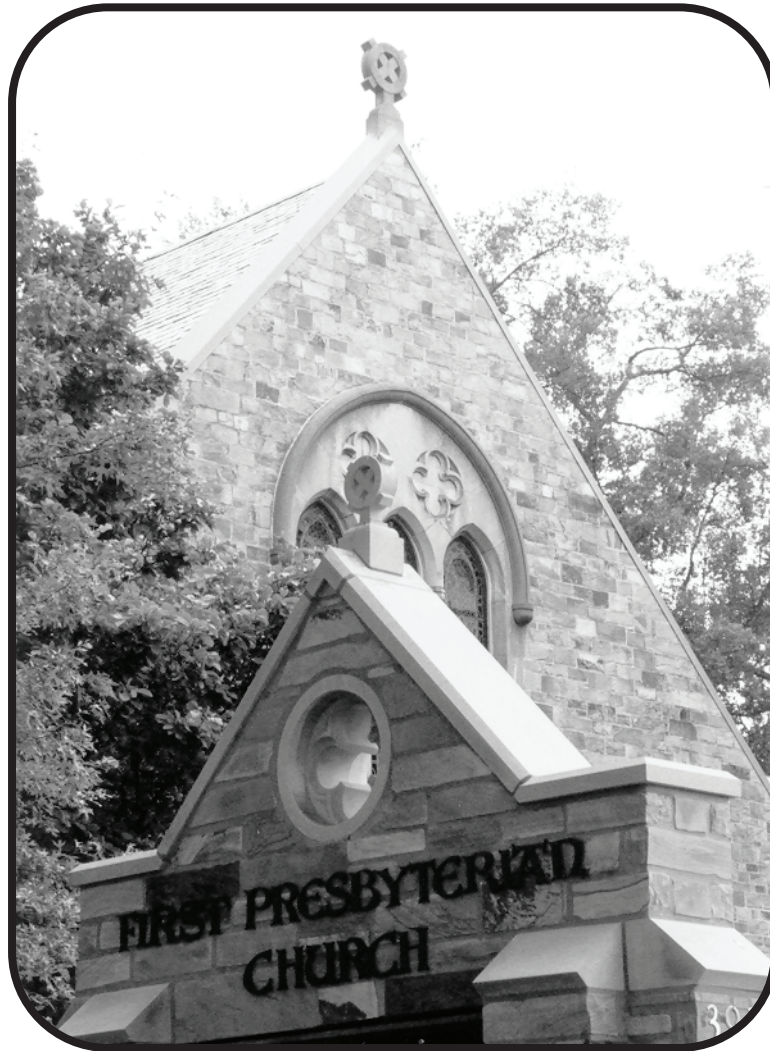


WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



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

MAY 1, 2022

8:45AM CHAPEL

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

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

arr. Wilbur Held

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00)

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord our God, we praise you.
We cried to you for help and you answered us.
You have restored our lives;
you have rescued us from the grave.
Let our hearts sing Your praises.
Let us worship God together!

✠ HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God,
in the light of your glory
we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.
Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rise up from the dust!
Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (11:00) *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

MORECAMBE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 30; John 21:1-19

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Come to the Waters

G. F. Handel

(11:00)

All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice

Antonio Vivaldi

✠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!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: ***And also with you.***

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

(8:45)

I Am the Bread of Life

René Clausen

(11:00)

Come to the Waters

G. F. Handel

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 3

AR HYD Y NOS

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on “Gaudeamus Pariter”

arr. James Biery

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Ansley B. Page

Holt Andrews, Music Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Mr. S. Michael Pack III, Acolyte

Musicians
Valerie and Paul MacPhail
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrew McKee, Sr. and Ms. Betty McKee Baker
by the Paul Andrew McKee, Jr. family.

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, MAY 1, 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.

WELCOME CLASS BEGINS TODAY! 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.

CONNECT OVER COFFEE WITH ALAN DYER - NEW DAYS/TIMES! 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 select Wednesdays at 10:00am in The Perrin Room.

There are now additional opportunities to meet with Alan:

- (1) *Connect over Zoom; Bring your Own Coffee* (May 5) and
- (2) *Connect over Afternoon Beverages of Lemonade, Tea, or Coffee* (multiple dates available)

For any of these events, please RSVP via the church website; www.fpcspartanburg.org.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 5. The theme, “Exalt the Lord, who has established us”, is taken from Colossians 2:6-7, which reads, “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” Please set aside time on May 5 to pray for our nation. We also invite you to pray in the Chapel that day; it will be open 9:00am-5:00pm.

NEXT SUNDAY - MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING Mother’s Day has traditionally included a special offering in our church to support the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, which serves older adults at 6 retirement communities across the state. The Mother’s Day Offering provides charitable care to residents who have outlived their life’s savings due to old age or costly medical bills, so that they can continue to call PCSC “home.” You can donate using the designated Mother’s Day Offering envelopes, by writing a check and adding “Mother’s Day Offering” in the memo, or you can give online at giving.prescommunities.org (and include our church name in the memo). Thank you for keeping this special Presbyterian tradition alive!

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - MAY 22 The Session has called a Congregational Meeting, including a meeting of the members of the Corporation (First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, SC), for Sunday, May 22, 2022, at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship in the Sanctuary for the following purposes:

- a. To elect the Class of 2024 elders and the chair of the Diaconate to the Board of Trustees of the Corporation: Harold Ballenger, Louie Blanton, Blair Clementson, John Faris III, Patti Foy, Callie Hammett, John Harrill Jr, Josh Jones, Cesily King, Andy Lancaster, Cathy Martinez, Paul McKee Jr, Brand Stille, Wesley Stoddard, Charlotte Verreault, and Cheryl Lang.
- b. To act on a request from the APNC to call our next Associate Pastor of Youth and Campus Ministries, pending successful completion of the ordination process and transfer of membership to the Foothills Presbytery.

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).

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!

WAYS TO GIVE:

- ① Place your gift in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service;
- ② Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone; it will direct you to our online giving portal;
- ③ Click "Give Online" at fpcspartanburg.org/give;
- ④ Text the word "GIVE" to 864/309-0816;
- ⑤ Mail a check to the church (address on back of bulletin);
- ⑥ Give via the ShelbyNext App

Questions? Contact Lynise Clarke, Church Financial Officer (lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org).



WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

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)

Congregational Meeting

- 6:00pm Shelter Service (Fogartie Hall)

SUNDAY, MAY 29

- 11:00am ONE Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Day of Pentecost

- 11:00am ONE Worship Service (Sanctuary)



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