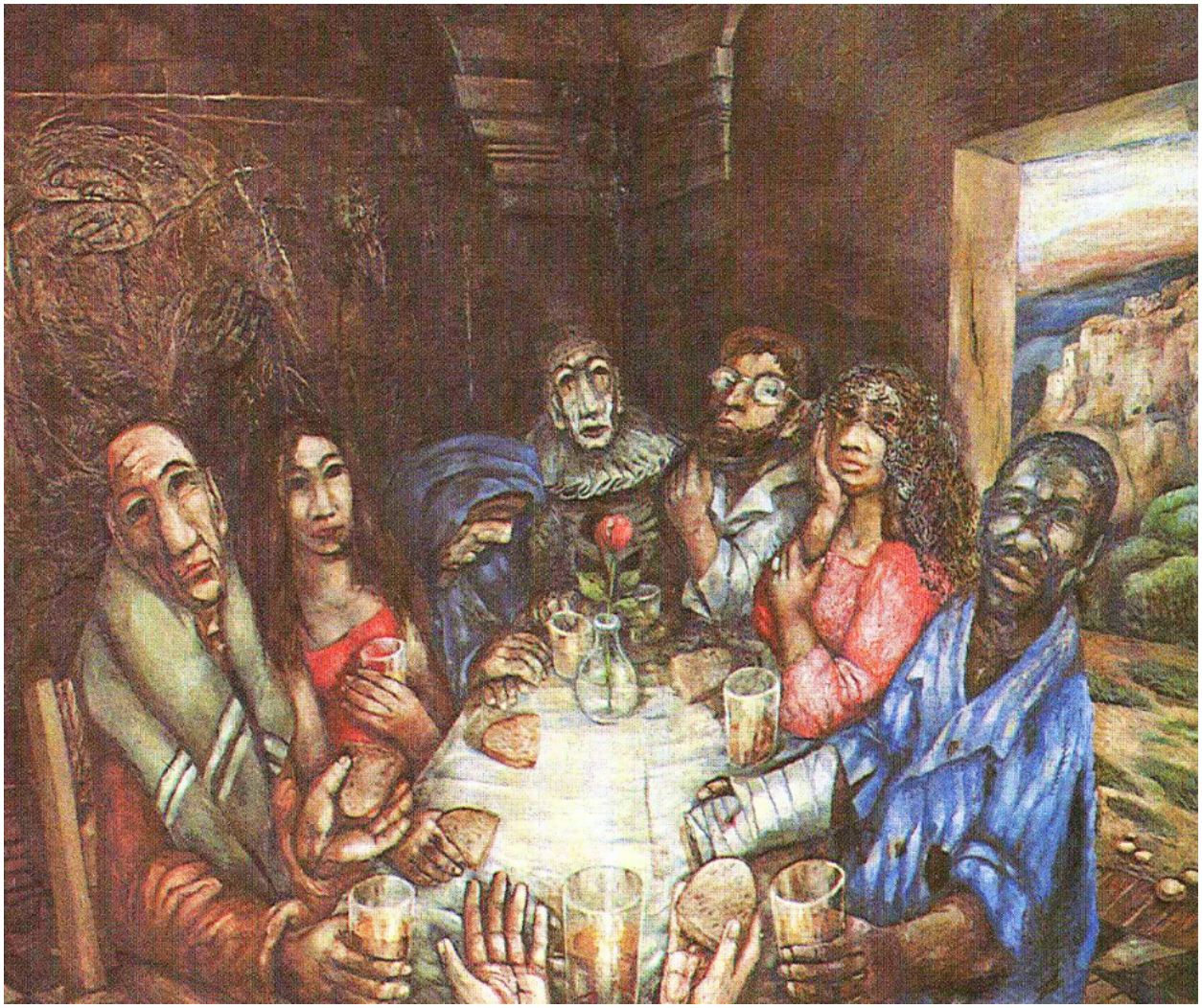
First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



October 13, 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. Leslie A. Lang

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

Opening Voluntary — *O Waly Waly* — arr. Robert Powell

✞Call to Worship — Nora Biber

With deep joy, we welcome one another.
Happy are those who come to the house of the Lord!
Singing our praises to God who fills us with joy.
Here we welcome both friend and stranger; all people are God's children.
We greet one another in the name of Jesus; we worship God together.
We come with open hearts to receive strength and new understanding.
Help us, O God, to be your ambassadors wherever we go.

✞Hymn 620 — *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* — Lauda Anima

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Merciful and loving God,
together we confess that we have been busy with so many things
that we have often forgotten you.
In our striving for our own approval and acceptance from others,
there are times when we have left people out.
Even in the church, we are not immune to cliques
and tendencies to stick with those who are most like us.
Forgive us, O God.
Give us your eyes and your heart to see the face of Christ
in everyone we meet and to extend the invitation of welcome wide.

Silent Confession

All things have their beginning and their end in the love of God. In the light of that truth, we are free to confess our weariness and our worry, knowing that God is with us.

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.

Life of the Church

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon *Deeper Waters: Called to Welcome* Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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

Acts of commitment are appropriate responses to the Word in corporate worship. People may make commitments to and be commissioned to specific corporate and personal acts of evangelism, compassion, justice, reconciliation, and peacemaking in the world. —Adapted from the Book of Common Worship .

Offertory *Let Us Love One Another* Arnold B. Sherman

✞Doxology

Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✞Hymn 826 *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer

✞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 *Postlude on Lauda Anima* arr. Robert Powell

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		Kylie Hammett
✞Song of Praise		*This Is Our God*
Prayer of Confession		
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Yes And Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church Call to Discipleship: Stewardship 2025		
Children's Time		Rev. L. Craig Foster
Anthem		*Egypt*
First Reading	Acts 8:26-40	
Second Reading	1 John 4:7-21	
Sermon	*Deeper Waters: Called to Welcome*	Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer		
✞Closing Song		*God So Loved*
✞Benediction		

True repentance is not a cause of grace, for grace is already and always at work. In announcing God's mercy, the call to confession invites us to confess the brokenness of our lives.

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Traditional Worship
11:00am
Sanctuary

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Introit — *Love Round* — Traditional

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Acolyte — Ella Jane Brown

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Life of the Church

Introduction of New Members

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. L. Craig Foster

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 — *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* — Trentham

First Reading — Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading — 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon — *Deeper Waters: Called to Welcome* — Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People — Rev. Ansley B. Page

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 2025

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God's love, and as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

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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.

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The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John M. Bald, Sr.
by their children.

Life of the Church
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Healing & Wholeness Service
This evening 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 to Wave of Light, a community-led awareness event for pregnancy and infant loss, which will be held at Hatcher Garden.

Deeper Water Sermon Series
Jesus constantly challenges his followers to journey into the "deeper waters" of sacrificial service, radical hospitality, and complete trust in God. This four-week series during the month of October 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.

Hurricane Relief Resources
First Presbyterian Church has worked with several organizations to compile a list of resources for people in need as well as ways you can help in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Please visit linktr.ee/fpcspartanburg or scan the QR code to access collected resources.

Wednesdays at First
Join your church family for dinner beginning at 5:00pm on Wednesday and stay to learn more about our mission efforts 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.

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.

Young Adult Fall Social
The Fall Young Adult Social will be on Sunday, **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! RSVP by scanning the QR code.

Volunteer at 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. If you are not able to volunteer, there are several ways to help with Winter Warmth. To learn more, visit fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth or scan the QR code.

Sign up for Basketball
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 will be **Friday, October 18**, so don't wait! Make sure to visit fpcspartanburg.org/basketball for all the details and registration links! For 1st grade girls who would like to try basketball before registering, Betsy Burrell and Joy Couch will hold a workshop on October 15 at 5:30pm.

Shelter Service
Shelter is a worship service where we connect with with God through meditative scripture and reflective songs. Join us **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 for our neighbors in Western North Carolina. We hope that through this offering all will find hope in God's assurance of refuge and shelter.

Kirkin' o' the tartans - Oct. 27

On Sunday, October 27, at 8:30 and 11:00am, we will worship together in the Sanctuary for our Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. Each fall, First Presbyterian holds this powerful historic service, a remembrance of Presbyterianism's Scottish roots through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. 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 the evening of Sunday, October 20. Please visit fpcspartanburg.org/tartanparticipation scan the QR code to participate. *A mandatory rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 23, at 5:30pm.*

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.

Run with Rev. Rachel

Before you gobble, come wobble the Turkey Day 8K with Rev. Rachel! Register through the P.A.L. website (palspartanburg.org/TD8K) and choose the First Presbyterian Church team. We will contact you on a convenient meeting location prior to the run. All ages and skill levels are welcome! Fun fact: the three teams with the most members registered will be called out at the start of the race, and the team with the most members wins bragging rights and a free tree plaque that P.A.L. will customize and put at the Rail Yard Community Park.

Bring Your Keycards!

We encourage all members to bring their keycards to church on both Sunday mornings as well as throughout the week. 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.

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Perrin Room this Sunday, October 13 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

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.

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 or by scanning the QR code.

Calendar

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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

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews

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,
LightShine Choir, Chancel Choir

Front Cover:
***All Are Welcome* by Sieger Köder**

Sieger Köder was a German priest and artist. The painting on the front of today's bulletin depicts people from different walks of life sitting at the table of Christ, indicating that *All Are Welcome.*

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Led By Love: Worship Resources for Year B, by Lavon Bayler

Offertory

When We Love
Elaine Hagenberg

The tow'ring tree spreads his greening canopy,
A veil beneath the soil and sky,
Not in selfish vanity,
But the gentle thrush to shade and shelter,

For when we love, simply love,
when we loved even as we are loved,
Our weary world can be transformed.

The busy thrush builds her nest below,
A fortnight's work to weave and set,
Not for herself alone,
But her tender brood to shield and cherish,
So it is with love.

For when we love, simply love,
when we love even as we are loved,
Our weary world can be transformed into the Kingdom of God!

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.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Each day holds a surprise, but only if we expect it
can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us.
Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise,
whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy.
It will open a new place in our hearts,
a place where we can welcome new friends
and celebrate more fully our shared humanity."
- Henri Nouwen

Ministers: All Members of the Church

We are a community of believers committed to "Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed."

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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

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Contemporary Worship Music Leader

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