



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 24, 2021

11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*At the Name of Jesus*

arr. David N. Johnson

WELCOME AND INVITATION

INTROIT

*At the Name of Jesus*

KING'S WESTON

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your love, O God, extends to the heavens;  
your righteousness is like the ever-rolling mountains.

All: **We shall feast on the abundance of your goodness, O God,  
and drink our fill of your mercy, O Fountain of life.**

One: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 36)

*Hymn printed at end of bulletin.  
(Verses 1 and 4)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We blend our voices in common confession, O God;  
you are our hope of salvation.  
There are varieties of gifts,  
yet we judge others  
because they do not fit our mold.  
There is one Savior,  
yet we mistrust those who do not believe as we do,  
and doubt that they are led by the same Spirit.  
Forgive us for the ways  
we sever the parts of Christ's body.  
Through him reconcile us and pardon our estrangement...

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Remember that Christ "is our peace, who has made us both one,  
and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility."

**All: It is Christ who reconciles us  
"both to God in one body through the cross".**

(Ephesians 2:14, 16)

One: Through Christ, live in assurance that you are forgiven,  
and be joined together as fellow citizens of God's household.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSE

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ,  
let us share that grace with each other. Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION     *Sing of God Made Manifest*

SALZBURG

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

SERMON

*More Than a Miracle*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

*Christ, the Way of Life Possess Me*

K. Lee Scott

DOXOLOGY

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 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
*Hymn printed at end of bulletin.*  
*(Verses 1 and 4)*

ANGEL'S STORY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86433526914?pwd=MU5pcm5yZkloTGJwQmk5N0FvQ0prUT09>.

If needed, Meeting ID: 864 3352 6914 and Passcode: 5834531.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang  
Mrs. Holly M. Bannan

Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia Andrews, Organist

### Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail  
Lisa Cunningham  
Reel Robertson  
Paul MacPhail

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*  
*are given to the Glory of God and*  
*in memory of Oren Raysor Judy, Jr.*  
*by his family.*

# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

# 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S STORY  
 7.6.7.6.D  
 (alternate tune: NYLAND, 725)

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

**CHECK IN TO WORSHIP!** We would love to have a record of your attendance. Please check in at [fpcspartanburg.org/worship/worship-guestbook](https://fpcspartanburg.org/worship/worship-guestbook).

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for TODAY following the 11:00am Worship Service for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee regarding the next Pastoral Nominating Committee. Meeting will be held via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86433526914?pwd=MU5pcm5yZkloTGJwQmk5N0FvQ0prUT09>. If needed, Meeting ID: 864 3352 6914 and Passcode: 5834531.

**THE CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER** Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm. We ask that you wear a mask while inside and maintain social distancing protocols. If you are not comfortable coming inside, feel free to sit in the Columbarium. Please pray for our country, state, and local communities; those suffering the effects of COVID and those on the front line. If you would like to leave a Prayer Request, there is a locked box located in the rear of the Chapel. The ministers will be checking the box daily and your request will be kept in confidence.

**GIVEN THE CURRENT SPIKE IN COVID-19** case numbers nationally, in South Carolina, and in Spartanburg County, and given the prospect of further increases, we feel that the only prudent course of action for First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, is to alter our worship schedule in the following way: *For the month of January, we will worship via Livestream only* (both MorningSong and Traditional Sanctuary services). Please join us via Facebook, YouTube, or via our website: <https://fpcspartanburg.org/worship/sermons>.

**OFFICE/ONSITE HOURS:** Staff that can work from home will be doing so. Some staff will be onsite; we are requesting no visitors at this time. The Church Office phone will be answered Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm. Outside of these days/hours, please leave a voicemail and we will contact you as soon as possible (most of your staff can access their voicemails from home). As always, please feel free to contact us via email. All email addresses and phone extensions can be found here: <https://fpcspartanburg.org/discover/pastors-staff>. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A MINISTER FOR A PASTORAL CONCERN,** *please call 864-208-2142, day or night.* The minister on-call will answer your call as soon as possible.

**RECREATION AT FPC:** **Zoom Workout Classes** are free and open to all ages. Group Classes Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 7:15 and 9:15am. Classes are 30-45 minutes in length and can be completed in your living room! Contact Colleen Darrall, Recreation Director, for more information ([cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org)).

**PASTORAL COUNSELING WITH DR. KIRK NEELY** is available by appointment. Currently all counseling is being done by telephone or by Zoom. Personal Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, and Spiritual Direction are available by appointment only. This is not emergency counseling. To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry ([dterry@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:dterry@fpcspartanburg.org)) or Dr. Neely directly by email ([kirkneely@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:kirkneely@fpcspartanburg.org)).



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