



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

JULY 4, 2021

10:30AM 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 *Menuets I and II, from "Music for the Royal Fireworks, HWV 351"*

G. F. Händel

ACOLYTE

INTROIT

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFEUEN

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**All: Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a reproach to any people.**

One: Bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

**All: Proclaim liberty throughout all the land
Unto all the inhabitants thereof.**

One: Celebrate the freedom God gives us in Jesus Christ.

**All: We worship and give thanks for freedom in our country
and in our lives that comes as a gift from God.**

One: Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, ruler of all nations:

we pray for our nation and its people and for our leaders.

May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation

and purify our hearts

to know the truth that alone can make us free.

Save us from injustice and oppression,

from pride and arrogance,

and from greed and self-centeredness.

Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries

and for the poor and afflicted in our own land,

that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations.

Bring us at last to that day

when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, full of unfailing love.

Today, receive God's forgiveness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

✠RESPONSE:

HYMN 331, V4

NATIONAL HYMN

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

This Is My Song

Finlandia

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1,13-15

SERMON

Freedom's Opportunity

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Blessed Be the Lord

Mark Patterson

✠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.*

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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Th rough the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home!*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *The Rejoicing, from "Music for the Royal Fireworks, HWV 351"*

G. F. Händel

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Mrs. Holly M. Bannan

Janet Kuntz, Guest Director
Erica Pauly, Guest Organist

Summer Choir
Mary Ada Poole, violin

Mr. Jacob W. Bannan, Acolyte

The Greens in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Howe and

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas G. Fanos

by Jerry and Jennifer Howe.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 11... SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30am

Children

Nursery: 6 months – 3 years in Room C105; Preschool: Room C110; Elementary: Room C201

Youth

Middle School Students: Middle School Classroom; High School Students: High School Classroom

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

Adults

Summer Sunday School Series (9:30-10:15) Social Hall

This summer, you are invited to join a class on the great sweeping story of the Bible.

We will be guided by the new book by Dr. George Thompson entitled, Welcome to the One Great Story.

Led by Dr. Lewis Galloway and Dr. Lewis Johnson, the class will help us understand how to interpret the wide variety of literature in the Bible and how the many stories of the Bible come together to tell one great story.

This class is designed for all levels of familiarity with the scriptures.

Mountaintop Moments (9:45-10:15) Parlor

Grab coffee and come catch up with church friends in the Parlor.

Rev. Ansley Page will offer a devotion and discussion around mountaintop moments in Scripture and how they connect with our stories. A little extra lift for your Sunday morning!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 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.



DONATIONS FOR TOTAL MINISTRIES If you brought your non-perishable food and paper product donations for TOTAL Ministries today, please drop items in the bins located in the Tower Room and Narthex prior to noon today.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5 This year, since July 4 falls on a Sunday, the church office will be closed on Monday, July 5. We hope that everyone has a happy and safe Independence Day as we celebrate our independence as a nation, and as people of faith, we remember our call to pray for those in authority and the freedom offered to us in Christ.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS NEEDED BY FRIDAY! The CNC needs your help nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons. A nomination form can be found on the church website (fpcspartanburg.org/nominations). You may submit as many names as you would like, suggesting any member of FPC, including yourself. **Deadline for submittal is THIS Friday, July 9.**

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY All women are invited to join Rev. Ansley Page for a six-week summer Bible Study June 21-July 26. Meet in the Arthur Center on Mondays, 7:00-8:00pm, to share joys, prayer concerns, and dive into Scripture. The resource for the study is *Following Jesus* by Henri Nouwen. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Ansley Page; apage@fpcspartanburg.org.

ECHOES – THURSDAY, JULY 15 AT 1:00PM Caring for a loved one who is aging or sick is a special ministry. If you are engaged in this and would appreciate Christian encouragement, please join Rev. Ansley Page and Parish Nurse Beth Cecil on Thursday, July 15 at 1:00pm in the High School Classroom in the Family Life Center. Enjoy a time of devotion, prayer, and sharing with folks in similar circumstance. Let your church family help you in this sacred work. If you have questions, please contact Joanie Shackleton at jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

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/864 237-0330.

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. If you are not comfortable coming inside, feel free to sit in the Columbarium. You may 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. (The Chapel will be closed on Monday, July 5.)

ORDER YOUR TARTAN BANNER BY JULY 23! First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on Sunday, October 31 - 8:45am and 11:00am. 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.

If you would like to order a tartan for your family, we ask that your order and payment are submitted to the church office by Friday, July 23. The cost of a banner is \$135. Order forms can be found throughout the church offices and online (Some clans have multiple patterns available. If you want a particular pattern, please indicate on the Order Form; otherwise, we will order the most common pattern for that clan). At the conclusion of the Kirkin' service, the tartan banners will be yours for storage or display until the next Kirkin'. Only the staffs and banner stands will remain at the church. Questions? Contact Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130; lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS (JULY-SEPTEMBER) NOW AVAILABLE Strengthen your faith with *These Days*, an inspiring and uplifting daily devotional! Stop by the church office to pick up your copy.

GYM SUMMER HOURS: Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-5:00pm; Fri: 9:00am-1:00pm; Sat-Sun: closed. **Yoga:** Bring your mat and enjoy lunch-time yoga with instructor Leslie Lehman each Thursday at 12noon in the Activity Room. Questions? Contact Colleen Darrall, Recreation Director, at cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org.

HAVE YOU BEEN TO A SHELTER WORSHIP SERVICE? Join us on Sunday, July 18 at 6:00pm for a meditative time of worship through contemporary music, prayer, and scripture in a transformed Fogartie Hall.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

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

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.

YOUR GIFTS MAKE MINISTRY POSSIBLE If you are traveling this summer, please consider sending your gift to the church before you leave on vacation.

Ways to give:

- 1) Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone; it will direct you to our online giving portal
- 2) Place your gift in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service
- 3) Click "Give Online" at fpcspartanburg.org/give
- 4) Text the word "GIVE" to 864/309-0816
- 5) Mail a check to the church (393 E Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29302 Attn: Lynise Clarke)
- 6) Give via the ShelbyNext App



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of Sunday, June 27)

<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Needed to date</u>	<u>Received to date</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$2,780,169	\$1,390,085	\$1,055,350	\$(334,735)

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support Christ's ministry through your church.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day

Communion

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30am Summer Sizzle

6:00pm Shelter Worship (Fogartie Hall)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Communion Observed in All Three Worship Services

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30am Summer Sizzle: Dog Days of Summer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

10:00am Summer Sizzle:

Blessing of the Backpacks (Front Lawn)

10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)



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