



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 24, 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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Praise and Thanks to God

arr. Carol Scheel

INTROIT

Jubilate

W. A. Mozart

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise God in his mighty firmament!
**Praise God for his mighty deeds;
praise God according to his surpassing greatness!**
Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!
**Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!**
Praise God with clanging cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

(Psalm 150)

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life,
we confess that we continue in the ways of death.
You offer us your forgiveness,
yet we refuse to forgive others.
You show us signs of resurrection,
yet still we fail to believe.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
and send us out in mission to proclaim your reconciling love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts,
resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed!
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

✠ RESPONSE

HYMN 240, REFRAIN

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God's own forgiven people,
go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.
The peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45)

Ann Louise Biber

Daughter of Meredith and Chase Biber

RESPONSE

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ 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.**

(11:00)

CONFIRMATION

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

CONFIRMANDS

Caroline Elisabeth Bishop
 Amarinthia Lowndes Curtis
 Claire Louise Donovan
 George Adams Gauthier
 Alle Marie Marsh
 Margaret McLeod Walsh

Jason Sanders Blanton Jr.
 Tyler Brandon Davis
 Breanna Riley Durham
 Lane Christopher Greer
 Laura Nance Pickens
 Grace Caroline Waters

Charles McCall Crenshaw
 Adrienne Elise Deberry
 Steven Douglas Egge Jr.
 Claire Barksdale Hammond
 Damien James Pierce

COVENANT FAMILY LEADERS

Rafe Andrews

Jules Bryant

Carrie Coleman

Marsh Rogers

CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND BAPTISMS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see above)

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.**

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)

Lead Me, Lord

S. S. Wesley

(11:00)

Open My Eyes

K. Lee Scott

✠ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM, LORD

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

*Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

March Triumphale

Sigfried Karg-Elert

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Janet Kuntz, Guest Director

Diane Pickens O'Connell, Guest Organist

Miss N. Adair Wall, Acolyte

Dr. Leland G. Close Jr, Clerk of Session

Musicians

Genesis Choir

Chancel Choir

Handbell Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Elizabeth Chapman Quantz McMeekin

by Thomas, Winn, Tom, Sarah, Mae, Evans, Ann Tolly, and Henry.

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, APRIL 24, 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 can be found on the church website; go to the homepage (fpcspartanburg.org) and click the words "Member Login" by the Celtic cross. 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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY During the 11:00am worship service today, our 9th graders, who have been examined by 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.

TODAY IS "BLUE SUNDAY" Today we recognize Blue Sunday - a day to increase awareness among churches and their members of the impact of Child Abuse in their community with a focus on prevention. You may have noticed the blue pinwheels on our church property and in other locations around Spartanburg. These pinwheels are a reminder that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are particularly appreciative of our ministry partners who focus on vulnerable children in our community, including Hope Center for Children, Thornwell, and Children's Advocacy Center. If you would like to get more involved, reach out to Pastor Leslie for more information. We lift the needs of children and their families in our prayers today. For more information, please visit bluesunday.org.

CONNECT OVER COFFEE – MEET ALAN DYER! Alan is looking forward to the opportunity to get to know each member of his new church family and would like to connect with you - over coffee! Gatherings will be on select Tuesdays at 8:00am and Wednesdays at 10:00am in The Perrin Room. Please RSVP on the church website at www.fpcspartanburg.org. And look for more opportunities to meet with Alan coming soon!

JOY FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON The JOY (Just Older Youth) Fellowship Luncheon will be held this Thursday, April 28 at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. There is no charge for this event. The guest speaker is our very own Rev. Alan Dyer. Please RSVP by noon TOMORROW (Monday) by contacting Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-208-2132).

EARLY TRADITIONAL SERVICE RETURNS TO THE CHAPEL! We are excited to announce that the Early Traditional service will be returning to the Chapel on Sunday, May 1, 2022. We look forward to seeing all of our Early Morning Traditional congregants at 8:45am.

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.

WELCOME CLASSES BEGINNING SOON! To help you get acquainted with First Presbyterian Church, we offer Welcome Classes. The next class will begin on Sunday, May 1 and run for four weeks. If you would like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, you are invited to attend. The classes will take place in the Purnell Room at 10:00am.

HELP ALAN – AND HIS FAMILY – GET TO KNOW YOU! 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. If you do not have a Sonitrol Badge, this is the time to have one made for you. 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, Narthex, Tower Room, and Hospitality Room. Thank you!

CHAMBER SINGERS' CONCERT Join the Chamber Singers on Sunday, May 15 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for their Spring Concert. The group will be joined by strings and percussion as they present a musical meditation on time and eternity.

REGISTER FOR VBS 2022! All Rising 4K – Rising 6th graders are invited to come to *Discovery on Adventure Island*, June 27-30, 9:00am-12:00pm. Come explore how God's great light shines and how we can reflect that light too! We will explore Adventure Island to find lanterns that light our way – love, trust, faith, joy, hope. Take a picture of the QR Code to be directed to the Registration Form (www.fpcspartanburg.org/vbs). The cost is \$20 per child with a maximum of \$50 per family. Registration closes May 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Ansley (apage@fpcspartanburg.org).



CRAFTERS NEEDED! Do you knit, crochet, or cross stitch? Would you like to share your gifts and talents with your church family in a meaningful way? The Life Events Committee needs your help! Please contact Scottie Lummus (scottie.stan@gmail.com) or Meg Evatt (m_evatt@hotmail.com) for more details.

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.

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).

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. If you are not comfortable coming inside, feel free to sit in the Columbarium. You may place any personal prayer needs in the Chapel prayer box and a member of our staff will be present in the Chapel to pray over your requests.

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

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Confirmation Sunday

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Communion Sunday

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:00am Welcome Class (Purnell Room)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:00am Welcome Class (Purnell Room)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 10:00am Welcome Class (Purnell Room)
- 10:00am Brunch Fellowship Time (Lawn)
- 11:00am Church on the Lawn
- 6:00pm Chamber Singers' Concert (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Baccalaureate Sunday

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:00am Welcome Class (Purnell Room)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00pm Shelter Service (Fogartie Hall)

SUNDAY, MAY 29

- 11:00am ONE Worship Service (Sanctuary)



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