

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.”



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MARCH 7, 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

My Song is Love Unknown

arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND INVITATION

✦ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**All: We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving
 and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!**
 One: O come, let us worship and bow down;
 let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
**All: For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd.
 Lead us and guide us, O Lord, as we listen for your voice.**
 One: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 95)

✠HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

*Hymn printed at end of bulletin
 (Verses 1, 2, and 3)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Do not harden our hearts, O God,
 to the sound of your voice.
 You give us Jesus, the light of the world,
 who shows the way to die to self and rise to new life.
 Yet, we cling to old habits and dwell in darkness.
 Forgive us for our lack of love and compassion;
 forgive us for excusing ourselves and condemning our neighbors.
 By the power of your Spirit may we turn from our sin
 and be transformed by the power of your redeeming grace.
 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 624, VERSE 5

TOULON

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;
 our faith is built upon thy promise free;
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
 that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who has given us access to his grace. 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.

(Romans 5:1-2)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

THE PSALM

Create in Me

Tom Kendzia

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22

SERMON

A Passion for God

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A Brief Statement of Faith")

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,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In the Midst of new Dimensions

arr. Jeremy Bankston

✠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

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: ***And also with you.***

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Am the Bread of Life

René Clausen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

*Hymn printed at end of bulletin
(Verses 1, 2, and 6)*

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Meine Freude

J.S. Bach

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. Ansley B. Page

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail
Lisa Cunningham
Rafe Andrews
Paul MacPhail
Leslie Lang, Flute

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary Today

*are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of
Barbara L. Estep and
Jacob Emmanuel Kuntz
by Jeff, Janet, and John Kuntz.*

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

Take My Life

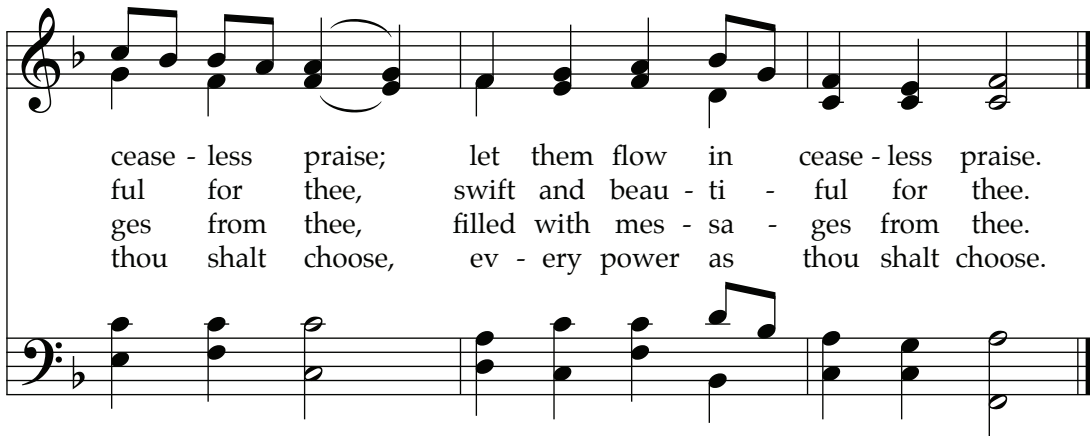
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH for SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

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

COMMUNION If you wish to participate in Communion during Online Worship this Sunday, we ask that you prepare your own elements ahead of time (crackers, a slice of bread, or any type of bread you might have on hand) and a sip of grape juice or wine. You can partake, as directed, during the service, so that even while we are apart, we can enjoy this transcendent, yet very earthly, communion together.

MEET DR. LEWIS F. GALLOWAY! Dr. Lewis Galloway 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.

FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Evening Youth Activities Began February 28

Contact Robert or Carrie for times and locations (email addresses: <https://fpcspartanburg.org/discover/pastors-staff>)

Children and Youth Wednesday Evening Activities Began March 3

6:00pm Contact Holly or Robert for information (email addresses: <https://fpcspartanburg.org/discover/pastors-staff>)

WAF Begins Wednesday, March 17 (see article below)

5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Programs for Adults, Youth, and Children (3yrs+; no nursery)

Sunday, March 21

8:45am In-Person *MorningSong Worship* in the Parking Lot (also via Livestream)

11:00am *Traditional Worship* (via Livestream only)

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:45am In-Person *MorningSong Worship* in the Parking Lot (also via Livestream)

11:00am *Traditional Worship* (via Livestream only)

Maundy Thursday, April 1

8:00am Communion in the Chapel (throughout the day, until 6:30pm)

7:30pm Online Worship from Sanctuary (via Livestream only)

Good Friday, April 2

12:00noon Online Service from Chapel (via Livestream only)

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:00am In-Person *Sunrise Service*, Lawn area Between Chapel and Sanctuary

8:45am In-Person *MorningSong Worship* in the Parking Lot (also via Livestream)

11:00am In-Person *Traditional Worship*, Front Lawn (also via Livestream)

Sunday, April 11 – and beyond

8:45am In-Person *MorningSong Worship* in Fogartie Hall

11:00am In-Person *Traditional Worship* in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST BEGINS MARCH 17: Dinner: 5:00-6:00pm; Programs: 6:00-7:00pm. Pick up your meal under the FLC Porte-cochère (feel free to drive thru) and then find a spot on the grounds to eat. You may eat in your car or bring a chair/blanket and eat on the grounds. Afterwards, there are programs for children, youth, and adults. Lewis Galloway will begin a seven-week series on Galatians, "What Does it Mean to be Free?" in Fogartie Hall.

RSVP for Dinner Only (by Sun, Mar 14): St. Patrick's Day Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Tri-Color Cole Slaw, Cream Spinach, Roll, Dessert, and Bottled Water. Kids Menu: Chicken Fingers, Mac and Cheese, French Toast Sticks, Dessert, and Juice. Sign up today via the church website - click on the WAF event on the church homepage: fpcspartanburg.org.



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