

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



"The Magi"
- Cara B. Hochhalter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 8, 2023

8:45AM CHAPEL

11:00AM SANCTUARY

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 *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*
ACOLYTE (11:00)

Max Drishner

INTROIT *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise; shine, for your light has come!
We are called out of our darkness into light.
Lift up your eyes and look around.
We rejoice in the gift of light.
Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.
Let us worship God together.

✠HYMN 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Dietrich
Bonhoeffer wrote
that "he who is
alone with his sin
is utterly alone."
But we are not
alone with our
sin. That's why
we confess our
sin together, that
we might share
each other's
burdens, and
that we might
be renewed in
God's grace
and called to
lives of joyful
devotion -
together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
the words you place within our hearts shine like a guiding star,
calling us to show the world your goodness and your grace.
Heal us with your steadfast mercy
when we close our minds and shutter our hearts,
refusing to let your brightness shine through us.
You promised to reveal your glory through us
and proclaimed that we will shine like the sun
when the world is plunged into shadows.
Renew us in the power of your Spirit
when we refuse to follow the star you have placed before us . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As certain as the dawn follows the night,
so is the promise of God's forgiveness
and love for us all.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✠RESPONSE

HYMN 150, VERSE 4

DIX

*Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*

✠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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*At the 11am service, 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 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Jacques Berthier

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

(8:45)

(11:00)

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (8:45)

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.

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.
- PCUSA Directory for Worship

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Brightest and Best

Paul Sjolund

✠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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (11:00)

CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 288

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In Thee is Gladness

J. S. Bach

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

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In ordination
the church sets
apart with prayer
and laying on
of hands those
who have been
called through
election by the
church to serve
as deacons,
ruling elders, and
teaching elders.
In installation
the church sets
apart with prayer
those previously
ordained as
deacons, ruling
elders, and
teaching elders
and called anew
to service in that
ministry.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

De Calvert, Associate Clerk of Session
Frances Halligan, Acolyte
John Lynch (8:45) and Ali Claire Pingley (11:00), Readers

Holt Andrews
Marcia Andrews
Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Oren Judy

by Linda Martin, Randy Judy, John Judy and Joan Gibson.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We believe that children learn to worship by regularly attending church with their families. During the 11:00am Traditional Worship Service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for *The Word for Children*. Afterwards, children 3K - 1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship in the Clark Building with Ms. Kara. During this time, they worship with song and prayer, hear a Bible story, and enjoy art and play. May they know the love of God and the joy of church! After worship, families are asked to pick their children up from Room 202 of the Clark Building. *Nursery available in Room 105 (Toddler) and Room 108 (Crib).*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:45AM

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

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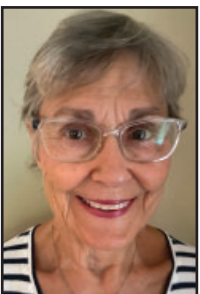
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Deacons

Marsha Calvert (23), Sally White (23), Ryan Langley (25)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 8, 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

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.

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).

WAF (Wednesdays at First) Come for Food, Faith, and Fellowship! Dinner served starting at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required by noon on Monday; online payment is preferred (fpcspartanburg.org/waf).

Jan 11 Menu: Adult: Pastor Alan's Choice: Fried Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage; Child: Fried Chicken Leg, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

Schedule (see Calendar on next page)

Jan Health Series: *DHD, Anxiety and Depression in Children and Adolescents*
Jan 11: "ADHD, Depression, Anxiety?" with Dr. Caleb Loring, Fogartie Hall. Dr. Loring will discuss the metrics/tests that are utilized in determining the issue and the course of treatment for ADHD, anxiety and depression.

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!

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, Spartanburg County Admin Building (366 N Church St)

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).

CALENDAR

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)

WAF, JANUARY 11

5:00pm Dinner Line Opens
(Fogartie Hall)

5:00pm Children's Choirs
(Upstairs, Main & Clark Buildings)

6:15pm Christian Rec for Children
(Gym)

6:30pm Youth Fellowship & Study
(Youth Rooms - Upstairs, FLC)

6:30pm Adult Programs
(see WAF Article)

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:45am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

5:00pm Sunday Night Youth
(Family Life Center)

LOOKING FORWARD

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

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*"The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves:
it is because his manifestation in the world must be through us.
Every Christian is, as it were, part of the dust-laden air
which shall radiate the glowing epiphany of God,
catch and reflect his golden Light."*

- Evelyn Underhill

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
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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
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Pastoral Associate for Engagement

Holt Andrews
Pastoral Musician

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