



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 2, 2021
8:45AM and 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 ACOLYTE (11:00)

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

CHORAL INTROIT

*God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.
Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.
All: **Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**
One: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God’s law they meditate day and night.
All: **They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.**
One: Let us worship the Lord our God.

(from Psalm 1 and 122)

✠ *Please Stand*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God,

we are sorry for the many things we have said and done
that have hurt you, have injured our friends, family,
strangers and neighbors, and have wounded ourselves.

We are your children,

but our selfish nature has made us less than you created us to be.

Forgive our mean thoughts, unkind words, and destructive actions.

We want to live a new life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

so that we may turn from sin and embrace the good that you call us to do.

In the name of Jesus we pray . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love. As far as the east is from the west,
so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠RESPONSE

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: God has received us, pardoned us, and loved us;
let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace 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 My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-12

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8

SERMON

The Simplest Thing of All

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

CONFIRMATION

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

COVENANT FAMILY LEADERS

Carrie Coleman, Mark Coleman, Sloan Evans, Manning Fairey, Thomas McMeekin, Shannon Rogers

CONFIRMANDS

Katelyn Cecil Anderson	Anna Elizabeth Beeson	Grayson Samuel Bryant
Alasdair Mills Bullington	Sophie Crane Clayton	Caroline Hamilton Colbath
James Wingfield Crenshaw	Richard Christopher Curtis Jr.	Hayes McMillan Edwards
Caroline Elizabeth Feather	Mark Gerard Gauthier IV	Ann Chambers Harrill
Hugh Andrew Hayes	Parker Austin Hoenig	Llewellyn Ruth Hyde
Brady Glen Johnson	Sarah Katherine Keller	Frank William Manello Jr.
Kirk Foster Neely	William Gibson Pickens	Andrew Banks Pulliam
Sarah Gordon Walsh	William Simmons Wilkins	
Molly Brooks Yarborough	Noah William Yarborough	

CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS (Unison)

Defend, O Lord, these your daughters and sons through all the challenges of life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them as they grow in wisdom and love.

May they serve you faithfully and joyfully;

may they use the many gifts and talents that you have given them to build up the church,

help those in need, and work for reconciliation of the world;

and may you bring them at the last with all the saints into your heavenly kingdom.

As fellow disciples of Jesus, we commit ourselves to nurture, support,

encourage, and strengthen these your servants.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

✠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!*

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 (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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠CHORAL RESPONSE

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in D

Healey Willan

*After the 11:00 worship service today, the Confirmands will be on the Front Lawn.
We invite you to greet them and welcome them into full membership in the church.*

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.*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Mrs. Holly M. Bannan

Miss Marianna C. Hallenbeck, Acolyte
Miss Lilly Ruth Hyde, Reader
Dr. Leland G. Close Jr, Clerk of Session
Mr. C. Sloan Evans, Elder

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail, Paul MacPhail, Lisa Cunningham, Rafe Andrews

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

for SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

COMMUNION TODAY

Take some time prior to the service and investigate your Individual Communion Set. Depending on which type of Communion Set you have, the opening instructions are a little different.



Standard set:

- 1) Hold the edges of the cup, remove the clear cellophane to expose the wafer.
- 2) Hold the edges of the cup, remove the foil to expose the juice.

Chalice type:

- 1) Open bottom seal to access the wafer.
- 2) Open top seal to access the juice.



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. 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.

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

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Today, during the 11:00am worship service, 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.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL TACO TUESDAY FUNDRAISER Taco Tuesday wouldn't be complete without a Moe's taco kit! Pre-order your taco kit by 4:00pm tomorrow, Monday, May 3; Pick up on Tuesday, May 4, 12noon-1pm, in front of the Family Life Center. Proceeds will benefit the FPC Weekday School. To order, go the church's webpage and click on the event "WDS Taco Tuesday Fundraiser".

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MAY 5: 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.

RSVP for Dinner Only (by Mon, May 3): Greek Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Spanakopita, Greek Salad, Roll, Dessert, and Bottled Water. Kids Menu: Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Applesauce, Dessert, and Juice. Sign up today via the church website - click on the WAF event on the church homepage: fpcspartanburg.org.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 6. The theme, “Lord, pour out your love, life, and liberty,” is taken from 2 Corinthians 3:17, which reads, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” Please set aside time on May 6 to pray for our nation. We also invite you to pray in the Chapel.

BLOOD DRIVE – MAY 16 Give blood at First Presbyterian on Sunday, May 16, 8am-1pm in the Family Life Center Parking Lot. Covid Antibody Testing will be offered to those that have had or suspect they have had Covid-19, as well as those who have received a Covid-19 vaccine. A \$20 charitable donation will be made to First Presbyterian for every blood donor! Masks are required. Contact Beth Cecil to make an appointment.

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, 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. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, May 19.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Check out www.fpcspartanburg.org/ministry-finder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children

Nursery: 6 months – 3 years in Room C105

Preschool: Room C110

Elementary: Room C201

Children's Worship (11am): Room C207

Youth

Middle and High School students will meet together in the High School Room.

Adults

Bible Alive! Room 2208

Christian Perspectives: Room C212

Emmaus: Social Hall

Faith Driven & Young Adults: Room C210

LIFT: Fogartie Hall

Open Class: Room 2216

Purnell Fellowship Class: Purnell Room

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES AND OTHER DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Tickled Pink (Women Study): Tuesdays through May 4 at 9:30am in Fogartie Hall

Book Study with Nan & Tom McDaniel: Tuesdays or Thursdays at Noon on Zoom

Christians in the Making (Women's Study): Wednesdays at 10am in the Purnell Room

Mom Moment with Ansley Page: Wednesdays at noon on Zoom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at noon on Zoom

Men's Bible Study: Fridays at 6:30am in Large Private Dining Room

Men's Bible Study: Fridays at 7:00am in the Arthur Center

Middle School Girl's Bible Study: Fridays at 4:30pm at Starbucks (E. Main and Montview)

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

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)
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

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Communion Observed in Both Worship Services

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Summer Sizzle: Lemonade on the Lawn
5:30pm First Day of... FOCUS: Family Vacation Bible School



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