



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 21, 2021

11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Variations on St. Flavian

Healey Willan

WELCOME AND INVITATION

INTROIT

Within Your Shelter

ABBAY

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To you, O Lord, we lift our hearts in worship and praise.

All: **Make known to us your ways, O Lord;
teach us your paths.**

One: For you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all the day long.

All: **Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness
for those who keep your decrees.**

One: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

(adapted from Psalm 25)

✦ Please Stand

✠HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*Hymn printed at end of bulletin.
(Verses 1 and 3)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Have mercy upon us and hear our prayer, O God.
We have failed to live in the light of your love.
We have wandered down paths of selfishness, greed, and resentment.
Even though your hand is here to guide us,
 we have chosen our own way;
 we find ourselves lost
 in a wilderness of temptation and sin.
Take away our clouded thinking,
 our unbridled passions, and our unkind actions.
Forgive us, Lord,
 and fill us with your Spirit
 so that we may live in faith, abide in hope, and walk in love.
In the name of Jesus, we pray ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: 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

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF LEWIS GALLOWAY

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Within Our Darkest Night*

Taizé Community

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 13:17-22

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Mark 1:9-13

SERMON

Angels in the Wilderness

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

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

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: WITNESS SEASON

OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Dodd Lamberton

✠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

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 166

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Hymn printed at end of bulletin.*

ST. FLAVIAN

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Mr. C. Sloan Evans

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail
Lisa Cunningham
Rafe Andrews
Paul MacPhail

Today's Floral Memorial

is in loving memory of
Robert L. and Betty Boyd Stoddard
by the family of Wesley Alexander Stoddard.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

TEXT: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873, alt.
MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562

ST. FLAVIAN
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LIFE OF THE CHURCH for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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

MEET DR. LEWIS F. GALLOWAY! Dr. Lewis Galloway is looking forward to meeting you in person! In the meantime, he would like to meet with you online. Dr. Galloway will be hosting small get togethers, via ZOOM, on Mondays and Wednesdays. Sign up today via the church website - click on the Meet the Pastor event on the church homepage: fpcspartanburg.org.

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 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. This link also includes a list of needed supplies that can be brought by church to be sent to MoHL.

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.

OFFICE/ONSITE HOURS: Your church staff is working onsite as we are able; however, 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.



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