First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



November 10, 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, 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 — *Voluntary on "Llanfair"* — Malcolm Archer

✞Call to Worship — John Lynch

In the name of God,
who created us, who holds the whole world in his hands.
In the name of the Son,
who came into the world, who reconciles us with God.
In the name of the Holy Spirit,
who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace, we come together to offer our thanks and praise.

✞Hymn 33 — *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* — Llanfair

Prayer of Confession — Rev. L. Craig Foster

God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you.

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

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✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading — Mark 12:38-44

Sermon — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Responding to the Word

The affirmation is the response of the people to the proclamation of the Word. The faith we affirm shapes our lives and expresses the hope and expectancy that are part of the Christian life.

✠Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* — Robert Powell

✠Doxology

Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 308 — *O God in Whom All Life Begins* — Noel

✠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 — *Festival Finale* — Malcolm Archer

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. Leslie A. Lang
Instrumental Prayer	*By Our Love*
✞Call to Worship	
✞Song of Praise	*Because of Your Love*
Prayer of Confession	
Sung Assurance of Pardon	*Yes and Amen*
✞Passing of the Peace	
Life of the Church	
Children's Time	
Anthem	*All The Way My Savior Leads Me*
First Reading	Psalm 146
Second Reading	Mark 12:38-44
Sermon	Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer	
✞Closing Song	*The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*
✞Benediction	

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Sanctuary

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Introit — *He Has Made Me Glad* — Leona Von Brethorst

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Acolyte — Ella Jane Brown

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Life of the Church

Stephen Ministry Commissioning — Beth Cecil and Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

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

Prayer for Illumination — *Break Thou the Bread of Life* — Bread of Life

First Reading — Psalm 146 — Caroline Lyerly

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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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Come, Walk With Me* Z. Randall Stroope

✠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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Closing Voluntary *Festival Finale* Malcolm Archer

What are you taking from worship? A new thought, a deep feeling, a glimpse of grace, a challenge? Where will you see God today? How will you live out and share God's peace with neighbors and strangers alike in the coming week?

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Caroline Greissinger and Adam Johnston

and in loving memory of
John Thomas Tatham and Virgil Carlyle Johnston

Veterans and Active Service Personnel

As we honor Veterans Day today, we are grateful to the following church members who have served or are serving in the military:

Army

Jim Anderson; Vic Bailey III; Dr. David Berry; Charles H. Boulware, Jr.; De Calvert; Alexander Shaw Camp; Hon. Gordon G. Cooper; Wade Crow (and SC National Guard); Christopher McKee Dixon; Joe P. Dunn; Doug Egge; William Davis Ellis; Edd Ervin; Phillip N. Glover; Guy "Brandt" Goodwin; Edward Lamar Holcombe; Robin DesChamps Hood; Garrett P. Johnson; Don J. Jolley; C. Roland Jones, Jr. (Army Reserve JAG); Jeffrey M. Kuntz; Hank Mason (SC National Guard); Jack Mason; Dr. Donald McClure (Army Medical Corps); Lehman Rowell "Rowe" Moody; Herbert Bays "Bert" Moore, Jr.; Douglas B. Nash; Gerald Palmer; Darwin H. Simpson; Richard L. Taylor; Terry Thruston; James D. Trout, Jr. (and SC National Guard); Robert F. Turner; Dr. Lawrence Warren, Jr.

Navy

Stanley Wayne Baker; Dr. Howard C. "Budge" Bean, Jr. (Navy Reserve); Dr. William W. "Bill" Burns; Jarrett P. Dunn; Dr. J. Sidney Fulmer; George M. Holbrook; Bill Mayrose; George Edward Moseley; James W. Munn; James M. Pickens; Dean J. Yamasaki

AirForce

Randy Alexander; Mitchell Allen; Doug Baker; Joseph S. Correll III; Andrew William Ellis; Dr. George Graham; John W. Hill, III; Dr. W. Brownlee Lowry; Robert N. Maddox; Kyle Milner, Jr. (Air National Guard); Raymond Morris; Don Owen; John L. "J.J." Smith

Marine Corps

Gerald Kiehl; Stephen F. Shaw (Marine Corps Reserve)

Life of the Church

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Supporting The Stephen Ministry

We can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to use our special gifts in this ministry and may apply to be a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. We can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. We all can give our enthusiastic support by keeping Stephen Ministry always before us and by praying for and affirming those who have answered God's call to serve in this way.

Stewardship 2025 - Update!

Thank you to the over 362 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.

Winter Warmth - Thank you!

The annual Winter Warmth Project of First Presbyterian Church was held on October 26. Over 700 coats were distributed to children in Spartanburg County, with some set aside for children in 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 menu or visit fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth.

Wednesdays at First- Nov. 13

Join us for Wednesdays at First beginning at 5:00pm for dinner and stay for an update on the Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. 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 on Tuesdays (Nov. 12, 19) 10:00am-noon, and Thursdays (Nov. 14, 21) 2:00pm-4:00pm. Meet in Room 2200 (across from Heritage Chapel). Contact LeAnne Thurmond at 864-621-0213 or leanne.thurmond@gmail.com

College Student Lunch

For any college student who has been coming to church, we see you! You're invited to a free lunch and informal time to get to know you on Sunday, December 8 right after 11am worship. Let us know you're coming by scanning the QR code!

Ready to Join FPC?

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Perrin Room today, **November 10** at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org for details.

Faith Initiative Quarterly Meeting

All are welcome to join the Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty quarterly meeting on Thursday, **November 14th** from 12:00-2:00pm 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). 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.

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 Run with Rev. Rachel team. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Columbarium Memorial Wreaths

During the Advent season, we offer the opportunity to purchase wreaths in memory of those inurned in the Columbarium for $35 per wreath. Memorial names will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 15 and the wreaths will remain in the Columbarium until the first of the year. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/wreath to purchase your memorial by Friday, December 6. Contact Lynise Clarke at lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org with questions.

Dominican Republic Mission

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

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,

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

Front Cover:
"Fannie Mae Dees (Portrait)" by Lesley Patterson-Marx

Parts of today's liturgy are from Rev. Nathan Williams and Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

Offertory

Come, Walk With Me
Z. Randall Stroope

Come, walk with me into the desert,
drink from the well of living waters,
where Eden's beauty lay and night turns into day,
Sing, o my soul, rise and sing.

Rise at first light of day! Rise in joyous refrain!
Sing, my soul, the victory's won! Alleluia!

Hide me in your holiness; whisper low;
cover me with righteousness,
with ancient blazing fire,
silence and stillness, earth, wind, sun.

I am the longing in the rivers,
I am the laughter in the sound of rain,
Fear not when earthquakes come or darkness surrounds you.
Sing, O my soul, rise and sing!

Rise at first light of day…

Come, the Morning star! Come light our path.

Calendar

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 8
Chamber Singers Concert

December 11
Annual White Gift Service

The Flowers in the Tower Room
are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Arthur McMurray "Mac" Erwin, Jr.
by his family.

To Ponder Prayerfully

"Nobody made a greater mistake
than he who did nothing because he could do only a little."

- Edmund Burke

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
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