

A large, ornate stained glass window with a grid pattern and decorative borders in blue, green, and red. The window is set within a stone archway.

# 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 29, 2022

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

*There is a Happy Land*

arr. George Shearing

ACOLYTE

## INTROIT

*God is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

WINCHESTER OLD

## ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, as we gather to pray and sing;  
**we remember the past and look to the future.**  
On this day we find hope in the face of strife;  
**we come before you, God, seeking your peace.**  
God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
**open our eyes to the examples set by those who came before us.**  
In this time of remembrance, song and prayer,  
**help us find the path that leads to the Peaceable Kingdom.**

## ✦ HYMN 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**  
**We have not loved you with a pure heart,**  
**nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**  
**We have not done justice, loved kindness,**  
**or walked humbly with you, our God.**  
**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**  
**In your great compassion,**  
**cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Create in us a clean heart, O God,**  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**  
**Do not cast us from your presence,**  
**or take your Holy Spirit from us.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation**  
**and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...**

SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy One, you have left your peace with us, that we may hear you and never become troubled by the world around us. Hear and believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Amen. 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

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Sara Bethea Shuler  
Daughter of Elizabeth and Bert Shuler*

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

*This is My Song*

FINLANDIA

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:1-12; 23-24

SERMON

*Known But to God*

Mr. R. Holt Andrews

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God,  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release of the captives.**

*(continued...)*



Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil  
delivering us to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

MUSIC

*There is a Place*

Graham Maule / John Bell

*There is a place prepared for little children, those who we lived for, those we deeply mourn,  
those who from play, from learning and from laughter cruelly were torn.*

*There is a place where hands which held ours tightly now are released beyond all hurt and fear,  
healed by that love which also feels our sorrow tear after tear.*

*There is a place where all the lost potential yields its full promise, finds its true intent;  
silenced no more, young voices echo freely as they were meant.*

*There is a place where God will hear our questions, suffer our anger, share our speechless grief,  
gently repair the innocence of loving and of belief.*

*Jesus, who bids us be like little children, shields those our arms are yearning to embrace.  
God will ensure that all are reunited; there is a place.*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Psalm 139*

Allen Pote

✠ 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 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 687, VERSE 6

ST. ANNE

*Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Sinfonia*

G. F. Handel

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

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*Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the Book of Common Worship.*

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*  
*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*  
***Warner Fusselle Hyde***  
*by his family: Alicia Fusselle,*  
*Max and Eliza Hyde, Lilly Ruth, Thomas, Rose, and Annabelle.*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Mr. R. Holt Andrews

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Music Director

Marcia Andrews, Organist

Miss M. Harrison Pack, Acolyte

Baptism

Miss Grace A. Mitchell, Reader

Mrs. Charlotte S. Verreault, Elder

Musicians

Chancel Choir



# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

## REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Today we honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have entered the church triumphant, including:

Name	RANK	Branch of Service	Dates of Service
William Donald Bain, Jr.	Lieutenant	Army Air Corps	1943-1945
Charles Douglas Crump	1st Lieutenant	Army	1941-43; KIA
Aaron J. Cunningham	Chaplain (Lt. Col.)	Army	1964-1979
William Elridge Donald	Seaman 1st Class	Navy	1944-1946
Fred Groke	Major	Army	1960-1979
James Powers Hickson, Jr.		Army / National Guard	
Robin Marcellus Hood	Captain	Army	1940-1946
Robert T. Humphries	MSgt	Army	1939-1954
Ralph Newsom Kelley	Lieutenant	Navy	WWII
Walter W. Laseter		Army	WWII
Rev. Elden H. Luffman	LCDR	Marines	WWII and Vietnam
Robert A. Maddox	Lt. Colonel	Air Force	1955-1975
Joe Mattison	Lieutenant	Army	1957
Donald E. Oldham	Pilot	Army Air Force	1943-1945
Benjamin Robinson Pickens	Lt. Colonel	Army	WWII
Benjamin Robinson Pickens, Jr.	Captain	Army	Vietnam
Elgia Vernon Sheppard		Navy	WWII
W. Leonard Still	Major	Army	WWII
Hollis B. Taylor	LCDR	Medical Service Corps Navy	1945-1972
Herbert Lockwood Thruston	Pvt	Army Field Artillery	1918
Francis Kyle Tothill	Colonel	Army	WWII

We give thanks for all those that served - named and unnamed.

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**NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST JAZZ SERVICE!** On Sunday, June 5, we will celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church and the power of the Holy Spirit with ONE Worship service at 11:00am in the Sanctuary, which will include Jazz Music; John Moody will be joining as guest pianist. This service will be a time to open ourselves to God's creative new future. **Remember to wear red.**

Prior to the Service, all Sunday School classes will meet (see back page).

During the Worship Service, we will have a parade of flags representing countries around the world, many with whom we have mission partnerships. *If you are available to help carry a flag*, and can arrive at the church by 10:15 that morning, please contact Dawn Bingham (binghamdawn@hotmail.com; 864-275-5432).

After the service, we will have our *first Summer Sizzle of 2022*. Come Join the Pentecost Party as we celebrate the birthday of the church with cake and lemonade!



## NEW STAFF

**DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** On Sunday, August 7, **Kara Clark** will begin her ministry with us as our new Director of Children's Ministry. Kara most recently served as a middle school teacher at McCracken Middle School and for ten years has worked at Montreat during summer camps, most recently as Director of Children's Camps. We believe that Kara's extensive experience shepherding children, ability to build strong relationships with families, and high energy with thoughtful purpose make her uniquely qualified to lead our church in this most important work.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUTH AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES** On Sunday, May 22, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and called **John Daniel DeBevoise** as our New Associate Pastor for Youth and Campus Ministries. John Daniel's first day in office will be Wednesday, June 8. We look forward to welcoming John Daniel and his fiancée, Eliza, into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian!

*Find out more about Kara and John Daniel on the church website.*

## SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS JUNE 12!

8:30am Chapel Worship Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)\* and Sanctuary Worship Service\*  
11:30am Fellowship/SummerSizzle

June 12 (Reception for John Daniel DeBevoise), June 26, July 24, and Aug 14

*We will return to our regular schedule on September 11 - Rally Day - and will celebrate with Food Trucks!*

**SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION** Pastor Leslie will be facilitating a book discussion on Frederick Buechner's *Secrets in the Dark: A Life in Sermons* in June and July. The group will meet for 8 weeks on Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30am, in the Small Private Dining Room, starting on Thursday, June 2. All ages are welcome to join whenever you are available to participate! You will need to purchase your own book. Let Leslie ([llang@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:llang@fpcspartanburg.org)) know if you would like to be added to the email list.

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY** is held on Thursday evenings in the Arthur Center, with food service beginning at 5:15pm. Adjustments have been made for Covid safety measures. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please contact Mary Lorick Thompson ([marylorick.thompson@saalem.edu](mailto:marylorick.thompson@saalem.edu)) or Betsy Burrell ([b\\_burrell52@yahoo.com](mailto:b_burrell52@yahoo.com)).

## 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](https://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](mailto:lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org)).*



# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

11:00am ONE Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

*Day of Pentecost*

9:45am Sunday School for all Ages

11:00am ONE Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00pm Summer Sizzle

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - NEXT SUNDAY

### 9:45AM - CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Children** - *All Rooms are in the Clark Building*

Nursery – Room C105 and Room C108; Preschool (3's & 4's) – Room C110

Elementary Drop-off: Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Room C201)

Elementary Pick-Up Locations:

5K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Rm C202); 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades (Rm C203); 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Rm C206)

**Youth** - *All Youth Rooms are on the Second Floor of the Family Life Center*

Middle Schoolers (including rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) will meet in the Middle School Room (F207)

High Schoolers will meet in the High School Room (F202)

### 10:00AM - ADULTS

**Emmaus and Friends** – Room 2207 **LIFT and Friends** – Purnell Room

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

*Start of Summer Worship Schedule*

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:30am Sunday School for all Ages

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Reception for John Daniel DeBevoise

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

*Father's Day*

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:30am Sunday School for all Ages

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)



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