

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



"Emergence"
- Eleanor Coleman

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

YOUTH SUNDAY

8:45AM CHAPEL

11:00AM SANCTUARY

✠ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

This morning
we celebrate
Youth Sunday, a
service planned
and led by FPC
middle and
high school
youth. Today we
highlight the gifts
of God present
in our young
people, but
also recognize
that our youth
are more than
the "future of
the church;"
they are crucial
members of the
church in the
present.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. L. Craig Foster (8:45) // Mary English Hammett (11:00)
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *From Cello Suite No. 1 "Courante"* J.S. Bach
ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT
(8:45) *Laudate Dominum* Taizé Community
(11:00) *Enviado soy de Dios* Traditional Cuban, arr. by David Bone
(Sent Out in Jesus' Name)
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O help us to obey and carry out your will.

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Kate Lancaster and Abby Clementson
Let us be called to worship:
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Bring your silence and your shouting, as introverts and extroverts.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with singing.
Bring your songs and your stories, your struggles and your sacrifices.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
God designed and created us; he understands us and is intensely interested in us.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him; bless God's name.
Bring your gifts and your personalities, your strengths and weaknesses.
Let us worship the living God! (adapted from Psalm 100)

✠ **HYMN 697** *Take My Life* HENDON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Caroline Colbath
God of new things,
we like to complain about your generous ways,
rather than living in your grace.
The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them.
In our memories, we see a perceived golden past,
and so close our eyes to the new things you do in our midst.
Wrapped up in ourselves, we fail to follow Jesus.
Forgive us, Restoring God,
and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst.
By your grace, may our fears turn to faith
and our tears connect us to each other
as we turn our faces to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Helen Colbath

Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives,
God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.
Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us?
This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

✦RESPONSE

HYMN 441

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

Jane Colbath

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise (11:00)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Martha Barre, Addie Usry, Saffy Evans

*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

Wallace Lynch (8:45) // Charles Crenshaw (11:00)

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 4:11-16

Wallace Lynch (8:45) // Lillian Hanna (11:00)

SECOND READING

Isaiah 43:15, 18-21

SERMON

"Finding Faith in Something New"

Sallie Barre

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ellie Jones and Eloise Hammett

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

In 1983, the two largest Presbyterian churches in the US reunited. The reunion plan included a call for a brief statement of the Reformed faith. This statement is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of worship. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Grace Waters

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.**

Each February, First Presbyterian Church holds Witness Season as a special time to build awareness around our international missions efforts. This year, we are raising funds for a water purification system in Cuba, which will benefit not only our partner congregation, but also the entire community at large.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: WITNESS SEASON 2023

Elder Patti Foy

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Cameron and Caison Jaynes

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

God is My Strong Salvation

Austin Lovelace

(11:00)

Alleluia Brasiliera

Ralph Manuel

✦ 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

Jack Usry

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

✦ 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

Foundation

Wilbur Held

Front Cover: "Emergence" by Eleanor Coleman.

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from "Thom Shuman Lectionary Liturgies."

ADDITIONAL YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Greeters: Polly DeMark, Mary Claire Threatt, Camille Cleland, Marianna Hallenbeck, Henry Blanton

Audio / Visual: Sam Foster

Bulletin Cover Artwork: Eleanor Coleman

John Kuntz, cello

Foster Neely, guitar

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Ramsey Neely, Acolyte

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews

Genesis Choir, Chancel Choir, Junior Choristers

Landon Hammett, Percussion

Lisa Cunningham

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Martha Estelle Ivey Tiller

by the 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*

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 19, 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 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: YOUTH SUNDAY & SOUPERBOWL OF CARING

Today, our youth will lead us in worship at all three services. They are excited to share their talents and perspectives as we all worship God together. Additionally, we have the opportunity to support TOTAL Ministries through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth will be collecting monetary donations in large soup pots following all three services.

WITNESS SEASON!

This year, we are raising funds for a water purification system in Cuba, which will benefit not only our partner congregation, but also the entire community at large. We will be working with *Living Waters for the World* to make this project a reality. You will hear about this project throughout February, and on Sunday, February 26, a representative from *Living Waters for the World* will be speaking with us during the Sunday School hour. If you would like to donate to this project, mark your check or offering envelope "WITNESS SEASON 2023" or use this QR Code and choose "Witness Season" in the drop-down box.



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22

Imposition of Ashes and Prayer

8:00am-1:00pm in the Chapel

A pastor will be present during those hours for you to receive the imposition of ashes and for prayer.

Worship Service

6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Mark the beginning of the Lenten season with this brief, family-friendly worship service that will include the imposition of ashes.

(Nursery provided for infants through age 2 - Clark Building.)

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST (WAF!) - FEBRUARY 22

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).

Menu: Adults: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas with Pearl Onions, Salad Bar, Bread and Dessert; Children: Chicken Tenders w/dipping sauces, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, and Dessert

Schedule (see Calendar ---- >)

Program: Ash Wednesday Worship Service



Use this QR Code to go to the Church WAF Page for your Dinner Registration

ORDINATION OF GINGER SHULER

You are invited to a Service of Ordination for Virginia Rose Harris Shuler as Teaching Elder in the PC(USA) Church on Sunday, February 26 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary; reception will follow. Ginger grew up at First Presbyterian, was baptized in the Chapel, and joined in 1968 with her Confirmation Class. In recent years, Ginger felt God's call to Seminary and earned her Master of Divinity in 2017. This week, she will be examined before Foothills Presbytery and wishes to be ordained in her home church. Ginger will serve as the Stated Supply at Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg. Please be in prayer for Ginger as she embarks on her new ministry and come celebrate her Ordination next Sunday!

JOY (JUST OLDER YOUTH) FELLOWSHIP TRIP

JOY Fellowship embarks on another excursion on Thursday, March 9! First stop is the Upcountry Museum in Greenville to see the traveling exhibit of "Kenny Rogers Photographs of America". Immerse yourself in the beauty of the images captured by performer Kenny Rogers and take time to view the more permanent offerings of the museum. Our second stop will be at the Grand Bohemian Hotel to view this new stunning landmark in downtown Greenville. Then we'll be off to lunch at a local restaurant before our bus ride home. These trips are always fun; hope you will come along with us! Make your reservation before Thursday, March 2, by contacting Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-208-2132).

1843 FUND ENDOWMENT DINNER - MARCH 21

On Tuesday, March 21, you are invited to a complimentary dinner and discussion of the First Presbyterian Church 1843 Endowment Fund. Learn about the Legacy Fellowship and how you can support the missions, ministries, and facilities of First Presbyterian Church. The dinner and discussion will take place in Fogartie Hall - please arrive at 5:30pm for seating. Please register with this QR Code by Monday, March 13. Nursery provided upon request.



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.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Visit www.fpcspartanburg.org/ministry-finder.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Youth Sunday

8:45am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

8:45am MorningSong Worship
(Fogartie Hall)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

WAF, FEBRUARY 22

5:00pm Dinner Line Opens
(Fogartie Hall)

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

6:30pm Adult Programs
(see WAF Article)

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday in Lent

Witness Season Sunday

8:45am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

8:45am MorningSong Worship
(Fogartie Hall)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

3:00pm Ordination of Ginger Shuler
(Sanctuary)

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

5:30pm Acts 2 Dinners
(off-site)

LOOKING FORWARD

MARCH 16

Chamber Singers' Concert

MARCH 21

Endowment Dinner

MARCH 22

Children's Choirs Presentation

APRIL 2

Palm Sunday

APRIL 9

Easter

APRIL 30

First Pres Homecoming!

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“It is not possible for civilization to flow backwards
while there is youth in the world.
Youth may be headstrong,
but it will advance {civilization} its allotted length.”*

- Helen Keller

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
Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Ian Ritchings
Administrative Assistant
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

Cathy Rush
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