

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

MARCH 13, 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.**

✠ *Please Stand*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00)

*Alabaré (Praise Him)*

arr. José Pagan

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,**

**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**Come, behold the works of the Lord;**

**see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;**

**he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, let us worship God!

(Psalm 46:1-3,8-11)

✦ HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and powerful God,

you have given light and hope

to guide us in our journey into the future,

yet we confess that we are reluctant to move.

The past appears comfortable and familiar.

We seek to prolong moments of joy

and linger amid pleasant memories, and that is good;

but forgive us when we fail to move forward into the future

which you are even now preparing for us.

When we rely on our wisdom instead of yours,

when we trust our efforts and find ourselves exhausted,

when we resist change because the future is unknown,

forgive us, gracious God.

By your Word, Sacrament, and Spirit,

fill us with the gifts of courage, talent, perseverance, and energy

that equip us to meet life's demands.

Renew us with your ever-vibrant Spirit,

as we live and pray in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ our Lord...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace to you and peace from God who loves us and equips us to become all we were meant to be.

Even now, God is working in us to make us worthy of our high calling in Jesus Christ.

**Today, salvation has come to this house and we are all being changed.**

Because, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to be his disciples.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## ✠RESPONSE

HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

## ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.  
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 (11:00)

*In God Alone*

Taizé Community

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-3a;18-19

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:12-14

SERMON

*Transitions*

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## ✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A DECLARATION OF FAITH: CHAPTER 10

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.**

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus**

**God kept his promises.**

**All that we can ever hope for**

**was present in Christ.**

**But the work of God in Christ is not over.**

**God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.**

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence**

**that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,**

**certainty of victory over death,**

**assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.**

**This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

## 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)

*A Time for All Things*

Douglas Wagner

(11:00)

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Jeffrey Honoré

### ✠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 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

### ✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### ✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Chromatic Fugue*

Johann Pachelbel

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. L. Craig Foster  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Mr. John C. Lynch, Reader

Our Girl Scout Participants  
Miss Lettie M. Brown, Acolyte  
Miss Katherine B. Lancaster, Reader  
Miss Alice C. Pingley, Reader  
Miss C. Adeline Usry, Call to Discipleship

Musicians  
Children's Choirs  
(Cherub Choir, Junior Choristers, Senior Choristers)  
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.*

### *The Flowers in the Tower Room*

*are given to the glory of God*  
*and in celebration of the marriage of*  
***Mary Catherine Stroupe and Ira Brooks Cochran,***  
*and in memory of*  
***Rev. Jackie Taylor Stafford, Mrs. Reita Black Stroup,***  
***Dr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson Cochran,***  
***and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howard Whiteside.***

## 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Nursery available in Room 105 (Toddler) and Room 108 (Crib).

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 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](http://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.

## TODAY:

**GIRL SCOUT RECOGNITION** Saturday, March 12, marks the 110<sup>th</sup> 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. Today, there are 2.5 million Girl Scouts – 1.7 million girl members and 750,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers. This morning, during the 11am Sanctuary Worship Service, we will recognize our Girl Scouts.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN?** Please come to the Parlor, on the second Sunday of the month 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).

**WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST (MARCH 16)** Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required; online payment is preferred ([fpcspartanburg.org/waf](http://fpcspartanburg.org/waf)). Dinner Prices: Child \$6 (up to age 11); Adult \$9 (ages 12 - 54); Senior \$8 (ages 55+); Family \$27. **RSVP by 4:30pm on Monday!** You may register for dinner each week or for the month!

**Mar 16 Menu** - Baked Potato and Fixings, Corn Bread, Salad Bar, Banana Pudding, Beverage. Kids' Menu: Chicken Fingers, Mac and 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)

### Mar 16 Programs:

**F.A.V.O.R.** Join this Health Series follow-up on how Faces and Voices of Recovery have journeyed and partnered with those recovering from addiction and those that have experienced the loss through addiction. This panel will share their intimate stories of how they have dealt with addiction and how F.A.V.O.R. has become part of their lives and their recovery (Sanctuary).

**Younger Women's Bible Study** with Leslie Lang, Donna Pulliam, and Carter Smith (Perrin Room) Come spend some time in scripture, conversation, and prayer!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17 - JOY FELLOWSHIP TRIP** The JOY Fellowship Committee invites you to join them on Thursday, March 17 at 11:00am for a tour of the Johnson Gallery and lunch at Cribb's Kitchen. RSVP by Tuesday, March 15 by contacting Joanie Shackleton ([jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org) / 864-208-2132).

**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.

**REV. DYER'S FIRST SUNDAY - MARCH 27** On Sunday, March 27, we will welcome **The Reverend Alan Folsom Dyer** as our **New Senior Pastor**. Alan will preach at the 8:45am MorningSong service in Fogartie Hall and the 11:00 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary (*no 8:45 Traditional Service, so that everyone will have an opportunity to hear Rev. Dyer*). In between\*\*, there will be a Reception in the FLC Gym, welcoming Alan, Erin, Sam, and Jack. Mark your calendars for this historic date in the life of FPC Spartanburg.

\*\* No Sunday School on Sunday, March 27

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** So many have heavy hearts over the war and violence occurring in Ukraine. We as a denomination invite you to pray for peace and strength, as well as for a change of hearts and minds so that world leaders can reach some agreement. If you would like to support humanitarian relief to those fleeing violence in Ukraine, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has set up a fund to support organizations working directly with families on the ground.

Gifts can be made directly to PDA by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) / P.O. Box 643700 / Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

You may also give through FPC Spartanburg. If you give online, please choose the fund "Disaster Relief-International Refugee Programs". If writing a check, please note "Ukraine" on the Memo line.

## **MARCH MUSIC MADNESS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30pm, Sanctuary "The Lord of All Nations"** Our energetic Children's Choirs will present music from around the world, reflecting the program's spring emphasis on the gospel's reach to all lands and peoples. The Cherub Choir (kindergarten), the Junior Choristers (grades 1-2), and the Senior Choristers (grades 3-5) will all sing both separately and as a group, celebrating another successful year for our Children's Music Program.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 6:30pm, Sanctuary "Welcome Concert for Rev. Alan Dyer"** The Chancel Choir welcomes our new Senior Pastor with a presentation of Dan Forrest's "Lux: the Dawn from on High". This inspirational 40-minute work features soloists and a 23-piece orchestra.

**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).

This month, the **PEACE AND JUSTICE TASKFORCE** is focusing on **Hebrews 13:1-2** as we are called to engage in the world around us, especially with people who are new to us. This verse reminds us that we do not always know the messengers of God when they initially interact with us. We can use the understanding of this verse as encouragement for us, that in all we do, we show forth the love or charity which Christ has shown to us, for we do not know in which of these roles we may be at any time. Whether a guest, or a host, or a stranger ourselves, in any role we find ourselves we should show God's love by being neighborly and benevolent. It's not coincidental that when we read of what is required of Christians, this Christ-like virtue is given a lofty platform.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM HOURS** – Mondays through Thursdays (7am-8pm) and Fridays (7am-2pm). If you've never used the gym facilities, stop by and check it out!

**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.



# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

## SUNDAY, MARCH 13

*Girl Scout Sunday Observed*

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, MARCH 20

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 27

*Rev. Alan F. Dyer's First Sunday*

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
  
10:00am Welcome Reception for  
Alan, Erin, Sam, and Jack Dyer (FLC Gym)  
*No Sunday School*  
  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3

*Communion*

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

*Palm Sunday*

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



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