First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC



November 24, 2024

Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King Sunday

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.*

ShelbyNext (No log in required)

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Early Worship
8:30am
Chapel

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Invitation — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

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

Opening Voluntary — *Voluntary on Old 100th* — Henry Purcell

✞Call to Worship — Rev. Alan F. Dyer

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.
Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.
Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house for endless days. — Psalm 93:1-2, 5 (NIV)

✞Hymn 263 — *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* — Coronation

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

We gather in worship to attend to the presence of God in our lives. In worship, we see the world in light of God's grace and go forth with a vision and power for living in the world as God's people. The rhythm of the life of the believer moves from worship to ministry, from ministry to worship.

✞ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading — John 18:33-37

Sermon — *Not a King* — Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Responding to the Word

✠Affirmation of Faith

I believe the Word was in the form of God
and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.
He emptied himself, took the form of a servant,
and was born in our own likeness.
I believe he humbled himself and became obedient unto death.
I believe God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
I believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
I believe that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father. Amen. (Philippians 2:6-11)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *My Jesus, I Love Thee* — arr. Dan Forrest

✠Doxology
Hymn 606 — Old Hundredth

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal Page 35

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

Bearing the Word to the World

✠Hymn 828 — *More Love to Thee, O Christ* — More Love to Thee

✠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 — *Now Thank We All Our God* — Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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	*In Christ Alone*
✞Call to Worship	Rev. Leslie A. Lang
✞Song of Praise	*Living Hope*
Prayer of Confession	
Sung Assurance of Pardon	*Living Hope*
✞Passing of the Peace	
Life of the Church Call to Discipleship: Iglesia Presbyteriana Reformada de Santa Clara	Pastor Reile Marrero
Children's Time	
Anthem	*What a Beautiful Name*
Scripture Reading	Revelation 1:4b-8
Sermon	Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed	
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer	
✞Closing Song	*This I Believe*
Benediction	

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

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11:00am
Sanctuary

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Acolyte — Derham Cole

Introit — *O Lord, You Are My God and King* — Jerusalem

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Life of the Church

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children — Rev. Alan F. Dyer and Rev. Ansley B. Page

Sacrament of Baptism

Marywin Olivia Berry
Daughter of Becky and Jeff Berry

Thomas Franklin Gamble, Jr.
Son of Courtney and Frank Gamble

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 — *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* — Chereponi

First Reading — 2 Samuel 23:1-5a

Second Reading — John 18:33-37

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After his death and resurrection, Jesus used the greeting "Peace be with you" three times when he met with his disciples (John 20:19-29). Notice that he explicitly used this greeting with those who called themselves his followers. When we pass the peace, we remember the joy and responsibility that comes with being followers of Jesus.

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.

Call to Discipleship — Pastor Reile Marrero

Iglesia Presbyteriana Reformada de Santa Clara

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *At the Name of Jesus* — René Clausen

✠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

Bearing the Word to the World

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To underscore the relation between worship and service, the concluding movement of the service, the act of Sending, includes both a Charge and a Blessing.

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

are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of

Anne Harrison Lominack and Constantine Ghinois

and in loving memory of

Mr. Harold Boyd Gosnell, Jr., Mr. John King Lominack, Jr.,
Dr. Constantine Anastase Ghionis, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laicharoff

Life of the Church

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Stewardship 2025 - Update!

This year's stewardship focus is an invitation for us to consider how we can deepen our commitment to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all those who have answered the call and submitted a pledge for the coming year! To date, we have received 420 pledges - which includes 53 new commitments - totaling over $2,880,000. This total represents 79% of our budget goal. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, would you consider doing so by December 6? Currently, only 37% of FPC households have made a pledge. Just think what we could do if others joined us in supporting the ministry of our congregation! To learn more or submit your pledge online please visit fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship.

Community Thanksgiving Service

In partnership with the Spartanburg County Foundation, the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance will hold its Community Thanksgiving Service on **November 26** at 6:30pm at the Episcopal Church of the Advent. The offering taken during the service will benefit The Bridge at Green Street. Vsit fpcspartanburg.org or scan the QR code to learn more.

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!

DR Deadline Approaching!

If you are a medical professional or someone who would like to serve people in the Domincan Republic, sign up for the 2025 mission trip (February 1-8) by the **December 1 deadline**. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/dr.

Advent/Christmas Decorating

Join the Sanctuary Guild to Deck the Halls for Advent and Christmas! There are several opportunities to help. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/deckthehalls.

Giving Tuesday - Dec. 3

This year's Giving Tuesday focus is *Build and Rebuild*. We ask you to support First Presbyterian Church ministries to help build a community playground and continue efforts for Hurricane relief in North and South Carolina. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/givingtuesday or scan the QR code for more information and to give online.

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 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**.

Chamber Singers Concert

The Chamber Singers is an ecumenical 30-voice choir that performs at First Presbyterian Church and has performed at the National Cathedral and the Piccoleto Spoleto Festival. On **December 8** at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary, the Chamber Singers, along with instrumentalists from Converse University and the community, will present *How Silently, How Silently…Reflections for the Season*. This concert is free and open to the public!

College Student Lunch

All college students are invited to a free lunch Sunday, **December 8** right after 11am worship. Let us know you're coming by scanning the QR code!

JOY Christmas Luncheon

The annual Just Older Youth (J.O.Y.) Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will be held Tuesday, **December 10 at 11:30am** in Fogartie Hall. Our musical guest for this year's program is Rev. Rachel Klompmaker. Bring a friend! Sign up at fpcspartanburg.org/joychristmas or scan the QR code by December 6!

Blood Drive

If you were unable to participate in our September blood drive, Cedar Springs Family Dentistry will host a 'back-up' drive Wednesday, **December 11** at 272 Cedar Springs Road, 10:30am-1:30pm. By providing the code 9BBW at the time of your donation, First Presbyterian will be credited.

White Gift Service

First Presbyterian Church will collect gifts wrapped in white for Hope Center for Children, Thornwell, and Mobile Meals during the Annual White Gift Service, **December 11** at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. You can find a wish list for each organization at fpcspartanburg.org/whitegifts or by scanning the QR code.

Winter Warmth - Thank you!

The annual Winter Warmth Project distributed over 700 coats to children in Spartanburg County, and some set aside for children in Western North Carolina. 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.

Join Our AVL Ministry!

We are currently in need of a volunteer camera operator for the third Sunday of the month in Contemporary Worship. No experience necessary! Please contact Caroline Goodman at cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org for more information.

Christmas Poinsettias

We are now accepting orders for poinsettias in honor of loved ones. The names of those honored/memorialized will be listed in a commemorative booklet. You may also request that an acknowledgement card be sent to the person or family of those being honored/memorialized.The cost is $25 per plant. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/poinsettia or scan the QR code to order yours by **Friday, December 13**.

Hand in Hand Christmas Cards

Hand in Hand is a local nonprofit that works in collaboration with Spartanburg County School District social workers, who identify children and families in need. By providing basic essentials, Hand in Hand hopes to relieve daily concerns, improve self-esteem and allow children to concentrate on their education. This Christmas, give a gift to this ministry in honor of a loved one. Holiday cards are available upon request. Online gifts may be made through fpcspartanburg.org/give or by scanning the QR code. Please contact Lynn Long at (864) 913-2179 or handinhandspartanburg@gmail.com to receive your special Christmas cards.

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. If you need to contact a minister, call 864-208-2142 day or night.

Ready to Join FPC?

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Perrin Room Sunday, **December 8** at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org for details.

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,
Reel Robertson

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,
Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir

Front Cover:
Christ Monogram with Alpha and Omega
Mosaic in Sousse Archaeological Museum, Tunisia

Offertory

At the Name of Jesus
René Clausen

Christ Jesus, being in the form of God,
emptied himself, being in the form of a servant,
in human likeness, humbled himself
and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
in heaven and earth, and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
God has exalted Christ. Alleluia!

In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus sunshine of my life.
by thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Alleluia, Amen!

Calendar

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Looking Forward

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December 15
Lessons and Carols

December 24
Christmas Eve Services

December 29
Worship as One

For details on all church events,
visit fpcspartanburg.org/calendar

To Ponder Prayerfully

"You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life."

- Sylvia Dunstan

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
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