives in your hands,
and to wholeheartedly commit to following you.
We confess that we find this difficult to do.
It is not always easy to follow where you lead —
to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,
to let go of our safety nets and trust
that you will provide for us in all things.
Forgive us when we falter, O God. Increase our faith.
Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,
to your broader vision for us and for our world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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.

✞Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The order of worship is called a liturgy, which quite literally means "work of the people." What we do together in prayer and praise, listening for and responding to God, proclaiming and confessing our faith, and engaging in forms of self-offering during this time of worship, is our work in this service.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Life of the Church

Call to Discipleship: Stewardship Season 2025 — Coker Powell

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading — Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon — *Deeper Waters: Called to Risk* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

✠Affirmation of Faith

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *I Will Magnify Thee* — Joseph Corfe

✠Doxology

Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

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

✠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 — *Procession* — C.S. Lang

Following the service, you are invited to a time of coffee and fellowship in The Perrin Room.

In the charge and benediction we are assured of God's peace and blessing; we seek to follow Christ's way, sustained by power of the Holy Spirit. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As we engage in that mission, we bear witness to God's eternal reign.

Contemporary Worship
9:00am
Fogartie Hall

Welcome		Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Instrumental Prayer		
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*Confidence*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes And Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Call to Discipleship: Stewardship Season 2025		Coker Powell
Children's Time		
Anthem		*Always*
First Reading	Romans 10:10-15	Caroline Ringo
Second Reading	Matthew 14:22-33	
Sermon	*Deeper Waters: Called to Risk*	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*Jesus*
✞Benediction		

Some theologians have argued that we should do the assurance of pardon before the prayer of confession, because it's the knowledge that we are already accepted and loved and forgiven that makes it possible for us to be honest in our confession.

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11:00am
Sanctuary

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Introit — *God of Great and God of Small* — God of Great and Small

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Acolyte — Nora Biber

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

Sacrament of Baptism — *Penelope "Poppy" Hays Nash*
Daughter of Chelsea and Lucas Nash

In our baptism God has called and sealed us. Baptism is an important event not simply in the life of the child and family, but in the life of the whole church. We are baptized into a community, and not in abstraction from the community.

Response — *Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.* — Jesus Loves Me
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those 2nd grade and older will return to the pews.

Prayer for Illumination — *Take, O Take Me as I Am* — Take Me As I Am

First Reading — Romans 10:10-15 — Conner Lyerly

Second Reading — Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon — *Deeper Waters: Called to Risk* — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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 — Coker Powell
Stewardship 2025

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Through Many Dangers* — Gwynneth Walker
Offertory text can be found on the last page of the bulletin.

✠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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The Flowers in the Sanctuary
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 20, 2024

Deeper Waters - Stewardship 2025

Jesus constantly challenges his followers to journey into the "deeper waters" of sacrificial service, radical hospitality, and complete trust in God. This year is an invitation for each of us to explore the depths of our Christian calling as we strive to live out our faith with courage and conviction. 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 27**. You can also make a pledge online by using the QR code provided here. Thank you!

Youth Car Wash - Today

Stop by the Youth Car Wash today from 12:00-3:00pm in the FLC Parking Lot. Our youth ministry is raising funds to help suport summer trips to the Dominican Republic, Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, and Montreat Youth Conference.

Young Adult Fall Social - Tonight

The Fall Young Adult Social is this evening, **October 20** from 4:00-6:00pm at the Breeden Grounds. There will be BBQ, pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, a scavenger hunt, and more! This event is kid friendly. Please bring your own fishing pole and bait! Scan the QR code for details.

Wednesdays at First

Join your church family for dinner beginning at 5:00pm on Wednesday and stay to learn more about our mission work in the Dominican Republic beginning at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Register and pay for dinner at fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code by Monday at 4:30pm.

Volunteer at Winter Warmth

Winter Warmth, FPC's largest annual mission, is this Saturday, **October 26.** We need many hands to help make this a successful day for our families. To learn more, visit fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth or scan the QR code.

It's Almost Basketball Season!

We are excited for a great year of basketball ahead and invite all children and youth (grades1-12) to participate in our basketball leagues. The registration fee is $80/player and the deadline to register has been extended through Wednesday! **We also need coaches for 7th-9th grade girls and boys teams.** Visit fpcspartanburg.org/basketball for all the details and registration links!

Next Sunday - Kirkin'!

On **Sunday, October 27**, at 8:30 and 11:00am, we will worship together in the Sanctuary for our Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. If you are a Tartan Banner owner and would like to participate in the 8:30am or 11:00am Kirkin' o' the Tartans service, **we need to know by this evening, Sunday, October 20**. Please visit fpcspartanburg.org/tartanparticipation or scan the QR code to participate. *A mandatory rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 23, at 5:30pm.*

Next Sunday Evening - Shelter

Join us next **Sunday, October 27** at 6:00pm in Fogartie Hall for an evening of music, word, and spirit as we reflect on God's assurance. During the service, we will take up an offering to support the ongoing recovery efforts in Western North Carolina. We hope that through this offering all will find hope in God's assurance of refuge and shelter.

Acts 2 Fellowship

This fall we've known the blessing of being church family in expected and unexpected ways. Truly, there is grace and joy to be found together. Sign up now to attend a one-time Acts 2 Dinner to enjoy your faith family around the table. There are gracious hosts ready to welcome you on **November 10**. Please reach out to Ansley Page at apage@fpcspartanburg.org with questions. Sign up by October 31 at fpcspartanburg.org/acts2 or scan the QR code. Let the blessings flow!

Veterans / Active Service Personnel

In honor of Veterans Day, in the Worship Bulletin on Sunday, November 10, we will recognize current church members who have served OR are currently serving in the military. Please **submit church members' names and branch of military service by Monday, November 4** to Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2132).

Coffee with Rev. Rachel

You are invited to coffee and conversation with Rev. Rachel on either **November 13** at 3:30pm or **November 26** at 2:30pm. Attendance at each event will be limited to 12 people. To reserve your spot, visit fpcspartanburg.org/coffee or scan 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.

Bring Your Keycards!

We encourage all members to bring their keycards to church. These not only serve as access to the building, but also demonstrates our commitment to Christian hospitality (learning each other's name!).

Join the Audio/Video Team!

The Audio/Video Team currently needs a camera operator to serve one sunday per month in the Contemporary Service, and no experience is necessary! Contact Caroline Goodman at cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org for more information!

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 FPC's ministries and missions, please fill out the form found at fpcspartanburg.org/laptop.

Gym Hours

Our gym is open Monday-Thursday from 7:00am-8:00pm; Friday from 7:00am-2:00pm; and Saturday from 8:00am-12noon. If you plan to access the fitness area/walking track, please bring your keycard.

Chapel Open

The Chapel is open for prayer Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. You may place prayer needs in the designated box and our staff will pray over your requests.

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Perrin Room Sunday, **November 10** 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.

Calendar

October 26
Winter Warmth

October 27
Kirkin' O' the Tartans / Shelter Service

October 30
Trunk or Treat

Looking Forward

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

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 from dynamic teachers.

Front Cover: ***Christ Mosaic, Sacred Heart Cathedral (Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia)***

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

Offertory

Through Many Dangers
Gwynneth Walker

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
Your grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

O Lord you have promised good to me,
Your Word my hope secures;
You will my guard and comfort be,
As long as life endures.

O when my beating heart shall fail,
And all my life shall cease,
I still shall have, within Your veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
And we are bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

How sweet the sound…that saved a soul like me!
For once I was lost, but now I am found,
For once I was blind, but now I can see…
Grace…Grace…Grace…
Amazing!

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Alle Marie Marsh,
Olivia Marsh

Contemporary Worship

Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Lisa Cunningham, piano/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,
Angel Chatter Choir,
Chancel Choir

To Ponder Prayerfully

"'I am the gate,' said Jesus.
Following his way is often a matter of taking the chain off the post
and crossing an unfamiliar field. You take the risk."
- Diana Butler Bass

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

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
Tiffany Long
William Massey
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