

WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 31, 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

*Petit Prelude*

Joseph Jongen

### INTROIT (10:30)

*Here in This Place*

Marty Haugen

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;**  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.  
**The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

(Psalm 146:5-7)

### ✠ HYMN 386

*Come, Worship God*

O QUANTA QUALIA

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of everlasting life,  
we confess that we continue in the ways of death.  
You have set us free to serve you,  
but we serve our own interests.  
You have delivered us from captivity,  
but we remain captive to our fear.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Pour out your loving-kindness  
upon this whole family of believers  
so that we may rejoice in our redemption.  
We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation  
**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

### ✠ 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.*

The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms.

✠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<sup>(10:30)</sup> *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

*Jacques Berthier*

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-34

SERMON

Rev. L. Craig Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 359

*Freedom Is Coming*

FREEDOM IS COMING

(Upon direction, please join in singing.)

This hymn originated out of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, and is a reminder that scripture so often connects physical and spiritual freedom, as in our passage from Acts 16 this morning.

✠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

(8:30)

*I Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Allen Pote

(10:30)

*If God Be For Us*

Clifford McCormick

### ✠ 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 815

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

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

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

Doxology  
literally means  
"words of glory."

Doxologies  
have long been  
used by Jews  
and Christians  
to praise God.  
We honor and  
thank God  
"from whom all  
blessings flow."

*Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call To Worship, Vol. 49.1, 2015.*

*Front Cover: Stained Glass from one of our Chapel Doors at First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg.*

# PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Music Director

Marcia Andrews, Organist

Musicians

Summer Choir

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

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

*Mr. Thomas Rudolph (Tommy) Young, III*

*by his family.*

## 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-4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Room C201)

Elementary Pick-Up Locations:

K - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Rm C203); 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grades (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)

### ADULTS

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

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 31, 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](tel: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](mailto: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)

## THIS AFTERNOON: HONORING DR. BENJAMIN D. SNODDY

This afternoon, 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.

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC AT FIRST PRES is getting ready to pop!

Registration for both *First Steps in Music* (birth-age 3) and Children's Choirs (4K-Grade 5) opens online tomorrow - **Monday, August 1!** Space for *First Steps in Music* is limited, so register yourself and your child early. For a quick link to Register, please use your smart phone to take a picture of one of these QR Codes:



*Questions? Contact Marcia Andrews at [mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## SUMMER SIZZLE AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

On **Sunday, August 14**, we will hold our **Blessing of the Backpacks Popsicle Party and Welcome Celebration for Kara Clark!** We invite children, youth, and teachers to bring their backpacks and/or laptops to the church to be blessed as we embark on a new school year. At 11:30am, our congregation will gather in the Social Hall to celebrate this tradition. Also during this time, we will officially welcome Kara Clark, our new Director of Children's Ministry, and her family to First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg!

### Final Summer Sizzle:

Sept 11 Rally Day: Food Trucks!

## MINISTRY FAIR 2022 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

You are invited to explore opportunities for connection, spiritual growth, and Christian service at our *Put Feet to Your Faith* celebration. Enjoy yummy treats and amble through tables of friends and amazing ministries here at FPC. Until then, please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to grow in study, in fellowship, and in care for our congregation and our neighbors. You will discover blessings of friendship, purpose, joy, and deeper faith. Interested in helping with the Fair? Contact Ansley Page ([apage@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:apage@fpcspartanburg.org)).



**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!

**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!

**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](http://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)).

**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.

## CALENDAR

### 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 Blessing of the Backpacks 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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- Ministry Fair

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 10:30am ONE Worship Service (Sanctuary)

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“There is something in us that refuses to be regarded as less than human.  
We are created for freedom.”*

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

## CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Alan F. Dyer**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. L. Craig Foster**  
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**Rev. Joanne R. Hull**  
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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

**Beth Burris**  
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**Carrie Coleman**  
Youth Leader

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