



PENTECOST 2021

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.”

# DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 23, 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

*Improvisation on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS*

John Moody

ACOLYTE (11:00)

### INTROIT

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The winds of the Spirit are moving among us!

All: Dry bones are beginning to rattle!  
Weary spirits are finding new energy.  
Speechless disciples are learning new words.

One: Be ready to be amazed and astonished.  
God's presence will fill this house of worship.

All: The Spirit is here, speaking to us, speaking through us,  
and drawing us into God's praise.

One: Let us worship the God who comes among us  
as wind, fire, spirit, breath, and life.

### ✠HYMN 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

✠ Please Stand

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,  
your Spirit is here, your church is born,  
and you have brought to life to a dying world.  
Still, we cling to old ways.  
We have dwelt in fear;  
we have refused to forgive;  
we have hurt our neighbors and ignored the needs of others;  
we have dwelt too long in the darkness of sin, doubt, and despair.  
So now, Holy Spirit,  
breathe into us the fire of life  
so that we may experience forgiveness,  
live again, and walk in the light of your presence.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray . . .

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

## ✠RESPONSE

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

*Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

## ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

*Lynn Chandler Darr  
Daughter of Neely and Andrew Darr*

*Russell Bailey Calicutt, Jr.  
Son of Leslie and Russ Calicutt*

## 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

*Holy Spirit, come to us.*  
(Upon direction, please join in singing.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

*Alternate Energy*

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 292

*As the Wind Song*

WAIKUA TAPU

(Upon direction, please join in singing verse 2.)

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

- One: As you once poured out your Holy Spirit upon believing disciples, so pour out your Spirit upon us, O God. Fill our minds with understanding, our hearts with love, and our hands with an eagerness to serve. Show us how to live in peace and unity within the church and to share a vision of your kingdom of justice and love with a troubled world. We pray to the Lord...
- All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer and fill us with your Spirit.**
- One: We pray for the church spread throughout the world: in places of conflict and oppression, give the church courage; in places of comfort and ease, give the church compassion; in places of ignorance and apathy, give the church boldness; in places of suffering and despair, give the church hope. We pray to the Lord...
- All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer and fill us with your Spirit.**
- One: We pray for the ministries of the church: for worship, teaching, mission, fellowship, and service. We pray for those whose lives are dried up by disappointment, bitterness, guilt, illness, grief, hatred, hunger, and hopelessness. Send us in the power of your Spirit to heal, to reconcile, and to care. We pray to the Lord...
- All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer and fill us with your Spirit.**

One: We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus and we pray together....  
**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

*Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington, arr. Tony Backhouse

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all power and might,**  
**we praise you that you forged your church in the fire of the Spirit.**  
**You breathed new life and energy into your people,**  
**so that we might be the body of Christ for the world.**  
**Receive these our gifts;**  
**use them for the spreading of the gospel**  
**and for the healing of the nations.**  
**Receive us, and fill us with your Spirit,**  
**so that we may be sent forth to serve Christ in the world.**  
**In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### ✠HYMN 303

*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*  
(Verses 1 and 4)

NETTLETON (HYMN 475)

### ✠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

*Comin' Home to Jesus*

John Moody

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Joe Griffin and our loved ones  
by June Griffin.*

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES**

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Rev. Ansley B. Page

Miss Jane H. Close, Acolyte

Mr. Stephan Bolliger, German Reader

Mrs. Nahla Filopos and Mr. Younan Nessim, Arabic Readers

Mrs. Marjorie Appiah, Akan Reader

Holt Andrews, Director

Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail

Lisa Cunningham

Rafe Andrews

Paul MacPhail

Kay Maddox

Jeff Key, Bass

John Moody, Pianist

*A warm welcome to our friend and special guest jazz pianist John Moody,  
who is sharing his talents with us on this Pentecost Sunday.*

*John is a member of the music faculty at Spartanburg High School,  
and was the designer and engineer for First Presbyterian's celebrated Easter Virtual Choir video.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## for SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

**TODAY IS PENTECOST!** Today we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church and the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is a time to open ourselves to God's creative new future. After each service, join the **Pentecost Picnic Party** for burgers, barbeque, and snowballs in the FLC Parking Lot. Bottled water will be provided.

**TONIGHT** Join us at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary for a special performance of the Gospel Mass by the Chamber Singers. Gospel Mass is a unique musical setting of the Catholic Mass in the African American Gospel tradition.

### 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.

**REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE** Next Sunday, May 30, the church will honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have now passed on. We will print the information in the worship bulletin. Please contact Joanie Shackleton ([jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org)/208-2132) prior to May 24 with the name of the person, their rank, branch of service, and dates of service.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!** If you are looking for a way to serve First Presbyterian Church that allows you a flexible schedule, once a week interaction with someone who is desperately in need of some Christian Caring, this is the place for you!! A new training class will begin in August, 2021. Come and join us! Interested? Contact Dana Halliday for more information; [danahalliday1@charter.net](mailto:danahalliday1@charter.net)/864 237-0330.

**OFFICE HOURS** The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm (closed for lunch, 1-2pm). If you have a keycard, it is active and will open/unlock the Tower Room and Chestnut St doors for you – or you may ring the doorbell. Feel free to contact your church staff via email or phone. All email addresses and phone extensions can be found here: [fpcspartanburg.org/staff](https://fpcspartanburg.org/staff).

**THE GYM HAS REOPENED** **Hours of Operation:** Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-1:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm; Fri: 9:00am-5:00pm; Sat-Sun: closed. **Classes:** Zoom Bootcamp: Mon/Wed/Fri, 7:15am and 9:15am; Yoga: Thursdays at 11:00am in the Activity Room; If you are interested in joining a Walking Group or Personal Training, please contact Colleen Darrall, Recreation Director, at [cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org).

**THE CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER** Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. We ask that you wear a mask while inside and maintain social distancing protocols. If you are not comfortable coming inside, feel free to sit in the Columbarium. You can also 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.

## WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

*Celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church!*

8:45am Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary)

*Fellowship in the FLC Parking Lot*

11:00am Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary)

*Fellowship in the FLC Parking Lot*

6:30pm Chamber Singers Present "Gospel Mass"

### SUNDAY, MAY 30

*Trinity Sunday*

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 6

*Communion Observed in All Worship Services*

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30am Summer Sizzle: Ice Cream Sizzle

### SUNDAY, JUNE 13

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

5:30pm First Day of... FOCUS: Family Vacation Bible School

### SUNDAY, JUNE 20

*Father's Day*

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00pm Shelter Worship (Fogartie Hall)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30am Summer Sizzle: Lemonade on the Lawn



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