

WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 12, 2023

THIRD 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.**

Today marks the  
birthday of the  
Girl Scouts. It  
commemorates  
the day in  
1912 when  
Juliette Gordon  
Low officially  
registered the  
organization's  
first 18 girl  
members in  
Savannah,  
Georgia. This  
morning, during  
the 11am  
Sanctuary  
Worship Service,  
we will recognize  
our Girl Scouts.

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Beautiful Saviour*

David N. Johnson

ACOLYTE (11:00)

### INTROIT (11:00)

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

As we open our hearts, a circle is formed.  
**Laughter is shared, a community born.**  
As brothers and sisters we answer God's call,  
**echoing Christ's love to all.**  
Come all, come together, your life is a thread,  
**a part of the weaving by God's precious hand.**  
Our lives overlapping, the picture comes clear;  
**We are a family, created through love,**  
**and guided by God with grace from above.**

### ✦ HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate God,**  
**your ways lead to life.**  
**You call us to love one another and bear one another's burdens.**  
**But we disagree with one another,**  
**and we want to be right more than we want to follow you.**  
**You call us to serve one another and kneel at each other's feet in humility and grace.**  
**But when we are hurt by another, we want to strike back more than we want to forgive.**  
**You call us to forgive each other over and over again.**  
**But we hold grudges, separate ourselves from others – even our families –**  
**and never forgive and make peace.**  
**You call us to pour out our lives for the healing of the world.**  
**Forgive us and help us heal ourselves, our relationships,**  
**and each other with your love in Jesus Christ . . .**

SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ desires to gather us together, as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wing.  
**God's love and mercy pursues us,**  
**even in the darkest night and the most difficult circumstances.**  
Rejoice in the good news of God's forgiveness.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new again. Thanks be to God!**

✦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

Remembering Jesus' commandment to love one another,  
let us greet one another with signs of peace. The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**The peace of Christ be with you always.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45) *Madeline DeWalt Rubel*  
*Daughter of Jennifer and James Rubel*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) *James Hewitt Caggiano*  
*Son of Sidney and Chris Caggiano*

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.

RESPONSE *Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.* JESUS LOVES ME  
*Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.*  
*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*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 (11:00) *Open My Eyes, that I May See* OPEN MY EYES

FIRST READING Matthew 12:46-50

SECOND READING John 19:26-27

SERMON *Why The Cross Matters: Relationships* Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
*"We Are Family!"*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### A DECLARATION OF FAITH

**We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross**

**God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins.**

**Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.**

**He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,**

**fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,**

**accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness.**

**In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,**

**not holding our sins against us.**

**Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place,**

**so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him.**

**In him is our only hope of salvation.**

### 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: Girl Scouts (11:00)

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Set Me as a Seal*

K. Lee Scott

(11:00)

*Set Me as a Seal*

René Clausen

### ✠ 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

Doxology  
literally means  
"words of glory."  
Doxologies  
have long been  
used by Jews  
and Christians  
to praise God.  
We honor and  
thank God  
"from whom all  
blessings flow."

# BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MC KEE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 288

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Jerusalem*

Charles H.H. Parry

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. Alan F. Dyer  
Rev. L. Craig Foster  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang  
Rev. Ansley B. Page

(8:45) Kathryn Martin, Reader; Betty Williams, Baptism Elder  
(11:00) Ali Claire Pingley, Acolyte  
(11:00) Kate Lancaster, Girl Scout  
(11:00) Caroline Ringo, Reader; Callie Hammett, Baptism Elder

Holt Andrews  
Marcia Andrews  
Chancel Choir

*The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin B. Wells  
by Cassi Wells MacNaughton, Mathew Grier and Harper Grier.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 12, 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](mailto: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.

## 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 15

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](http://fpcspartanburg.org/waf)).

Menu: Adults: Irish Stew, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Salad Bar, Irish Soda 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" led by Rev. Alan Dyer. *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 form our faith today.*

## 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](mailto:apage@fpcspartanburg.org).

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



## VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

 Registration for this summer's Vacation Bible School is OPEN! Use the QR code to register your rising 4K to rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader(s). We are starting with 2 weeks of registration just for our First Pres family, before opening it up to others at a later date. Don't miss out; get your kiddos registered before March 26. Cost is \$20 per child; \$50 family max. Questions? Contact Kara Clark ([kclark@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:kclark@fpcspartanburg.org)).


## WEEKDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER!

The WDS is having a Moe's Pop-Up Fundraiser! The taco kit feeds 4-6 people, and each kit includes, chicken & ground beef, black beans, rice, queso, shredded cheese, shredded lettuce, Pico de Gallo, sour cream, salsa, chips & 12 flour tortillas. The price is \$39.99 plus tax! All orders must be placed by Monday, March 27 at 4:00pm (pickup on March 28 at noon in the FLC parking lot). If you would like to order a taco kit, please use this QR Code. Thank you for supporting our Weekday School!!



## THE GREAT PRESBYTERIAN PICTURE PUSH

Let us Snap Your Smile! To strengthen our connections as a church family, we are updating church member photos in our Online Pictorial Directory - "Shelby". Beginning on Sunday, March 19, we will have stations set up in the FLC Lobby and in the Perrin Room for us to take pictures of you and/or your family. No need to dress up - come as you are! Additional photo

 times will be held during WAF (all dates and times are posted on the web). If you cannot make it, feel free to submit your photo. This QR Code will direct you to a form where you may upload your picture. Thanks!

## TRY THE NEW KIOSK!

Use the Kiosk (located this morning in The Perrin Room) to "Register for an Event" or you can "Give Now" to any of the church funds through our secure online giving portal.

## CALENDAR

### 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)

### WAF, MARCH 15

- 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 19

- Fourth Sunday in Lent*
- 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

*“It is a bit of a mess, this business of love.  
As more and more people enter our lives,  
we are left with no choice but to enter theirs as well.  
Even more so, over time their pains become our pain and their joys become our joy  
and this sharing of the Gospel becomes a sharing of life.  
This, at first glance, seems so burdensome, so overwhelming,  
but somehow I have found it to not be any longer.  
Something about shouldering the burdens of another  
brings a lightness to our own affliction.  
We are in it together, and Christ is in it with us.”*

- Katie Davis Majors,

Daring to Hope: Finding God's Goodness in the Broken and the Beautiful

### 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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Office Manager and  
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**Joanie Shackleton**  
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**Cathy Rush**  
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**Andy Mayfield**  
Grounds Manager

**Judith Holbert**  
**Tiffany Long**  
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**Red Cartledge**  
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