

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



*"Micah the prophet"
- 18 century icon painter*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 29, 2023

8:45AM CHAPEL

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

LLANFAIR

Malcom Archer

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us walk in God's ways.
Let us listen for God's word.
We will dwell here in God's tent.
We will sing God's praises.
Let us worship God.
Let us worship God together.

✠ HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

There is pain and evil in the world, in which we are often participants. If we ignore the ways we cause pain to God, to others, and to creation, we limit the opportunities for transformation and healing. In Confession we practice bringing our pain to the light, so that God can transform it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
we come before You confessing that we have taken more than our share.
We have wanted to have everything we need in life
and have missed seeing the needs of our neighbors.
We have worked hard to get where we are
and have failed to see that You gave Your life for us,
and that we ought to live our lives for others.
Forgive us for putting ourselves first over the needs of others.
Help us to seek to serve You in all that we do,
by serving our neighbors
in the name of the One who came not to be served but to serve . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, Jesus chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.
Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great;
Our Lord brings healing, justice, and peace.
In 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.

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

O For a Closer Walk With God

CAITHNESS

During today's 11:00 worship service, we will commission our Dominican Republic Mission Team. The team will travel Feb 4-11. Please remember these members and the people where they will serve.

In Baptism each Christian is called to discipleship and sent in service to the world. God also calls people to particular acts of service in the church and world: within the congregation ... on behalf of the congregation ... in the larger church ... and beyond the church, cooperating with others who work for evangelism, compassion, justice and peace, and care of creation. These kinds of vocation are appropriately confirmed in the Service for the Lord's Day.

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(8:45)		
FIRST READING		Micah 6:1-8
SECOND READING		Matthew 5:1-12
SERMON	<i>Upside-Down Blessings</i>	Rev. Joanne R. Hull
(11:00)		
FIRST READING		Psalm 15
SECOND READING		Micah 6:1-8
SERMON		Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMISSIONING OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM (11:00)

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45)

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work.

We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now.

But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

“Prayer is essentially an act of solidarity – an expression of our own need, a yearning for a better world, a commitment to belonging together. We pray not only with our lips but with our lives. And every little act of justice, caring and generosity counts.”
– Norman Shanks

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)	<i>What does the Lord Require of You?</i>	TRADITIONAL
(11:00)	<i>Reflections From Micah</i>	Joseph Martin

✠DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDRETH

*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 774	<i>There Is Now a New Creation</i>	STUTTGART
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✠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	<i>Allegro Con Brio from Sonata IV</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
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Front Cover: “Micah the prophet” Russian icon from first quarter of 18th cen.

Parts of today’s liturgy are adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell,
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, and Ministry Matters.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Connor Lyerly, Acolyte

Holt Andrews
Marcia Andrews
Chancel Choir
Kevin Marsh, Alle Marie Marsh

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

*Bobbie and Leland Close, Deborah Close,
Lewis L. Webb, Terry Webb and H.W. Jernigan*

by Lee and Gloria Close and family.

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 - 9:45 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

TODAY @ 10am:

Annual Meeting in Sanctuary;

No Sunday School for High School Youth and Adults

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 29, 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, Feb 19** - 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.

TODAY - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, has called an Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, January 29, at 10:00am in the Sanctuary (1) to elect at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee, (2) to approve Pastors' Terms of Call for 2023; and (3) 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE DR

We have a team traveling to the Dominican Republic February 4-11. They will be taking donations that have been requested by our mission partner, Solid Rock International. If you would like to donate items, you can put them to the Mission Closet - across from the Church Library - or give them directly to Leslie Lang **by Wednesday, February 1**. Here is their wish list: *Paper lunch bags; Packaged Snacks for sack lunches (granola bars, crackers, rice crispy treats); Gatorade Mix; Grape Jelly; Clorox Wipes; Taco Seasoning (Spice Island preferred); Nuts (almonds, peanuts, cashews); White Chocolate Chips; Dried Fruit (blueberries, apples, raisins); Brownie mix; Crystal Light (Pitcher packs); Cereal (Reese's Puffs, Lucky Charms, Fruit Loops, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Rice Chex); Diapers (size 2 & 3); Clothes (newborn-5T, specifically 3-18 months)*. Thank you for your support.

NEXT SUNDAY - CUB SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

In honor of Scout Sunday, our Cub Scout troop will be collecting items for TOTAL Ministries on Sunday, February 5. Donating bins can be found in the Family Life Center Lobby and Tower Room. TOTAL Ministries' list of recommended donations: *Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice (1-lb. bags), Dry Beans (1-lb. bags), Canned Meat / Tuna / Beef Stew, Grits / Oatmeal / Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Soup, Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Vegetables (Peas, Carrots, Potatoes), Canned Fruit / Applesauce, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Hygiene Products*.

WELCOME CLASS

The Welcome Class will meet next Sunday at 10:00am in the Purnell Room. If you have recently joined, are interested in joining, or just want to find out more about First Presbyterian, you are invited to attend! The class will meet on Sundays with the opportunity to join on February 19. If you would like to register, email Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org).

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Visit www.fpcspartanburg.org/ministry-finder.

RECREATION MINISTRY CLASSES

There are several classes available with the Recreation Ministry. Yoga meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:15am. Bootcamp Classes are available Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 7:15am (via Zoom) and at 9:15am (on the Track). For more information, please contact Colleen Darrall, Recreation Director (cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-583-4531 ext 109).

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).


Feb 1 Menu: Adults: Salad Bar, Spaghetti Casserole, Italian Bread, Desserts Children: Chicken Tenders w/dipping sauces, Mac & Cheese, and Fruit

Schedule (see Calendar ---- >)


Feb 1 Program: "Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty" with Scott Neely, the organization's newly-hired director.




ACTS 2 DINNERS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

You are invited to join a small group (8-12) of church friends for fellowship and dinner on Sunday, February 26 at 5:30pm. Everyone will bring something to help with the dinner. Your host will reach out the week before with their address and the menu. When you register, you have the choice to join an intergenerational group of adults (22-102) or to join a group of folks generally in your same decade of life. This great connecting opportunity is open to all. The more the merrier! Have questions or want to help or host? Contact Ansley (apage@fpcspartanburg.org). **Registration is required; RSVP by noon on Fri, Feb 10 through this QR Code:**  *Day by day . . . they were taking their meals together with gladness and generosity of heart. Acts 2:46*

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.

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! - - You can choose your date, time, and location! 

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:00am Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)

WAF, FEBRUARY 1

- 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, FEBRUARY 5

- Communion*
- Boy Scout Sunday*
- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)

LOOKING FORWARD

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!

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“But he’s already made it plain how to live,
what to do, what God is looking for in men and women.
It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,
be compassionate and loyal in your love,
And don’t take yourself too seriously — take God seriously.”*

- Micah 6:8 (The Message)

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
Church Financial Officer

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Admin to the Senior Pastor

Joanie Shackleton
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Congregational Care and Deacons

Shannon Hutcheson
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Children’s and Adult Discipleship

Ian Ritchings
Administrative Assistant
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

Cathy Rush
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