

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 24, 2022

8:30AM CHAPEL

10:30AM 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

This Is My Father's World

Anna Laura Page

INTROIT

Laudate Dominum
"Praise the Lord, all ye nations"

Jacques Berthier

The Call to
Worship is a
reminder that,
while worship is
something we
do, we do it as a
response to what
God has already
done. God calls
us to worship.
We respond
to God's call
with praise,
confession,
gratitude, and
wonder.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you are our God.
We will praise you with joyful lips.
Lord, you are our God.
Our souls thirst for you.
Lord, you are our God.
We behold your power and majesty.
Lord, you are our God.
We will bless you all of the days of our lives.

(Psalm 63)

✠ HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
we confess we are an anxious people
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.
Our hearts are troubled amid the chaos of our lives.
Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything.
We resist change, worried it will require more of us.
Forgive us, we pray, for the many times when we fail to trust you.
Give us the courage to respond to your calling
and the openness to go where you send.
In Jesus' name we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Wherever you are, Christ is with you.
You are beloved of God, and God's care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

HYMN 581

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Robert Jackson

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:8-11

SECOND READING

Acts 16:6-15

SERMON

When One Door Closes...

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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.

The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, the ultimate peacemaker. In the midst of divisions, we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs. Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

✠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 744

Arise, Your Light is Come

FESTAL SONG

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 702, VERSE 1

BUNESSAN

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

How Firm a Foundation

Edward Broughton

To underscore
the relation
between worship
and service,
the concluding
movement of
the service, the
act of Sending,
includes both a
Charge and a
Blessing.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Kay Maddox, Guest Director

Bruce Campbell, Guest Organist

Musicians

Abby Henthorn, Allie Marie Marsh, Mary Dixon,

Tom King, Kevin Marsh

Summer Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Marc H. Henderson.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30AM

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-4th Grade (Room C201)

Elementary Pick-Up Locations:

K - 1st Grade (Rm C203); 2nd - 4th Grades (Rm C206)

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

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

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

ADULTS

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 24, 2022

SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:30am Chapel Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am MorningSong
(Fogartie Hall) and
Sanctuary Worship
11:30am Fellowship /
Summer Sizzle
(See article for dates)

We will return to our regular schedule on September 11.

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 Parlor on the second Sunday of the month - **Sunday, Aug 14** - at 10:00am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 864-208-2125 / jhull@fpcspartanburg.org.

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 GYM HOURS

Monday-Thursdays (8am-8pm)
Fridays (8am-2pm)

SUMMER SIZZLE AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Today we will hold our 4th Summer Sizzle of the year with an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Party in the Social Hall. Enjoy frozen treats from your childhood - or your parents' childhood - or your children's childhood. See you in the Social Hall - after the 10:30 services!

Upcoming Summer Sizzles:

Aug 14 Blessing of the Backpacks Popsicle Party and
Welcome Celebration for Kara Clark
Sept 11 Rally Day: Food Trucks!

HONORING DR. BENJAMIN D. SNODDY Next Sunday, July 31, First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg will serve as host for a Community Celebration of the Ministry of Dr. Benjamin Snoddy, who recently retired from Mount Moriah Baptist Church. This service will take place at 5:00pm in our Sanctuary. Speakers from across the City of Spartanburg and the State of South Carolina will join the local Faith Community to honor Dr. Snoddy and celebrate his retirement.

YOUNG ADULT TOPGOLF! Join the young adults for a night of fun at TopGolf on Tuesday, August 2, 5:30-7:30pm! The event is kid-friendly, and the cost will be subsidized by the Young Adult Committee. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children (we would suggest only elementary age and up), which includes food and non-alcoholic beverages! We do need everyone to register ahead of time, so please register and pay by Tuesday, July 26. Registration Information can be found in your weekly email and on the church's website homepage (www.fpcspartanburg.org). Contact Pastor Leslie if you have questions.

HOSPITALITY TIME Before the 10:30 Worship Services this morning, stop by the Perrin Room - just down the hallway from the Tower Room - for a refreshing beverage. Feel free to take a few minutes to visit with other church members and visitors. If you have any questions about First Presbyterian, our Hospitality Team would like to help you find the answer. Additionally, if you are a church member in need of a Church Access Card, please come by to have your picture taken; your card should be available within the week (no charge for your first card; replacements are \$10).

THESE DAYS The July-September edition of "These Days" are available throughout the church. Pick up your daily devotional booklet today!

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY On 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. Kara comes to FPC with extensive experience in shepherding children, a proven ability to build strong relationships with families. Her energy and thoughtfulness will be a blessing to not only our young people but also to our whole congregation! Please join us on Sunday, August 14 as we officially welcome Kara and her family, at 11:30am, during our Blessing of the Backpacks Summer Sizzle.

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;
- 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).

STEPHEN MINISTRY! Do you know a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-on-one care. We listen and share God's love with you to help you through your crisis. Contact the church office or Dana Halliday (864 237-0330/danahalliday1@charter.net). We can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

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 be present in the Chapel to pray over your requests.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Habitat of Humanity of Spartanburg Please contact BJ Camp, Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator (bj.camp@habitatspartanburg.org / 864-707-0230 / 864-431-4964).

Mobile Meals Please contact Vivian Tanner at Mobile Meals (vivian@mobile-meals.org).

Neighborhood Meal Ministry Contact Mary Lorick Thompson (marylorick.thompson@saalem.edu) or Betsy Burrell (b_burrell52@yahoo.com).

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30am Summer Sizzle

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30am Summer Sizzle and Welcome Celebration for Kara Clark, Director of Children's Ministry

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Youth Fall Kick Off Party

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“When one door closes another door opens;
but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door
that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”*

- Alexander Graham Bell

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship and Communications

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Associate Pastor
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Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor
Young Adults and Missions

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

Beth Burris
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Youth Leader

Beth Cecil
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Colleen Darrall
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Pano Stathakis
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Kris Graham
Director of the Weekday School

Lisa Cunningham
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