First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



November 3, 2024

Service for the Lord's Day

All Saints' 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, place your gift in the Offering Plate or scan one of these QR Codes (you may give via **ShelbyNext** or via **Venmo**). Additionally, you may mail a check to the church office (address on back of bulletin). Thank you. *Questions? Contact Church Financial Officer Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.*

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Venmo

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 — *There is a Happy Land* — arr. Dale Wood

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Lift up your heads, O gates.
The King of glory has come.
Mourning and death shall be no more.
Feast on rich food and fine wine.
Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

✞Hymn 326 — *For All the Saints* — Sine Nomine

Prayer of Confession — Rev. L. Craig Foster

Gracious God, we yearn to be counted among the saints of old,
but the journey is long and difficult.
Forgive us when we fail to love and forgive others as you require.
Guide us on this journey of discipleship,
that we may grow as your children and live as saints of your love.

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.

Life of the Church — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

We place stones in the baptismal font today to honor those who have died and to remember that in their baptism they were sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. In life and in death, we all belong to God.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Sermon Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

✠Doxology
Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of the Elements *All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Communion Music *Day of Arising* Michael Burkhardt

Prayer After Communion

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away— the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope, because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 801, vs. 1-4 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* Crimond

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Benediction Response
Hymn 801, verse 5 Crimond

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Closing Voluntary *For All the Saints* Phil Lehenbauer

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	*Shall We Gather At The River*
✞Call to Worship	
✞Song of Praise	*Holy Holy Holy*
Prayer of Confession	Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Sung Assurance of Pardon	*Yes and Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace	
Life of the Church	
Children's Time	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9
Sermon	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Communion	*All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*
Communion Music	*Love Has Come*
✞Closing Song	*Well Done*
✞Benediction	

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Traditional Worship
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Sanctuary

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Acolyte — Cooper Huang

Introit — *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* — Festal Song

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Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

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Prayer for Illumination — *Wait For the Lord* — Wait for the Lord

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 25:6-9

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Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Offertory — *The River of the Water of Life* — Malcolm Archer

✞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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sung Responsively)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up, lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.
-Directory for Worship

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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.

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Communion Music

Nearer, My God, to Thee — Tom Trenney

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Closing Voluntary

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The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Gay Cecil Frick

by Ken and Jeanie Frick, John and Sarah Frick, Jean Cecil Frick, and Jamie and Alex Stacy.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for all those who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. This morning, in all worship services, we remember and name our members who died in the past year. As we recall their witness, let us also pray for comfort for those who love and miss them.

We give thanks for . . .

Barbara "Bobbie" Gean Andrews
Ross Hawthorne Bayard
Claire Gregory Capell
Max James Darrall
Nancy Brown Foster Duke
Arthur McMurray "Mac" Erwin, Jr.
Drucilla Balentine Gosnell
Eudora "Dodie" Graham
Barbara Charping Hays
Dian Shaylor Hammett
Edythe Craig Hendrix
Mabel Hamlet Hospital
Margaret Allred Hunsucker
Kitty Nottingham Keith
Marilyn Murray Kelley
Walter Bazil Mathes, Jr.
Janice Palmer Moss
William Chambers Myers, Jr.
Charles Eugene Rickell
Mack Donaldson Secord
John Thomas Tatham
Elizabeth Barnard Traviss
Kathleen Cohen Willard

Life of the Church

Sunday, November 3, 2024

This Evening: Evensong Service

This evening, we will hold a special All Saints' Evensong Service at **5:00pm in the Columbarium** with scripture, prayer, meditation, and music accompanied by a string quartet. All are welcome to this service of remembrance and thanksgiving for any loved one who has died, whether here or elsewhere, recently or a long time ago.

Veterans / Active Service Personnel

On Sunday, November 10, we will recognize current church members who have served OR are currently serving in the military in honor of Veteran's Day. Please fill out the brief form at fpcspartanburg.org/veteransday or scan the QR code by tomorrow, November 4 if you would like to be recognized during this service and in the bulletin.

Stewardship 2025 - Update!

Thank you to the over 319 individuals and families who have responded to this year's invitation to *Deeper Waters* by submitting a pledge for 2025. Will you join us? Your pledge helps us plan for the coming year and is simply an estimate of giving. Pledge cards are available throughout the church. You may also pledge online by using the QR code provided here or by visiting fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship.

Election Day Prayer Space

On Tuesday, November 5, the Chapel is open for you to come pray for our city, state, and nation. The Chapel is also 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.

Wednesdays at First- Nov. 6

Full Schedule

5:00pm	Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
5:00pm	Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
6:15pm	Recreation for Children (Gym)
6:15pm	Younger Women's Bible Study (F207, FLC)
6:30pm	Understanding the Kingdom of God
6:30pm	Youth Fellowship and Bible Study
7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. Save the date for November 13: Scott Neely will provide an update on the Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code.

Advent Fluff Days

It's time to get your fluff on! Join the Sanctuary Guild as we get wreaths and decorations looking presentable for Advent! Fluff Days will be taking place on Tuesdays (Nov. 5, 12, 19) at 10:00am-noon, and Thursdays (Nov. 7, 14, 20) at 2:00pm-4:00pm. We will meet in Room 2200 (across from Heritage Chapel). Interested in helping? Contact LeAnne Thurmond at 864-621-0213 or leanne.thurmond@gmail.com

Faith Initiative Quarterly Meeting

All are welcome to join the Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty quarterly meeting, which will be held on Thursday, November 14th from 12-2pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. The focus will be on housing and disaster relief, including discussion about how to integrate long-term recovery into a sustained commitment to end child poverty in Spartanburg. The event is free (lunch included). You can register by emailing Scott Neely at scott@faithinitiativespartanburg.org

Advent Workshop - Nov. 20

Following WAF dinner on November 20, join us in the Gym for our annual Advent Family Workshop. With different crafts, live Christmas music, and lots of holiday cheer, there is something for everyone! Crafting will start around 6:15pm and wrap up around 7:30pm.

Dominican Republic Mission

If you are a medical professional or someone who would like to serve God's people in the Dominican Republic, now is the time to sign-up for the 2025 trip (February 1-8). Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/dr for more information and to register.

Winter Warmth - Thank you!

The annual Winter Warmth Project of First Presbyterian Church was held on October 26. Over 800 coats were distributed to children in Spartanburg County, and some were set aside to be donated to Western North Carolina. Thank you to the nearly 100 volunteers who helped provide warmth for these children. There are still opportunities for you to help! For a gift of $35, you can be a part of providing a new warm coat for a child in need. Use this QR Code and choose "Winter Warmth" from the drop-down box or visit fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth. Gift Acknowledgement Cards are available upon request.

Run with Rev. Rachel

Before you gobble, come wobble the Turkey Day 8K with Rev. Rachel on **November 28**! Register through the P.A.L. website (palspartanburg.org/TD8K) or scan the QR code and choose the First Presbyterian Church team. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

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.

Ready to Join FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Perrin Room Sunday, **November 10** at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

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.

Today's Musicians

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Genesis Choir

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,
Chancel Choir, Matias Mariani

Front Cover:
"Guardian on Panel" by Kris Neely

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

Offertory

The River of the Water of Life
Malcolm Archer

I saw the river of the water of life,
bright as a crystal, flowing from the throne of God
and of the Lamb through the middle of the street
of the city. Alleluia.

Let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes
take the water of life as a gift. Alleluia.

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,
and let the one who believes in me drink.
Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.

I saw the river of the water of life…

Rev. 22: 1, 17; John 7:37-38

Calendar

November 3
All Saints' Evensong Service

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

Looking Forward

December 1
First Day of Advent

December 8
Chamber Singers Concert

December 11
Annual White Gift Service

December 24
Christmas Eve Services

December 29
ONE Worship Service

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Whenever you find tears in your eyes, especially unexpected tears, it is well to pay the closest attention. They are not only telling you something about the secret of who you are, but more often than not God is speaking to you through them of the mystery of where you have come from and is summoning you to where, if your soul is to be saved, you should go to next."

- Frederick Buechner

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

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