



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 20, 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

Fantasie on "Ein feste Burg"

Michael Praetorius

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNESBERG

✠ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Call on the name of God and give thanks.

Make known God's deeds among the people.

Sing and tell of God's wonderful works.

Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.

Let us worship God!

(Psalm 105)

✠HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

we have sought after things,

but we have not sought after you.

We have expected generosity,

but we have not shown generosity.

We have not been gracious or grateful.

We have failed to remember all that you have done.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.

Help us to share our gifts

and strengthen our hearts,

so that we can follow in your ways, O God.

In Jesus' name we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, our sins are forgiven.

We are reconciled to God, let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

In the name of 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

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

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

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Johann Crüger

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:11-18

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

Who Said that Grace was Fair?

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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

**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.**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: WITNESS SEASON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

All Things Work Together for Good

John Carter

(11:00)

All the Beauty of the Lord

Gwyneth Walker

✠DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 546, VERSE 1

SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, your love possessing,

triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us,

O refresh us,

traveling through this wilderness.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Caprice

Maurice Greene

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. Ansley B. Page
Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Mr. Michael S. Pack III, Acolyte
Miss Mary Soutter Pack, Reader

Mr. James Winfrey,
Vice-President of the Board, Angels Charge Ministry
Mr. Neal Urch,
Secretary of the Board, Angels Charge Ministry

Musicians

Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Susan Craig Murphy
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 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, FEBRUARY 20, 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. 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.

WITNESS SEASON 2022 Angels Charge Ministry serves our area by helping women re-enter society after incarceration. This mission offers a number of services which require transportation: medical care, job skills training, and education. They are in desperate need of a van for these purposes. This Witness Season, please consider giving to this important project. Your gift will be a blessing to these women, their families, and our community. You may use the special envelopes designated for Witness Season, which are located in the pews or can give online at fpcspartanburg.org/give. Please mark checks as “Witness Season” in the memo line.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST (FEBRUARY 23) Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required; online payment is preferred (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!

Feb 23 Menu - Chicken Cordon Bleu with Supreme Sauce, Smashed Red Skin Potatoes, Marinated Carrots, Bread, Dessert, Beverage. **Kids' Menu:** Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box.

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); 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Feb 23 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)

LEWIS' LAST SUNDAY Next month, Dr. Lewis F. Galloway will complete his ministry with us. What a wonderful year it has been! In his - and Bunny's - honor we will have a **reception on Sunday, March 6**, after the 11:00am Worship Service. This will be Dr. Galloway's last Sunday in the pulpit. Please join your church family in the FLC Gym as we send Lewis and Bunny back into retirement with our well wishes.

FPC SPARTANBURG CALLS NEW SENIOR PASTOR On Sunday, January 30, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg voted to accept the recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee and called **The Reverend Alan Folsom Dyer** as our **New Senior Pastor**. Rev. Dyer is the current senior pastor of St. Simons Presbyterian Church on St Simon's Island, GA. Currently, we anticipate Rev. Dyer's first Sunday in the pulpit of FPC Spartanburg will be **Sunday, March 27**. We look forward to welcoming him with a reception - at 10:00am in the FLC Gym. Many thanks to the members of our PNC: David Beacham, Bert Barre, Randall Chambers, Molly Colbath, Suzy Cole, Harriet Ike, Whit Kennedy, Craig Kocisko, Carter Smith.

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.

WELCOME CLASS STARTS TODAY Our Welcome Class will begin Sunday, February 20. These 4-week sessions are a wonderful way to get acquainted with the Presbyterian church, to explore the opportunities available at First Presbyterian, and to meet the staff. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour (10:00-10:45am) in Room 2200. There is no pressure to join. We welcome non-members, members, and anyone seeking a church family to join us for a fun time of fellowship and learning together.

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!

This month, the **PEACE AND JUSTICE TASKFORCE** is focusing on Isaiah 1:17 as we are called to seek justice and raise awareness. In February, we turn our attention to the Equal Justice Initiative, a non-profit organization providing legal representation to people who are illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, and abused in state prisons and jails. This month, we encourage you to explore the EJI's website (eji.org) and to educate and raise awareness on EJI's main focuses of criminal justice reform, racial justice, and public education and awareness through their museum and memorial. If possible, we really encourage visiting the museum and memorial in Montgomery, AL. Please join us at the at the **next Peace and Justice Task Force Meeting on Friday, March 25, 12:30-1:30pm, in the Purnell Room** (virtual option also available).

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).

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-3rd) - Room C201

5K & 1st Grade Pick-up - Rm C202; 2nd & 3rd Grade Pick-up - Rm C203

4th & 5th 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, FEBRUARY 20

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
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Ash Wednesday

8:00am-1:00pm Receiving of Ashes (Chapel)
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Communion

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Reception in Honor of
Bunny Alexander and Lewis Galloway (FLC Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Girl Scout Sunday Observed

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
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