



WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to  
“Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

JANUARY 23, 2022

8:45 AND 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

ACOLYTE (11:00)

*Aria*

Flor Peeters

INTROIT

*As Morning Dawns*

WAREHAM

✠ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;  
tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations,  
for great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it.**

Come, let us worship the LORD.

(Psalm 96)

✠HYMN

*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
Chosen by you, to be counted your friends,  
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication;  
Ours, a commitment we know never ends.*

*Here, in your presence, confirm our intention,  
Give us your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
Teach us to serve without pride or pretention,  
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.*

*When, in our worship, each time of returning,  
Vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
May we increasingly glory in learning  
All that it means to accept you as Lord.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,  
our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves,  
and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.  
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will  
and follow in the way of Jesus who opened his arms to embrace the world...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another.  
Thanks be to God for this Good News.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Amen.**

*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

Since God in Christ has welcomed us, let us also welcome one another. The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:1-10

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

*The Invitation*

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,**

**suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

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

(8:45)

*O Love, that Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Susan Borwick

(11:00)

*Set Me as a Seal*

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

✠HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Miss M. Harrison Pack, Acolyte  
Mr. Parker A. Hoenig, Reader

### Musicians

Genesis Choir  
Chancel Choir

### *The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dr. Frederick V. Poag, minister of this church from 1964 to 1974,  
and his wife, Mrs. Billie Poag.*

## 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship in the Clark Building with Pastor Ansley. 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.

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

## CHECK IN TO WORSHIP!

If you are a church member, download the *ShelbyNext | Membership App*. After you download and launch the app, enter “firstpres.shelbynextchms.com” for the domain and your username and password. Instructions on how to get your username and password: [fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login](https://fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login). Once you have the app downloaded, each Sunday when you arrive at church, open your ShelbyNext App and click “Check In” (“allow” it to know your location). Then click on “who” you are checking in, choose the worship service, then “Done.” If you would prefer not to download this app or you are one of our precious visitors, please sign the Fellowship Pad as it is passed down the pew. Our ushers will gather those after the service.

**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.

**WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST (JANUARY 26)** Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required; online payment is preferred ([fpcspartanburg.org/waf](https://fpcspartanburg.org/waf)). Dinner Prices: Child \$6 (up to age 11); Adult \$9 (ages 12 - 54); Senior \$8 (ages 55+); Family \$27. **RSVP by noon on Monday!** You may register for dinner each week or for the month!

**Jan 26 Menu** - Shrimp & Grits OR Bacon Bits & Grits, Fruit Salad, Fried Okra, Biscuit, Beverage, Dessert. Kids' Menu: Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Beverage, Dessert.

**Children** - 5:00pm Children's Choirs (Upstairs, Main Building); 6:15pm Christian Recreation for Children (Gym)

**Youth** - 6:00pm A time of fellowship and Bible Study (Youth Rooms - Upstairs, FLC).

**Adults** - 6:30pm Adult Programming (see listing below)

**Jan 26 Programs** - *The Sermon on the Mount* with Lewis Galloway and Craig Foster (Social Hall); *Younger Women's Bible Study* with Leslie Lang, Donna Pulliam, and Carter Smith (Perrin Room); *Health Series* (Sanctuary)

**NEXT SUNDAY... ANNUAL MEETING** The Session has called an Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, January 30 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary (1) to act on the report and recommendation of the Pastoral Nominating Committee to call a Senior Pastor, (2) to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to call an Associate Pastor for Youth and Campus Ministry, (3) to elect at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee, and (4) to receive reports on the life and ministry of the church from the Clerk, the Session, the Diaconate and the Finance Committee. Refreshments will follow in the Perrin Room, Parlor, and Inner Courtyard (weather permitting).

**SHELTER: A CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE** Join us on Sunday, January 30 at 6:00pm in Fogartie Hall for a unique contemporary winter worship service, intended to celebrate the power of intergenerational ministry at FPC. Scott Neely will lead us in a meditation; the Shelter worship team, aided by our talented Youth, will guide the congregation through an evening of music, word, and spirit focused around themes explored by the FPC Youth throughout the school year. This is sure to be a special opportunity for youth, families, and the congregation to reflect on what's behind and what's ahead as we move collectively into 2022.

**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.

**YOU CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY!** . . . Because you may know of 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 us at the church office (864 583-4531) or Dana Halliday (864 237-0330/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!

**FROM THE PEACE AND JUSTICE TASKFORCE** Spartanburg is one of 20 communities and one of only three in the Southeast participating in the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's \$72 million Just Futures Initiative, which is creating a national network of ambitious humanities-based projects that address racial inequality in bold and imaginative ways. Each community's project – including Spartanburg's – is designed to help us understand our past, make meaning of our present, and develop the conditions required to create socially just futures. Currently, Spartanburg community members are working to build “a bridge of trust strong enough to carry the truth,” research both the nature and origins of our current racial inequalities and identify promising “leverage points” in our community systems (places where intentional application of resources or changes in policies and practices can produce meaningful progress toward the vision of a just future Spartanburg). To learn more and to sign up for the JFS newsletter, please visit [www.justfuturespartanburg.org](http://www.justfuturespartanburg.org). **Please join us at the next Peace and Justice Task Force Meeting on Friday, January 28, 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Purnell Room.**

**HOSPITALITY TIME** Between Services this morning, stop by the Perrin Room - just down the hallway from the Tower Room - for a refreshing beverage. Feel free to take a few minutes to visit with other church members and visitors. If you have any questions about First Presbyterian, our Hospitality Team would like to help you find the answer. Additionally, if you are a church member in need of a Church Access Card, please come by to have your picture taken; your card should be available within the week (no charge for your first card; replacements are \$10).

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### 9:45AM - CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Children** - *All Rooms are in the Clark Building*

Nursery – Room C105; Preschool (3's & 4's) – Room C110

Elementary Drop-off (5K-3<sup>rd</sup>) – Room C201

5K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Pick-up – Rm C202; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Pick-up – Rm C203

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders – Room C206

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

Middle Schoolers will meet in the Middle School Room (F207)

High Schoolers will meet in the High School Room (F202)

### 10:00AM - ADULTS

**Abide** – Social Hall  
**Bible Alive!** – Room 2208

**Emmaus** – Fogartie Hall  
**LIFT** – Room 2201

# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## \*\*\* WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST \*\*\*

5:00pm Dinner Line Opens  
5:00pm Children's Choirs  
6:15pm Christian Recreation for Children  
6:30pm Adult and Youth Programs

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
10:00am Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
6:00pm Shelter Service (Fogartie Hall)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

### *Communion*

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

### *Souper Bowl of Caring*

### *Observance of Boy Scout Sunday*

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

### *Transfiguration of the Lord*

### *Witness Season Sunday*

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)



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