

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 27, 2022
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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
ACOLYTE

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

✠ *Please Stand*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

With hearts ready to serve,

God turns our mourning into hope and our sorrows into laughter.

With hope and expectation,

God turns our weeping into celebration and our grief into shouts of joy.

Come before the Lord with yearning, with hearts ready to serve.

Let us worship God together!

(adapted from Psalm 90)

✦ HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

you see into each of us and know us fully

as creatures in need of your constant care.

We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will.

We have failed our neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves.

Give us ears to hear your wisdom.

Lead us to honesty and faith

so that we may begin again with renewed strength;

in Jesus name we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved.

In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean.

God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

✦ 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

When Jesus himself appeared to the disciples, he greeted them by saying, "Peace be with you."

Let us greet each other as we share the love and peace of Christ by saying,

Peace be with you,

And, also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open My Eyes, that I May See

OPEN MY EYES

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90

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John 1:43-51

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In forming his people and sending them into the world

Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship,

to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us.

It is also God's demand upon every one of us,

never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,

we strive to become more faithful and effective

in our daily practice of the Christian life.

(From "A Declaration of Faith")

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Langston

✠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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

✠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

In Thee is Gladness

J. S. Bach

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Holt Andrews, Music Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Miss Lettie M. Brown, Acolyte

Musicians
Chancel Choir

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Sally D. and Philip F. Foster and Philip F. (Flip) Foster, Jr.
by Mr. and Mrs. William L. Pope, Jr.*

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 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 27, 2022

WELCOME REV. DYER! This morning, 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.

** No Sunday School; Nursery Available

HELP ALAN – AND HIS FAMILY – GET TO KNOW YOU! Beginning today, and continuing throughout the month of April, please wear your nametag to services and church events to help Alan, Erin, Sam, and Jack get to know their new church family. This will also help us to get reacquainted with each other (for those brain cloud moments). Feel free to wear your Sonitrol Badge or one of those “older” nametags. If you do not have a Sonitrol Badge, no worries, there is still time to have one made. Additionally, we will have blank nametags onsite for visitors or anyone in need of a nametag. Nametags and pens will be located in the FLC Lobby, Tower Room, and Hospitality Room. Thank you!

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. 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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST (MARCH 30) Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required; online payment is preferred (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 30 Menu - Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Corn, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Roll, Peach Cobbler, Beverage.
Kids' Menu: Pizza, 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 below); 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Mar 30 Programs:

Welcome Concert! 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 (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!

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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2022! The theme will be Discovery on Adventure Island. Dates are June 27-30, 9:00am-12:00pm for Rising 4K – Rising 6th grade. More information coming soon!

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:45am *Traditional (Sanctuary) and MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) Worship*

9:45am *Sunday School*

11:00am *Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)*

**Children will participate in Palm Procession*

*during MorningSong and 11am Traditional Services.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7:30pm *Worship (Sanctuary)*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

12:15pm *Worship (Sanctuary)*

EASTER, APRIL 17

6:30am *Sunrise Worship (Columbarium)*

A time of fellowship, following the Sunrise Service, will be held in The Perrin Room.

8:45am *Traditional (Sanctuary) and MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) Worship*

10:00am *Adult Sunday School and Children's Sunday School (3K- 5th grade)*

10:15am *Hot Cross Buns (Front Lawn)*

11:00am *Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)*

No Children's Worship on Easter.

All Day *Cross of Flowers (Front Lawn)*

The Cross of Flowers is an annual First Presbyterian Easter event. Members and guests are invited to place flowers in the rough-hewn cross, which is erected by the Sanctuary Guild on the Lawn of the church, as they come to worship on Easter. This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

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; Nursery Available

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, APRIL 3

Communion

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

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