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 28, 2021 11:00am

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome and Invitation

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

†Call to Worship

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

and who do not lift up their souls to what is false.

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is the King of glory?
One: The LORD, strong and mighty.

All: Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

One: Let us worship the Lord, our God!

(Psalm 24)

†HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Hymn printed at end of bulletin

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Gracious Lord,

we enter into your presence

aware that we do not have clean hands and pure hearts.

How can we stand before you

when we have wronged our neighbors,

deceived ourselves, and not lived according to your will?

As Jesus once entered the city of Jerusalem, so enter our lives this day.

By your mercy and grace,

forgive our sin, cleanse the works of our hands, and purify our hearts, so that we may worship and praise you, the King of Glory, now and forever.

Hear now the prayers we offer in the silence of our hearts...

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

†Response

HYMN 581 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

†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.

(Romans 5:1-2)

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet each other as we share the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

Morningsong

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11

SERMON The Chosen Path Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucifi ed, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY God So Loved the World K. Lee Scott

†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

 ФНҮМN 223
 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
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Hymn printed at end of bulletin

†Charge and Benediction

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! St. Drostane

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Royal Banners Forward Go

Wilbur Held

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr. Rev. L. Craig Foster Rev. Joanne R. Hull Rev. Leslie A. Lang Rev. Ansley B. Page Miss Hattie M. Bannan

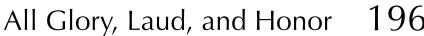
Holt Andrews, Director Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail Lisa Cunningham Rafe Andrews Paul MacPhail

The Palms in the Sanctuary

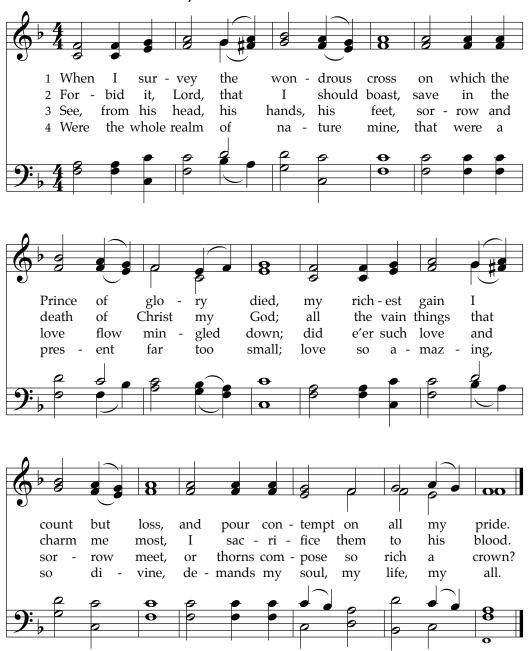
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty and J.D. Trout by the family.





These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707 HAMBURG MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824 LM

(alternate tune: ROCKINGHAM, 224)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH for SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

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

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.

HOLY WEEK AND BEYOND AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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, 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)

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.

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 - MARCH 31: <u>Dinner: 5:00-6:00pm; Programs: 6:00-7:00pm</u>. 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 Mon, Mar 29): Beef Stew, Baked Potato (with Bacon, Cheese, and Butter), Roll, Dessert, and Bottled Water. Kids Menu: Chicken Fingers, Tater Tots, Applesauce, Dessert, and Juice. Sign up today via the church website - click on the WAF event on the church homepage: fpcspartanburg.org.

CARDS FOR HOSPITAL WORKERS As many of you know, healthcare workers are emotionally, physically, and spiritually exhausted during this pandemic. The volunteer manager at SRHS has requested notes and cards to remind them that they are loved and appreciated. There is a drop-off box for cards left outside the Tower Room doors. You can bring cards at any time that is convenient for you. At WAF, we will also plan to have hands-on opportunities to make/write cards onsite. There are over 11,000 employees, and a note of encouragement could really brighten their day! This is a great project for all ages

- get the entire family involved!

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A MINISTER FOR A PASTORAL CONCERN, *please <u>call 864-208-2142</u>, <i>day or night*. The minister on-call will answer your call as soon as possible.

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