



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

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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Johann Walther

WELCOME AND INVITATION

INTROIT

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SEACHRIST

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: **O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me to the throne of your grace.**

One: Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

All: **Then I will go to the altar of God
and praise you with the harp, O Lord, my God.**

One: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 42, 43)

✠ *Please Stand*

✦HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Infinite Word of truth,
breathe upon us the refreshing breath of your Holy Spirit
and forgive our transgressions.
Cleanse our hearts of false doctrine
by the winds of righteousness and truth.
Purge us by the fires of your eternal judgment,
and we shall be pure.
Shake the foundations of our jealousy and selfishness,
and cast us anew in the image of Christ Jesus.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Before faith came, we were confined under the law,
kept under restraint until faith should be revealed.
**All: Now that faith has come,
we are no longer under a custodian;
for in Christ Jesus we are God's children,
through faith.**
One: So, inherit the promise of God's pardon through Christ,
and live in the assurance that your sins are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

✦RESPONSE

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ 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

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: WITNESS SEASON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56 (selected verses)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON

Where is the Church?

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

In Christ There Is No East or West

Dale Wood

✠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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

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

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Flor Peeters

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail

Lisa Cunningham

Reel Robertson

Paul MacPhail

Rafe Andrews

Today's Floral Memorial

is in loving memory of

*Dr. Frederick V. Poag,
minister of this church from 1964 to 1974,
and his wife, Mrs. Billie Poag.*

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

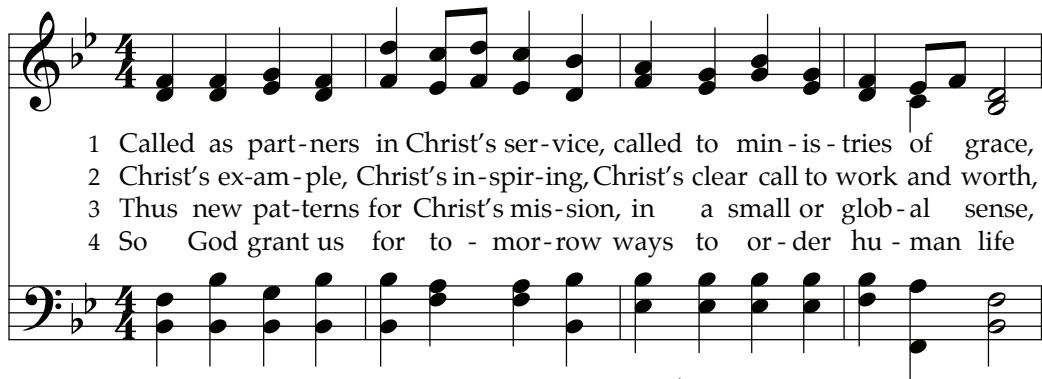
name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

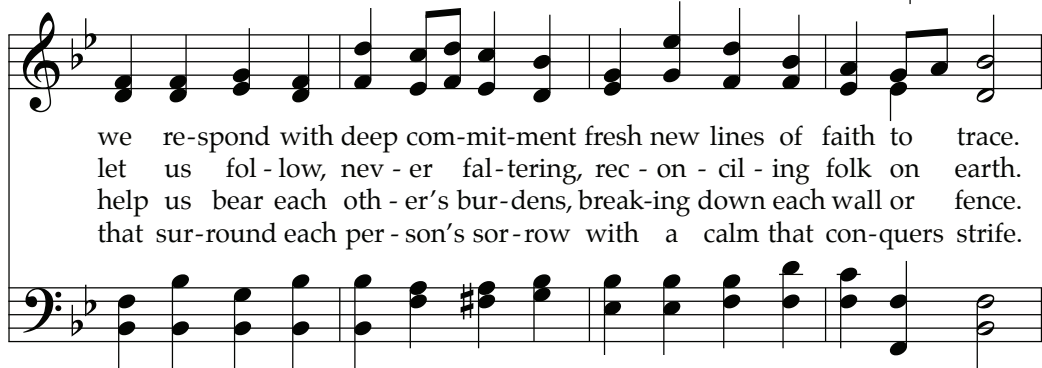
come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

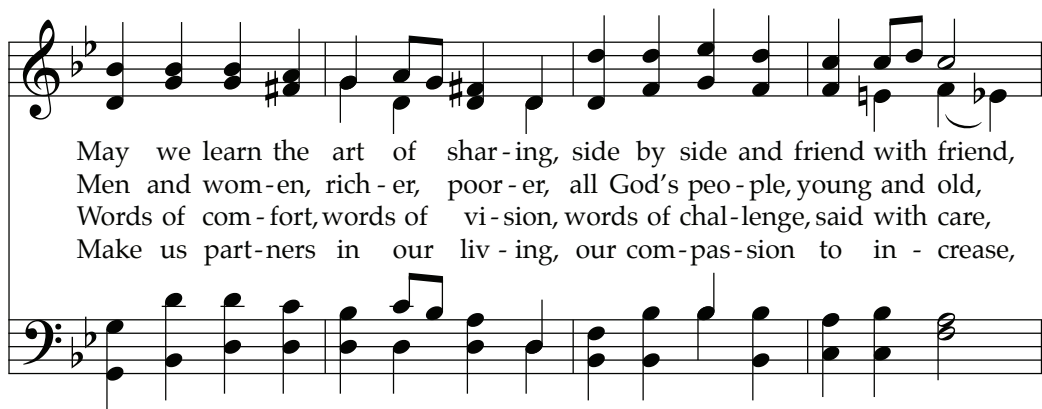
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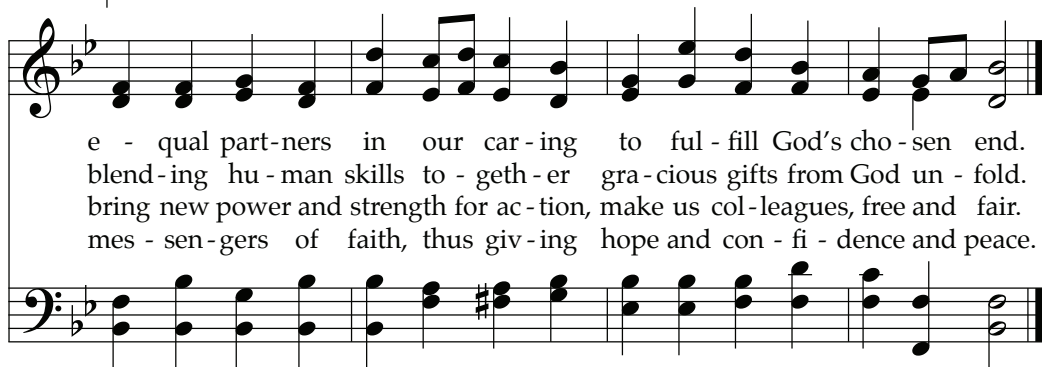
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870
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BEECHER
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

CHECK IN TO WORSHIP! We would love to have a record of your attendance. Please check in at fpcspartanburg.org/worship/worship-guestbook.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND PRAYER: On Wednesday, February 17, the Chapel will be open 8:00am through 6:30pm. A pastor will be present during those hours for you to receive the imposition of ashes and for prayer.

WORSHIP SERVICE - LIVESTREAM: On Wednesday, February 17, join us via Livestream, 7:00-7:45pm to mark the beginning of the Lenten season with this brief worship service.

NEXT SUNDAY: DR. LEWIS F. GALLOWAY Our new Interim Pastor, Lewis Galloway, will preach next Sunday, February 21. Many thanks both to the IPNC and to Lewis Johnson for their great work during this time of transition! Please continue to be in prayer for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they begin their work to find our next Pastor!

WITNESS SEASON This year, our Witness Season Offering will support Ministry of Hope Lesotho (MoHL), with Isaiah 58:10 guiding the work. Ministry of Hope Lesotho is a home for abused, abandoned, and impoverished children and youth in southern Africa. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to help MoHL make needed changes to their buildings and grounds in order to better serve the precious children in their care. [Give online at fpcspartanburg.org/give](https://fpcspartanburg.org/give) or mail a check to the church, attention Lynise Clarke, and please include in the note that your gift is for "Witness Season." fpcspartanburg.org/witness-season

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE? Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? You don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately - by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person - to offer care and support. Stephen Ministry is a ministry of First Presbyterian Church (no charge) and requires no long-term commitment - just a need to talk to someone. It is completely confidential. Contact information is on Church Website under [Ministry Finder/Stephen Ministry](#). *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* - Matthew 11:28

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. 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. You can also place any personal prayer needs in the Chapel prayer box and a member of our staff will be present in the Chapel to pray over your requests.

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: *Throughout the month of February, 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>.

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.



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