

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 11, 2023

8:45AM CHAPEL

11:00AM SANCTUARY

✠ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

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

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Felix Mendelssohn

INTROIT

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

The people are
called to worship
God. Words
from scripture
are spoken or
sung to proclaim
who God is and
what God has
done. We are
thus reminded
that our worship
centers in God
and not in
ourselves.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.
God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.
On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.
We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.
Even when we hide in the garden, God knows us fully.
Let us worship the One in whom we find our welcome!

✠ HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wilderness wanderings,
many things tempt us; many forces cause our feet to stray.
Save us from the time of trial, for we easily succumb to temptation;
we often heed voices that cause us to stray.
Return us to the garden of your abiding love,
for we yearn to walk with you with faithful hearts and upright spirits.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is greater than our failings,
God's grace is greater than our sin, God's love meets us where we are.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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.*

GLORIA PATRI

✠ 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 (11:00) *Catherine Elizabeth Konzett*
Daughter of Christine and Chris Konzett

RESPONSE *Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.* JESUS LOVES ME
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.

*At the 11am service, children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship;
those second grade and older will return to the pews.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Nothing Can Trouble* NADA TE TURBE

FIRST READING Psalm 36:5-9

SECOND READING Genesis 2:15, 3:8-9

SERMON *Godspeed: Place* (8:45) Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
(11:00) Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Today we begin a new sermon series focused on the word "Godspeed," which is a word that comes from the old English phrase God Spede - meaning may God flourish you. To live at Godspeed means to be present to where we are and present to who surrounds us.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ 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.**

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)

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendlessohn

(11:00)

Acquaint Now Thyself With Him

Raymond Haan

✠ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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. Amen.*

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

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✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

O WALY WALY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified*

Anna Laura Page

The charge is the preacher's parting exhortation to the congregation to live God's will as we have experienced it in worship; the benediction (Latin: "speak well" or "good word") is a blessing as we leave to live out the charge.

Front Cover: "Finding Your Place" Photo by Alan Dyer, 2016

Parts of today's liturgy are from the Abingdon Worship Annual.

Large print hymnals are now available in the Tower Room and the Chapel.
If needed, please ask an usher to locate one for you.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

(8:45) John Lynch; (11:00) Caroline Ringo, Readers
Stan Lummus, Baptism Elder

Janet Kuntz, Guest Director; Erica Pauly, Guest Organist
(8:45) McKey Monroe
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
John Arthur Reagan III and David Edward Tate
by their families.

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 Ms. Kara. 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).*

2023 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 10:00AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery – Room C105 and Room C108 (Clark Building)

Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)

1st - 5th Grades – Large Private Dining Room (off Fogartie Hall)

Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

ADULTS

Godspeed – Fogartie Hall

This summer, through our joint Adult Sunday School class and worship, we will slow down to explore the kind of life and relationships into which God invites us. Join us for this study entitled "Godspeed" written by Julie and Matt Canlis and featuring videos from N.T. Wright, Eugene Peterson, and others. Gather in Fogartie Hall at 10:00am each Sunday in June and July (not meeting July 2) as your pastors lead us in seeking to "slow down in order to catch up with God." Come as often as you are able!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, June 11, 2023

PASTORAL CONCERN?

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Purnell Room TODAY, June 11 at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you.

Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 864-208-2125 / jhull@fpcspartanburg.org.

GYM HOURS

Mon-Thursdays: 7am-8pm
Fridays: 7am-2pm
Saturdays: 8am-12noon

CHAPEL OPEN

The Chapel is open for Prayer Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. You may place any personal prayer needs in the Chapel prayer box and a member of our staff will pray over your requests.

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.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES The word "Godspeed" comes from the old English phrase *God Spede* - meaning, "may God flourish you." To live at Godspeed means to be present where we are and present to who surrounds us. In the midst of a frenetic and busy world, our summer sermon series is an invitation to slow down and explore life and faith at Godspeed.

WIRED WEDNESDAYS Beginning this Wednesday, June 14, stop in at Fretwell (101 Fretwell St) around 9:30am for a kid-friendly time of fellowship, prayer, and coffee. We will meet each Wednesday in June and July. The Young Adult Committee looks forward to seeing you there!

THURSDAY MORNING P.A.L. TRAIL DAY - JUNE 15

Join Recreation Director Colleen Darrall in exploring a new P.A.L. (Play. Advocate. Live Well.) trail on select Thursdays throughout the summer! Meet at 9:30am in the FLC Lobby. Friends and children are welcome to join! Can't make it? Come join us for our other trail days on July 6 and 20!

THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS On June 15 and July 20, 5:30-7:00pm, enjoy sips and nibbles at Fretwell (101 Fretwell St) with fellow parents of tweens, teens, collegiates, and empty nesters.

FELLOWSHIP ON TWO WHEELS - THURSDAYS IN JUNE

Join Pastor Craig and others for a conversational bike ride down the Mary Black Rail Trail. All ages, abilities, and types of bikes are welcome! Meet at 6:00pm at the Henry St trail head. Helmets are required of all riders and blinky lights are recommended.

MONTREAT PLAY DATES - JUNE 24 & JULY 15, 10AM-3PM

Rising 4k through rising 6th graders - don't miss this special playtime in the beautiful mountains of Montreat. Come on June 24, July 15, or BOTH! Parents: Drop your kid(s) off and then sit on a porch, go for a hike, shop/eat/drink in charming downtown Black Mountain, explore Asheville, or anything else you can pack into 5 hours! Children need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle, bathing suit, towel, sunscreen (already applied is best), closed-toed shoes for the creek, and a change of clothes. The Play Dates are free, but please register:



NEW: PICKLEBALL AT FPC On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm, there will be Pickleball in the FLC Gym. Equipment is available at the FLC Desk for new players.

BLOOD DRIVE On Sunday, June 25, 8:00am-1:00pm, the Blood Connection buses will be parked outside the Family Life Center; please stop in the Family Life Center Lobby to check in. Want to minimize your wait time? Pre-register with Beth Cecil today (bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org).

ORDER YOUR KIRKIN' TARTAN – YES, IT IS TIME!

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on Sunday, October 29, 2023. At our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland, so we need your order and payment **by Friday, July 21**. The cost of a banner is \$150. **Some clans have multiple patterns available. If you want a particular pattern, please indicate on the form. Otherwise, we will order the most common pattern for that clan.** At the conclusion of the service on October 29, the tartan banners will be given to the sponsor for storage or display until the next Kirkin'. Only the staffs and banner stands will remain at the church.

Order forms can be found throughout the church or you may order online (using the QR Code).

Questions? Contact Martha Bean at mtbean@icloud.com.



SUMMER STUDIES

TUESDAY/THURSDAY ADULT STUDY - VIA ZOOM From June 13/15 through August 22/24, Nan and Tom McDaniel will be studying the book by Peter Enns titled, **The Bible Tells Me So...Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable To Read It.** Contact Shannon Hutcheson (shutcheson@fpcspartanburg.org) for Zoom and book information.

YOUNGER WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY We will meet on three Monday evenings (June 5, 12, and 26) 6:00-7:30pm on Donna Pulliam's porch and discuss **No Cure for Being Human** by Kate Bowler. *If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Leslie Lang, Donna Pulliam, or Carter Smith.*

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY **The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus** by Adam Hamilton, Arthur Center, Wednesdays, June 21– July 26, 7:00 pm. This book is a comprehensive and easy-to-read walk through the themes of Jesus's life and ministry. Each week we will open the Bible and talk through what it means for us today. Perfect time to connect with faith sisters and grow in faith! For the novice and the scripturally well-versed. Mark your calendars, order your book, and **RSVP to apage@fpcspartanburg.org**.

CALLING DADS AND MOMS FOR A BOOK DISCUSSION **Bags: Helping Your Kids Lighten the Load** by Chris Sasser. This group will meet twice: Mon, June 19 and Mon, July 10; both 5:30-6:30pm in the Arthur Center. Join other parents to reflect on today's kid pressures of performance, comparison, and individuation. For the parents of older elementary – college age. **RSVP to apage@fpcspartanburg.org**.

CALLING READERS AND THINKERS... Join Ansley Page to discuss **No Cure for Being Human (and other truths I need to hear)** by Kate Bowler. This group will meet twice, but with an afternoon or evening preference; Afternoons of Wed, June 14 and Wed, June 28, 3:00-4:15pm in the Arthur Center or Evenings of Mon, June 26, and Tues, July 18, 5:30-6:45pm in the Arthur Center. **RSVP to apage@fpcspartanburg.org**.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Godspeed Adult SS Class (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:30am Receiving New Members (Purnell Room)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

- Father's Day*
- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Godspeed Adult SS Class (Fogartie Hall)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

LOOKING FORWARD

JUNE 24

Family Day at Montreat

JUNE 25

Blood Drive

Summer Sizzle: Sundaes and Undies

SUNDAYS IN JULY

*ONE Worship Service at 11:00am
With a Special Music Focus Each Week*

JULY 4

Independence Day

(All Church Facilities Closed)

JULY 10-13

Middle School Mission Week

JULY 15

Family Day at Montreat

JULY 22-28

Montreat Youth Conference

AUGUST 2023

*New Sunday Morning Schedule
8:30 – Early Worship (Chapel)
9:00 – Contemporary Worship (Fogartie)
10:00 – Sunday School
(9:45am – Gathering Time)
11:00 – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)*

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“There is no place on earth without the potential for unearthing holiness.
Right where we are with these people we are with.”*

- Eugene Peterson

Ministers: All Members of the Church

We are a community of believers committed to “Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”

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Senior Pastor

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Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Associate Pastor
Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Pastoral Associate for Engagement

Holt Andrews
Pastoral Musician

Marcia Andrews
Associate Director of Music; Organist

Kara Clark
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Carrie Coleman
Youth Leader

Beth Cecil
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