First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



November 5, 2023

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!

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, 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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Early Worship
8:30am
Chapel

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. Joanne R. Hull

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

✞Call to Worship

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.
With hearts and hands and voices,
let us praise the Lord.

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

Prayer of Confession — Rev. L. Craig Foster

We confess our inclination, O God, to sense that we are alone in the faith.
We neglect the history of those who have gone before us;
we take for granted their perseverance;
we have lost touch with wisdom that would lead us to life.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
Call to mind our mothers and fathers in the faith, who ran the race before us,
and let us draw strength from their examples.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love and power and self-discipline.
Let us remember the goodness of God in the lives of the saints,
and let us draw strength from the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✞Response: Hymn 306 — Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

✞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 — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-2

Sermon *This Is Our Story: The Cloud of Witnesses* Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.

Communion Music *I Come With Joy* Karen Marrolli

Prayer After Communion
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we go out to share that nourishment in the ordinary intersections of our daily lives. The Lord's Day service is the indispensable event that identifies the church with its Lord and equips it to identify with those whom the Lord has called us to serve.

✞Hymn 801 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* Crimond
(Verses 1-4)

✞Charge and Benediction

✞Benediction Response
Hymn 801, verse 5 Ar Hyd Y Nos

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
✞Call to Worship		
✞Song of Praise		*I'll Fly Away*
Prayer of Confession		Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Sung Assurance of Pardon		*Living Hope*
✞Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Church		
Children's Time		
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 12:1-2	
Sermon	*This Is Our Story: The Cloud of Witnesses*	Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Communion	*All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*	
Communion Music		*Well Done*
✞Closing Song		*Just Over in the Gloryland*
✞Benediction		

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Introit — *There is a Happy Land* — Southern Harmony

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Acolyte — Savannah Pinilla

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"Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, the people are invited to share signs of reconciliation and the peace of Christ. In sharing the peace, we express the reconciliation, unity, and love that come only from God, and we open ourselves to the power of God's love to heal our brokenness and make us agents of that love in the world."
- Book of Common Worship

Life of the Church — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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 — *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* — Mc Afee

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 12:1-2

Sermon — *This Is Our Story: The Cloud of Witnesses* — Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Responding to the Word

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Offertory — *How Lovely Are the Messengers* — Felix Mendelssohn

✞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 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 — *My Song in the Night* — arr. Mack Wilberg

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<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u>

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 . . .

Gladys Padgett Amick
John Dorsey Bryant
Thomas Edward Case
Paul Allen Dunbar
Barbara Pence Folmar
Luther "Luke" Hinkle Hallman
John Pressley Jennings
Matthew James McLeskey
Lynda Lucille Evans Moore
Leonard Randolph Orders, Jr.
Martha Estelle Ivey Tiller
Daisy Caldwell Winslow
Anne Elizabeth Anderson
Margaret Thrift Burnett
Kathleen Mary Class
Ruth "Hobby" Hobbs Abernethy Evans
Alice Welborn Gentry
Beverly Cohen Huntley
Francis Fountain Shaw McDowell
Mary Sprouse Melvin
Douglas Martin O'Brien
Janet Pierce Reed
Harry Pinckney Williams, Jr.
Rhonda Carol Young

Life of the Church

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Today: Food Drive

Please drop off non-perishable donations for TOTAL Ministries in the marked bins in the Tower Room, Narthex, or the Family Life Center Lobby.

Tonight: Evensong Service

Tonight, we will have a special **Evensong Service at 5:00pm in the Columbarium**. This service will feature scripture, prayer, meditation, and music accompanied by a string quartet. We will remember loved ones in prayer and thanksgiving.

Today: Blood Drive

The Blood Connection buses are parked outside the Family Life Center until 1:00pm today. Walk-ins are always welcome, just stop in the Family Life Center Lobby to check in.

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.

Veterans / Active Service Personnel

In honor of Veterans Day, in the Worship Bulletin on Sunday, November 12, 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 6** to Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2132).

Wednesdays at First - Nov 1

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: Lasagna, Broccoli, Caesar Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage Children: Chicken Tenders, Dipping Sauces, Homemade Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Cookie & Juice Box

Adult Programs:

Covenant Connections (Fogartie Hall)
Just Faith
Younger Women's Bible Study (Rm F202, FLC)

Stewardship 2024 - Update!

Over 340 individuals and families have responded to this year's invitation to *Live Out God's Story* by submitting a pledge for 2024. Will you join us? By supporting the ministry of First Presbyterian with gifts of time, talent, and treasure, you add your story to the Story unfolding all around us. Pledge cards are available throughout the church. You may also pledge online by using the QR code provided here. Thank you!

Winter Warmth 2023

We need volunteers for our 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.

Welcome Class - November 12

Next **Sunday, November 12**, there will be a special Welcome Class, 12:00-2:00pm in the Large Private Dining Room, led by Rev. Alan Dyer. This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be provided. Childcare is provided upon request. To register, contact Joanie Shackleton (864-208-2132; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org)

Last Time to talk Retirement!

Gather with Pastor Joanne for lunch and reflection on the joys and challenges of retirement. Meet in the Large Private Dining Room at noon on **Monday, November 13**. The lunch is free, but please let us know you will be attending by using the QR code.

Festival Trumpet Dedication

On **Sunday, November 19**, Marcia Andrews will feature the Sanctuary organ's new Festival Trumpet in a 10 minute mini-recital **at 10:50am**. This exciting new voice is the product of years of planning and the generous support from many members of our congregation.

JOY Fellowship Friendsgiving

All are invited to a churchwide Friendsgiving celebration on **Monday, November 20 at noon in Fogartie Hall**, sponsored by the JOY Fellowship Committee. The main dish - Turkey and Dressing - will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Sign up by using the QR code or emailing Joanie at jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

The Flowers in the Tower Room
and in celebration of the marriage of
Emily Adamson and Stephen Ridley.

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: Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews; Genesis Choir

Contemporary Worship: Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals; Cooper Cecil, mandolin; Gordon Cooper, banjo; Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin; Kevin Maloney, drums; Corey McDaniels, bass guitar; Jerry Palmer, guitar

Traditional Worship: Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews; Chancel Choir; LightShine Choir

Calendar

November 5

All Saints' Sunday Observed
Communion
8:00am Blood Drive (FLC Parking Lot)
8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15am Coffee and Fellowship (Perrin Room)
10:00 Sunday School (9:45am Gathering Time)
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Fellowship (Front Lawn)
5:00pm All Saints' Evensong Service (Columbarium)

November 8

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)

November 12

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15am Coffee and Fellowship (Perrin Room)
9:45am Deacon Breakfast (Social Hall)
10:00 Sunday School (9:45am Gathering Time)
10:30am Receiving New Members (Church Parlor)
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Welcome Class (Large Private Dining Room)

Looking Forward

November 11

Winter Warmth Distribution

November 14

Presbytery Meeting (First, Anderson)

November 19

Festival Trumpet Dedication (10:50am, Sanctuary)

November 20

JOY Fellowship Friendsgiving

November 21

Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service
(Second Presbyterian Church, 438 N Church Street)

Front Cover: "The Communion of Saints" by Irene Thomas
https://www.catholicworldart.com

Parts of today's liturgy are from
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion and
Prayers and Liturgies of Confession and Assurance.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well."
- Saint John Vianney

"Never say, 'What great things the saints do!'
but 'What great things God does in his saints!'"
- Saint Philip Neri

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

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