

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 1, 2023

NEW YEAR'S DAY

11:00AM SANCTUARY

✠ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

INTROIT

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Call to
Worship is a
reminder that,
while worship is
something we
do, we do it as a
response to what
God has already
done. God calls
us to worship.
We respond
to God's call
with praise,
confession,
gratitude, and
wonder.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the beauty of God.
We sing of the One who clothes us with joy.
Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the light of salvation.
We worship the One who wraps us in grace.
Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the hope of new life.
We worship the One who blesses us with hope.
Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the One who is here.
We worship the Christ, God's love in our midst.

✠ HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in great love you have claimed us as your children.
We confess that we have not loved you as we should.
We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans;
we grow weary and give up when the way is hard.
We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend.
Forgive our misuse of power against people and against your creation.
Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace.
Do not be ashamed of us, we pray,
but strengthen us in our time of testing.
Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of God, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners.
He is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us.
Declare with me the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† RESPONSE

GOD REST YOU MERRY

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.*

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rejoicing in Christ's life among us, let us share signs of welcome with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet each other as we share the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

AUSTIN

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:7-9; Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON

The Long Journey of Faith

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Dan Forrest

CALL TO RENEWAL OF OUR COVENANT WITH GOD

† RENEWAL OF OUR COVENANT WITH GOD (Unison)

I give myself completely to you, God.

Assign me to my place in your creation.

Let me suffer for you.

Give me the work you would have me do.

Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others.

Put me forward or humble me.

Give me riches or let me live in poverty.

I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you.

And now, Holy God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am yours.

So be it.

May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.

Hymn 144

Though we do not know the time of year when Jesus was actually born, we do know that Israel, at any time of year, was not the windy, frozen scene the opening stanza of this hymn depicts. Nevertheless, the world was not a friendly place for Jesus even though the thermometer was above freezing. The middle stanzas describe the contrast between the glory of heaven from which Jesus came and the poor reality of the earth He came to save. The final stanza is a commitment that, in recognition of that sacrifice, we will devote ourselves to God.

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 3

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

AR HYD Y NOS

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sandys

Healey Willan

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. L. Craig Foster

Bruce Campbell, Guest Organist
Janet Kuntz, Guest Director
Chancel Choir

The Peace Lilies in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Henry Sanders
by his family.

The Flowers in the Tower Room
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Frances Fountain Shaw McDowell
by her family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:45 AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children - All Rooms are in the Clark Building

Nursery - Room C105 and Room C108; Preschool (3K-5K) - Room C110

1st & 2nd Grades - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C202

3rd & 4th Grades - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C203

5th Grade - Room C206

Youth - All Youth Rooms are on the Second Floor of the Family Life Center

Middle Schoolers in the Middle School Room (F201) and High Schoolers in the High School Room (F202)

ADULTS

Abide - Room 2200

Bible Alive! - Room 2208 & on Zoom

Emmaus - Room 2207

LIFT - Room 2201

No Sunday School today.
Resumes on January 8.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 1, 2023

PASTORAL CONCERN?

If you need to contact a Minister for a Pastoral Concern, call 864-208-2142 day or night. The minister on-call will answer your call as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Parlor on the second Sunday of the month - **Sunday, Jan 8** - at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 864-208-2125 / jhull@fpcspartanburg.org.

BLUE WORSHIP BAGS

are available in the Narthex and Tower Room (Traditional Worship) and in the back of Fogartie Hall (MorningSong) 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 as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

GYM HOURS

Mon-Thursdays: 7am-8pm
Fridays: 7am-2pm
Saturdays: 8am-12noon
The Gym is closed Mon, Jan 2.

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.

UN-DECK THE HALLS

Join other church members on Tuesday, January 3 as we un-deck the halls - and Chrismon Trees. Please meet in the Tower Room at 10:00am. Questions? Contact LeAnne Thurmond (leanne.thurmond@gmail.com).

TUESDAY/THURSDAY ADULT STUDY

Join Nan and Tom McDaniel, via Zoom, starting January 10/12 through March 28/30 for their next book study. They will be studying Tom Evan's book, "The Way Forward: Sermons that Matter." Please contact Shannon (shutcheson@fpcspartanburg.org) for the Zoom link and instructions on picking up the book.

YOUNGER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 16, a Bible study geared towards younger women will meet on Wednesday nights, 6:15-7:15pm, and Thursday mornings, 9:15-10:15am. For more information, please reach out to Rev. Leslie A. Lang (llang@fpcspartanburg.org).

WAYS TO GIVE

- ① Place your gift in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service;
- ② Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone; it will direct you to our online giving portal;
- ③ Click "Give Online" at fpcspartanburg.org/give;
- ④ Text the word "GIVE" to 864/309-0816;
- ⑤ Mail a check to the church (address on back of bulletin);
- ⑥ Give via the ShelbyNext App



Questions? Contact Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.

BE THE CHURCH - - BRING THE DOUGHNUTS!

We need volunteers to pick up Doughnut Holes at the Krispy Kreme on North Church Street on Sunday mornings for the FLC Lobby. There is no cost to you. You will need to pick these up and have them at the church by 8:15am. Take a picture of this QR Code to sign up. Once you click "Submit" you will be emailed instructions.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we start the new year, our children's program is looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Our wonderful program depends on the support from this amazing community. If you have young children, grown children or no children at all, if you have volunteered in the past or this is the first time, please prayerfully consider helping. We need YOU! Please contact Kara Clark (kclark@fpcspartanburg.org).

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do you know a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-on-one care. We listen and share God's love with you to help you through your crisis. Contact the church office or Dana Halliday (danahalliday1@charter.net). We can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

Are you Interested in Becoming a Stephen Minister? A new class begins in January, please contact Dana Halliday (danahalliday1@charter.net) for more information.

SHARE YOUR SMILE!

Looking for an easy way to get involved in the church? Come share your smile and help greet on Sunday mornings! We need three greeters each Sunday- one to welcome those coming to Sunday school (9:30-9:55am) and two to welcome Sanctuary worshippers (10:30-11:00am). All you have to do is stand outside your assigned door and welcome people as they arrive! (You are welcome to bring your kids to help as well!) Scan the QR code to sign up!



UNITY WEEK CELEBRATION

This month, the city of Spartanburg will host several events to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:

Thursday, January 12 - *Art Reception*, 6:00pm, Mayfair Art Studios (1885 Hayne Street)

Friday, January 13 - *Kindness Day* - On this day, make an extra effort to be kind to someone.

Friday, January 13 - *Teen Night and Swim-In*, 5:30pm, Dr. TK Gregg Community Center (650 Howard St)

Saturday, January 14 - *Walk as One*, 9:00am, Downtown Spartanburg

Saturday, January 14 - *Family Swim-In*, 1:00-5:00pm, Dr. TK Gregg Community Center (650 Howard St)

Monday, January 16 - *United Way Day of Service*, Volunteer Your Time (uwpiedmont.org/mlkday)

Monday, January 16 - *Unity Celebration*, 6:30pm, Spartanburg District 7 Fine Arts Center (2250 E Main St) Featuring Speaker Dr. Rosalyn Clark Artis, President & CEO of Benedict College

Additionally, on **Sunday, Jan 15** at 10:00am in Fogartie Hall, we will hold a *Combined Sunday School Class*, with Guest Speaker Brenda Lee Pryce, Member, South Carolina House of Representatives (1995-2005).

FPC SPARTANBURG SERMONCAST

Missed last week's worship service? Want to revisit your favorite sermons while on the road, at work, or anywhere at all? Now you can! Our sermons are now available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, or wherever you find your podcasts!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day!
Communion

11:00am Worship
(Sanctuary)

JANUARY 2

All Church Facilities Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:45am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

9:45am Sunday School

10:30am Receive New Members
(Parlor)

11:00am Traditional Worship
Officer Ordination and Installation
(Sanctuary)

LOOKING FORWARD

JANUARY 11

Wednesdays at First Resumes

JANUARY 12-16

MLK City-wide Events

JANUARY 29

Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY 19

Youth Sunday

FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

MARCH 21

Endowment Dinner

MARCH 22

Children's Choirs Presentation

APRIL 9

Easter

APRIL 30

First Pres Homecoming!

MAY 21

Baccalaureate Sunday

MAY 28

Day of Pentecost

JUNE 5-8

Vacation Bible School

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“Perseverance is not a long race;
it is many short races one after another.”*

- Walter Elliot

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

Carrie Coleman
Youth Leader

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Pano Stathakis
Director of Hospitality

Kris Graham
Director of the Weekday School

Lisa Cunningham
MorningSong Band Director

Lee Raines
Facilities Administrator

Jim Pitts
Campus Safety and Services Manager

Lynise Clarke
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