

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 5, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

(8:45)

Ah, Jesus Dear

Johannes Brahms

(11:00)

Prayer for Humanity

Linda Lamb

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

Kyrie Eleison
(Lord, have mercy)

KYRIE ELEISON

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who need help!
**Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**
Come, all who desire blessing!
**Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**
Come, all who long for salvation!
**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

✠ HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely,
but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Through the saving love of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Today is the second Sunday in Lent. Lent is a German word related to spring and to the idea that in spring the days are lengthened. The Lenten period is a season of the 40 days before Easter. The Sundays of that period are not counted, as each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. Lent is a period of time spent preparing our hearts for the events of Holy Week.

✠RESPONSE

HYMN 437

WAYFARING STRANGER

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

✠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 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

TAKE ME AS I AM

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

SECOND READING

Luke 23:39-43

SERMON

Why The Cross Matters: Salvation

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Faithful Cross

Henry Kihlken

(11:00)

The Second Word from the Cross

Theodore Dubois

✠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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. The prayer for illumination precedes the reading of scripture and preaching of the sermon and applies to all the readings, as well as the proclamation of the Word.

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up, lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MUSIC (11:00)

I Come With Joy

Karen Marroli

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
(verses 1-4)

CRIMOND

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

CRIMOND

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Ali Claire Pingley, Acolyte

Holt Andrews
Marcia Andrews
Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir
Reel Robertson and Paul MacPhail, soloists
Handbell Choir

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary

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

Jacob Emmanuel Kuntz

by Jeff, Janet, and John Kuntz.

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, March 5, 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, March 12** - 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.

WITNESS SEASON UPDATE!

Thank you for donating towards our 2023 Witness Season Project - a water purification system in Cuba, which will benefit not only our partner congregation, but also the entire community at large. So far, we have raised over \$23,000 towards our goal of \$30,000! If you would like to donate to this mission project, mark your check or offering envelope "WITNESS SEASON 2023" or use this QR Code and choose "Witness Season" in the drop-down box.



TOTAL MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

Drop off non-perishable donations for TOTAL Ministries today in the marked bins in the Tower Room, Narthex, or the Family Life Center Lobby. For a list of items needed, visit fpcspartanburg.org/total-ministries.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Jesus' last words spoken from the cross embody the fullness of the human experience - suffering, abandonment, forgiveness, distress, and ultimately triumph and reunion with God. The *Seven Last Words* sermon series invites us to spend Lent exploring again what the cross reveals to us about the nature and character of God and why the cross matters for our lives and faith today.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST (WAF!) - MARCH 8

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: Pork Tenderloin, Sweet Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Salad Bar, Bread and Dessert; Children: Chicken Tenders w/dipping sauces, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, and Dessert

Schedule (see Calendar ---- >)

Program: "Seeking God in High Places: Visiting the Mountains of the Old Testament" *Mountains play a central role in the stories of the Hebrew Bible. From Sinai to Nebo and Moriah to Carmel, mountains become central places for God's activity in the ancient world. Our WAF series in the month of March will take us on a hike through the high ground of the Old Testament and explore how the places and people we meet along the way continue inform our faith today.*



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

CHAMBER SINGERS' CONCERT - MOSTLY MOZART

On Thursday, March 16, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, join the Chamber Singers, soloists, and orchestra for excerpts from Mozart's Symphony 31 and a performance of one of his greatest works, the Solemn Vespers.

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.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM - MARCH 22

On Wednesday, March 22, our Children's Choirs will present "God's Hands and Feet" at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Mark Your Calendars Now!

ACTS 2 DINNERS - OR LUNCH - MARCH 26

You are invited to join a small group of 10-12 church folks for a meal together, so you can have a proper visit rather than a rushed hello. Hopefully, these stand-alone events will promote new connections and deeper friendships. In March, there will be a lunch group (12:30-2:00pm) if that works better for you. For the dinners (5:30-7:30pm), you will again have the choice to be in an intergenerational (22-102 years old) or your "same decade" group. Your host will reach out the week before with their address and the menu, and everyone will bring something for the meal. Open to all.



The more the merrier!

Reservations by noon, Monday, March 13.

Questions? Contact Ansley: apage@fpcspartanburg.org.

Day by day . . . they were taking their meals together with gladness and generosity of heart. Acts 2:46

TRY THE NEW KIOSK!

We are experimenting with the uses of a kiosk and would love for you to try it out. During the week, it is located in the Financial/Columbarium offices - just outside of Lynise Clarke's office. On Sundays, it can be found in the Perrin Room. You can "Register for an Event" (such as WAF, the 1843 Endowment Dinner, or other upcoming events), or you can "Give Now" to any of the church funds through our secure online giving portal. If you have any questions, please contact Lynise Clarke, Church Financial Officer (lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-208-2130).

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 choose your date, time, and location!



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Second Sunday in Lent

Communion

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)

WAF, MARCH 8

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, MARCH 12

Third Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Girl 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

APRIL 2

Palm Sunday

APRIL 6

Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Dinner; 6:30pm Worship
(Fogartie Hall)

APRIL 7

Good Friday

12:00pm Midday Prayer Service
(Chapel)

7:00pm Tenebrae Service
(Sanctuary)

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“What we are, what we have, even our salvation,
all is gift, all is grace,
not to be achieved but to be received as a gift freely given.
God’s bias in favor of sinners is so immense
that it is said we will be surprised at those we find in heaven
whom we had not expected to encounter there.”*

- Desmond Tutu

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
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Joanie Shackleton
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Children’s and Adult Discipleship

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