

WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 23, 2023

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.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY      *Toccata on "Gaudeamus Pariter"*

James Biery

ACOLYTE (11:00)

We begin our  
worship service  
with the Call to  
Worship as a  
way of centering  
ourselves and  
directing our  
acts of worship.  
God calls us to  
worship in spirit  
and in truth,  
and it is the  
longing of every  
human heart to  
worship God. To  
paraphrase St.  
Augustine, our  
hearts cannot  
rest until they rest  
in thee.

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

As you walk with us, as we journey together,  
**Lord, your word fills our hearts!**  
As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,  
**Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!**  
As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,  
**may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!**

### ✠ HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love and compassion,**  
**we often fail to understand the truth of your love.**  
**We are frequently confused and filled with doubt.**  
**Life can feel meaningless.**  
**We wander down the pathways of life,**  
**longing to see our way more clearly.**  
**Open our eyes this day,**  
**that we may see your way of love and grace.**  
**Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence.**  
**Feed us with the true bread of life,**  
**and help us change our hearts and lives that we may follow you with joy.**

SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's promises are for us.  
**By the power of the Holy Spirit,**  
**God invites us into newness of life, forgiving and blessing us.**  
Hear and believe the good news:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another as we share the love and peace of Christ.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*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.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

### SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Confirmation is a journey in which students learn about the church, faith, theology, and spiritual engagement. Each one of these students has actively participated in church life through worship and meeting with their confirmation mentors and have made the decision to join FPC as full members. The church is greater because of their presence!

(11:00)

## CONFIRMATION

### WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

#### CONFIRMANDS

Martha Louise Barre  
Mary Helen Colbath  
Anna Camille Elliott  
Noah Christopher Feig  
Mary English Hammett  
Graham Nelson Hoenig  
Benjamin Williams Jones  
Scott Andrew Mitchell II\*  
Finley Sophia Sloan  
Brooks Coleman Wilkins

Mary Ella Bullington  
Thomas Mark Coleman, Jr.  
Sara Catharine Evans  
Ellie Neal Hallenbeck  
Lillian Monroe Hanna  
Max Thomas Hyde  
Duncan Brice Jones  
Wade Cooper Neely  
Mary Claire McGuinness Threatt

Camille Grace Cleland\*  
Polly Katharine DeMark  
Elizabeth Grace Faris  
Braeden Walker Hammett  
Stephen Brice Henderson  
Cameron Sloan Jaynes  
Campbell Timms Milner\*  
Trudy Roper Rogers  
Carey Adeline Usry

### CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND BAPTISMS\*

#### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see next page)

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

**O Lord, uphold these your children by your Holy Spirit.**

**Daily increase in them your gifts of grace:**

**the spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

**the spirit of counsel and might,**

**the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,**

**the spirit of joy in your presence,**

**both now and forever. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

### ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45)

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 crucified, 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

**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

(8:45)

*I'll Walk With God*

Nicholas Brodsky

(11:00)

*The Image of God*

Craig Courtney

### ✠ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDRETH

*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 741

*Guide My Feet*  
(verses 1, 2, 4)

GUIDE MY FEET

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

✠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

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Wilbur Held

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Palmer Ball  
Vic Bailey  
Martha Bean

Michael Pack, Acolyte

Holt Andrews  
Marcia Andrews  
Chancel Choir

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*  
***Mr. and Mrs. C. Bertram Barre and Mrs. Sallie Barre James***  
*by Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Barre,*  
*Dr. and Mrs. William A. James, Jr. and*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Bert D. Barre.*

Front Cover: "The Road to Emmaus" by Claes Moeyaert.

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual.

Large print hymnals are now available in the Tower Room and the Chapel.  
If needed, please ask an usher to locate one for you.



# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, April 23, 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 - **May 14** - 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).

## 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.

## 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.

## TODAY - APRIL 23

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

During the 11:00am worship service today, our 9<sup>th</sup> graders who have come before the Session will reaffirm the vows taken at Baptism and will be confirmed for full participation in the mission and governance of the church. The Confirmands are receiving stoles as a sign of "ordination" for Christ's service as new members of the church. This "ordination" is not to be seen in the same light as an ordained minister or elder, but to exemplify the symbolism of Christ's invitation to bear His yoke and be God's servants in His Church and for His Kingdom. **After the 11:00 worship service today, the Confirmands will be on the Front Lawn of the Church. We invite you to greet them and welcome them into full membership in the church.**

We want to thank each individual who took on the faithful responsibility of serving as a confirmation mentor. This year's mentors were: *Cathy Bagwell, Katherine Barre, Jackie Bielevicz, Stephan Bolliger, Logan Camp, Betsy Cann, Blair Clementson, Brady Cutler, Rhett DeMark, Mary Elizabeth Evans, Catherine Faris, Callie Hammett, Rob Hammett, Emma Harrill, Ashley Henderson, Josh Jones, Ryan Langley, Kam Neely, Bill Oldham, Susan Oldham, Donna Pulliam, Shannon Rogers, Eliza DeBevoise, Sylvia Spears, Monica Threatt, Amy Usry, and Frazier Wilson.*

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting, including a meeting of the members of the Corporation (First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, SC), for Sunday, April 23, 2023, at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship in the Sanctuary for the following purposes:

- a. To ratify the actions taken at the January annual meeting: election of the CNC and changes in terms of call for the installed pastors.
- b. To elect the Class of 2025 elders and the chair of the Diaconate to the Board of Trustees of the Corporation: *Vic Bailey, IV, Palmer Ball, Gail Ballard, David Beacham, Kathryn Bridges, Charlie Burns, Randall Chambers, Molly Colbath, Bill Cummings, Lynn Edwards, Debbie Kocisko, Kay Maddox, Stephen Parrott, Mary Lorick Thompson, Elizabeth Young, and Cheryl Lang.*

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP AT FR8YARD

Wednesday, April 26 - - No WAF?!? What do we do? Come for fellowship and appetizers at Fr8yard (125 E Main St, Spartanburg). Drop by the Upper Level 5:30-7:30pm and invite a friend or three (Kid-friendly, if supervised).

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Visit [www.fpcspartanburg.org/ministry-finder](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/ministry-finder).

## NEXT WEEK: HOMECOMING - SUNDAY, APRIL 30 \*\*

*Rejoicing in Our Story* On Sunday, April 30, we will worship together as a church family at 11:00am. Special Guests: Dr. Todd B. Jones, Dr. David A. Renwick, and Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

### SCHEDULE:

9:45am Panel with Former Pastors - in Fogartie Hall  
(*Children's Sunday School will meet as normal.*)

11:00am Worship - Together in the Sanctuary (overflow will be available)

12:00pm Lunch on the Lawn

The Church will provide the fried chicken, bread, and beverages; we are asking you to fill in with the following:

If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a Side Dish – enough for at least 8-10 people.

If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a Dessert – enough for at least 8-10 people.

Please bring your dish in a disposable pan or tray. Hot items must be in aluminum. Drop off your dish before worship, 8:30-10:30am, under the tent on Chestnut Street.

**\*\* PARKING:** *Chestnut Street will be blocked off from Main Street to the FLC Parking Lot. To park, you will need to enter the FLC Parking Lot or the WDS Parking Lot from the Kennedy Street side. The Upper Parking Lot will be reserved for handicap only (please enter from Main Street).*

## DAN FORREST MUSIC WEEKEND, MAY 5-7

We are excited to welcome internationally known composer Dan Forrest to our campus May 5-7. Dan will be working with our choirs, speaking to a combined adult Sunday School class on May 7 and accompanying the Chancel Choir at the 11:00am worship service that morning. The weekend will conclude with a gala concert Sunday afternoon at 3:00, featuring his celebrated “Requiem for the Living” with orchestra. All weekend events are open to everyone. For the full schedule go to [fpcspartanburg.org/danforrest](http://fpcspartanburg.org/danforrest).

## ACTS 2 DINNERS - OR LUNCH - MAY 21

On Sunday, May 21, 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. 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, Wednesday, May 10.

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*

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:45am Traditional Worship  
(Chapel)

8:45am MorningSong Worship  
(Fogartie Hall)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary)

5:00pm Sunday Night Youth  
(Family Life Center)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

#### HOMECOMING!

8:30-10:30am Food Drop Off  
(Tent on Chestnut Street)

9:45am Panel with Former Pastors  
(Fogartie Hall)

11:00am Worship  
(Sanctuary - overflow available)

12:00pm Lunch  
(on the Lawn)

5:00pm Sunday Night Youth  
(Family Life Center)

## LOOKING FORWARD

### MAY 5-7

*Dan Forrest Music Weekend*

### MAY 17

*Picnic Lunch with the Pastors*

### MAY 20

*Presbytery Meeting  
(Camp Fellowship)*

### MAY 21

*Baccalaureate Sunday*

### MAY 28

*Day of Pentecost*

### MAY 29

*Memorial Day*

### JUNE 4

*Summer Sizzle: VBS Kickoff*

### JUNE 5-8

*Vacation Bible School*

### JUNE 24

*Family Day at Montreat*

### JUNE 25

*Summer Sizzle: Sundaes and Undies*

### JULY

*ONE Worship Service at 11:00am  
With a Special Music Focus*

### JULY 15

*Family Day at Montreat*

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*"I believe that although the two disciples did not recognize Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Jesus recognized them, that he saw them as if they were the only two people in the world. And I believe that the reason why the resurrection is more than just an extraordinary event that took place some two thousand years ago and then was over and done with is that, even as I speak these words and you listen to them, he also sees each of us like that."*

- Frederick Buechner

### 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**  
Church Financial Officer

**Monteigne Campbell**  
Office Manager and  
Admin to the Senior Pastor

**Joanie Shackleton**  
Administrative Assistant  
Congregational Care and Deacons

**Shannon Hutcheson**  
Administrative Assistant  
Children's and Adult Discipleship

**Ian Ritchings**  
Administrative Assistant  
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

**Cathy Rush**  
Receptionist and Admin to Music

**Andy Mayfield**  
Grounds Manager

**Judith Holbert**  
**Tiffany Long**  
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