



# 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  
APRIL 18, 2021  
11:00AM  
SANCTUARY

## 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.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter*

James Biery

ACOLYTE

### INTROIT

*God, You Rule With Royal Bearing*

BRYN CALFARIA

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Call on the name of the Lord in praise;  
Make known God’s deeds among the nations!

All: **Sing to God with joyful songs;  
tell of God’s wonderful deeds!**

One: The mighty One of Israel  
has raised Jesus from the dead.

All: **We are God’s witnesses to tell  
the good news to the ends of the earth.**

One: Let us worship, the Lord our God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

✠ *Please Stand*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God,  
 through your only Son you overcame sin and death  
 and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.  
 Forgive the sin that diminishes our lives,  
 wounds those we love, hurts our neighbors,  
 and keeps us from loving you with our whole heart, mind, and strength.  
 Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection  
 may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,  
 arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us emerge from our places of fear, regret, and guilt - and burst into the light of God's forgiving love shown in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through the gift of Christ, all is forgiven, and we can recommit ourselves to being Christ's body in this world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✠RESPONSE

HYMN 236

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*  
*The strife is o'er, the battle done;*  
*the victory of life is won;*  
*the song of triumph has begun.*  
*Alleluia!*  
*The powers of death have done their worst,*  
*but Christ their legions hath dispersed:*  
*let shouts of holy joy outburst.*  
*Alleluia!*

VICTORY

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Even when they were afraid, the disciples gathered together for mutual love and support. Let us show the same love and support for one another as we share Christ's greeting.  
 Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36 -53

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Galatians 1:11-24

SERMON

*Tell It Like It Is*

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

THE NICENE CREED (unison)

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds;  
God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten not made;  
Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven;  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;  
And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. 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

*Who Will Be a Witness?*

arr. Kirby Shaw

✠ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Alleluia No. 1

*Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Give praise to his name.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*In Thee is Gladness*

J.S. Bach

## *The Flowers 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 their family.*

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway  
Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.  
Rev. L. Craig Foster  
Mrs. Holly M. Bannan  
Rev. Ansley B. Page

Mr. Charles S. Wilson II, Acolyte  
Mr. Thomas M. Coleman Jr, Reader

Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia Andrews, Organist

### Additional Musicians

Patti Foy, Mary Dixon, Rafe Andrews

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## for SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

### 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](https://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 check in at [fpcspartanburg.org/worship](https://fpcspartanburg.org/worship).

**If you prefer paper**: Fill out the Sign-In Form located in your pew and leave it in the Offering Plate as you exit.

**WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 21: 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 is leading a seven-week series on Galatians, "What Does it Mean to be Free?" in Fogartie Hall.

**RSVP for Dinner Only** (by Mon, April 19): Chicken Fajita, Black Beans, Mexican Rice, Flour Tortilla, Dessert, and Bottled Water. Kids Menu: Cheese Quesadilla, Nacho Chips, Cheese Sauce, Salsa, Dessert, and Juice. Sign up today via the church website - click on the WAF event on the church homepage: [fpcspartanburg.org](https://fpcspartanburg.org).

**FOCUS: A FAMILY EXPERIENCE - JUNE 13-16** Are you ready to deepen your faith as a family this summer? This year, FPC is excited to announce a **“family camp” style VBS!** Join us June 13-16, 5:30-7:30pm, to dive deeper in your faith. We will have dinner on the lawn, opening break-out sessions (children, youth, **and adults**), family-Bible/activity time, then have a closing time together. This experience is open to children and youth of all ages. Mark your calendar and join us for this awesome week together! Register today: [fpcspartanburg.org/vbs](https://fpcspartanburg.org/vbs).

**THESE DAYS DAILY DEVOTIONAL NOW AVAILABLE** The April-June edition of *These Days* daily devotional is now available. Pick up your copy in the church office or we can mail to you. Contact the church office for more information.

**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!

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY:** If you would like to place Memorial or Tribute Floral Arrangements in the Sanctuary, there are available dates in May, June, July, and August. For more information, please contact LeAnne Thurmond (864-621-0213; [leanne.thurmond@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.thurmond@gmail.com)).

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm (closed for lunch, 1-2pm). Please ring the doorbell or call and make an appointment. Additionally, feel free to contact us via email or phone. All email addresses and phone extensions can be found here: [fpcspartanburg.org/staff](https://fpcspartanburg.org/staff).



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# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

## SUNDAY, APRIL 25

*Sunday School Classes Meet In-Person*

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Fellowship Under the Tent
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, MAY 2

*Communion Observed in All Three Worship Services*

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
  - 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- Confirmands Recognized during 11am Worship*

## SUNDAY, MAY 9

*Mother's Day*

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Fellowship Under the Tent
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, MAY 16

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
  - 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- Baccalaureate Recognition during 11am Worship*

## SUNDAY, MAY 23

*Celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church - Wear Red!*

- 8:45am Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary)
- Fellowship in the FLC Parking Lot*
- 11:00am Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary)
- Fellowship in the FLC Parking Lot*

## SUNDAY, MAY 30

*Trinity Sunday*

- 11:00am Worship As One (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, JUNE 6

*Communion Observed in Both Worship Services*

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