



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

AUGUST 22, 2021

8:30AM CHAPEL

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

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Pierce Dickens

ACOLYTE (10:30)

INTROIT (10:30)

*God, Reveal your Presence*

ARNESBERG

✠ Please Stand

## ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thus says the Lord, our God, "I myself will search for my sheep, and I will seek them out.  
I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered."

All: **"I will bring them into their own land;  
and I will feed them with good pasture on the mountains of the Lord."**

One: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I will seek the lost; I will bring back the strayed;  
I will bind up the injured; and I will strengthen the weak."

All: **Let us worship the Good Shepherd who gathers us together,  
fills us with the Holy Spirit, and feeds us with the bread of life.**

HYMN 41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,**

**we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**You gather us into your fold; you forgive our sin;  
you heal our diseases; you feed us body and soul.**

**Yet, we run from you.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us, and teach us your way.**

**Grant, O merciful God,**

**that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name.**

**Hear now the prayers that lie upon our hearts ...**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.  
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ✠RESPONSE

HYMN 750

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

*Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours; victory is ours, through God who loves us.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.*

## ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: 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 (10:30)

*Nothing Can Trouble*

NADA TE TURBE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-11

Galatians 6:1-10

## SERMON

*Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness*

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PSALM 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.**

## 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)

*Comfort Ye One Another*

Jessie Mae Jewitt

(10:30)

*Feed My Lambs*

Natalie Sleeth

### ✠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 187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

### ✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### ✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

David Cherwien

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway  
Rev. L. Craig Foster

Janet Kuntz, Guest Conductor  
Erica Pauly, Guest Organist

Paul and Valerie MacPhail (8:30)  
Summer Choir

Miss Lilla M. Langley, Acolyte

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

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

***Rob Chapman***

*by his family.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

## CHECK IN TO WORSHIP!

If you are a church member, download the *ShelbyNext | Membership App*. After you download and launch the app, enter “firstpres.shelbynextchms.com” for the domain and your username and password. Instructions on how to get your username and password: [fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login](https://fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login). Once you have the app downloaded, each Sunday when you arrive at church, open your ShelbyNext App and click “Check In” (“allow” it to know your location). Then click on “who” you are checking in, choose the worship service, then “Done.”

If you would prefer not to download this app or you are one of our precious visitors, please sign the Fellowship Pad as it is passed down the pew. Our ushers will gather those after the service.

**USHERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER...** We are seeking additional ushers willing to help pass out bulletins and assist seating during the 8:45am Chapel Service. Our immediate need is for September, but there are openings for other months as well. Please contact Joanie in the church office and let her know when you are available to help (Joanie Shackleton; [jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org); 864-208-2132).

## NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 29...

**RALLY DAY** Summer may be ending, but the beginning of fall brings new adventures for FPC kids as they move into a new school year. During all three worship services, we will commission our leaders in church educational ministry.

**SUMMER SIZZLE** After the 10:30am Worship Services, there will be Food Trucks, Water Games, and many more fun family activities in the FLC Parking Lot. Please bring lawn chairs and swimsuits for the children.

**SHELTER SERVICE** Shelter is a special time of worship where connection to God can be found through meditative scripture and reflective songs. Tonight, Rafe Andrews and members of the band will lead us in a special time of worship; Rev. Ansley Page will deliver the message. We encourage you to join us at 6:00pm in a transformed Fogartie Hall as we raise *Hallelujahs* and look to our *Everlasting Light* for Shelter.

**PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE** This Spring, the Session unanimously moved to convene a Peace and Justice Task Force to discuss and respond to social justice issues in our community. The Peace and Justice Task Force of First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg is a proactive congregational work group for peacemaking and justice issues around racism and discrimination in our community, and also provides a forum for timely responses on these issues and events. Many of the resources that are being discussed and introduced come from our own Foothills Presbytery: <https://foothillspresbytery.org/anti-racism-resources/>. The scripture reference that is being focused on this month is Isaiah 58:6. To find out more about the Peace and Justice Taskforce, please reach out to Dawn Bingham or Jessalyn Story, or *attend the August meeting on Friday, August 27, 12:30-1:30 in the Purnell Room*.

**AS MOBILE MEALS RESTARTS DAILY MEAL DELIVERY THIS FALL**, they need volunteers to serve as delivery drivers. One time, once a month, once a week - whatever time you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. Please join in with one of FPC's oldest mission partners in truly relational mission work that reaches into neighborhoods across Spartanburg County! If you are interested in helping, please contact Vivian Tanner, Mobile Meals' Director of Volunteer Services (864-573-7684 / [vivian@mobile-meals.org](mailto:vivian@mobile-meals.org)).

**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; [cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org).

**WELCOME CLASS** We will be holding two Welcome Class sessions this fall. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour (10:00-10:45am) in Room 2200. These classes are a wonderful way to get acquainted with the Presbyterian church, to discover the opportunities available at First Presbyterian, and to meet the staff. There is no pressure to join. We welcome non-members, members, and anyone seeking a church family to join us for a fun time of fellowship and learning together.

**Session 1:** September 19, September 26, October 3, and October 10 (joining date)

**Session 2:** October 24, October 31, November 7, and November 14 (joining date)

Please contact Molly Colbath, Welcome Class Committee ([colbathmb@gmail.com](mailto:colbathmb@gmail.com)) for more details.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP - FEBRUARY 5-12, 2022** We need you! Please join First Presbyterian Spartanburg on an international mission to the Dominican Republic. FPC has made a commitment to visiting and sharing our resources with our sisters and brothers in the Caribbean that need our help. Partnering with Solid Rock International, FPC Spartanburg sends a yearly team of doctors, dentists, nurses, and others to provide medical and dental services as well as build construction projects and sponsor children in the Solid Rock schools. Cost: \$1,500. Visit [fpcspartanburg.org/DRmission](http://fpcspartanburg.org/DRmission) for more information and to register.

**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.

**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.

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## 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!*



# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)  
10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:00pm Youth Fall Kickoff Party (FLC Parking Lot)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

### *Rally Day*

8:30am Traditional Worship (Chapel)  
10:30am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am Summer Sizzle: End of Summer Bash (FLC Parking Lot)  
6:00pm Shelter Worship (Fogartie Hall)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

### *Communion*

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

### *Return to Fall Worship Schedule*

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## \*\*\* WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 \*\*\*

### *WAF Begins*

5:00pm Dinner Line Opens  
5:00pm Children's Choirs  
6:15pm Christian Recreation for Children  
6:30pm Adult and Youth Programs  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

### *Youth Sunday*

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)  
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)



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