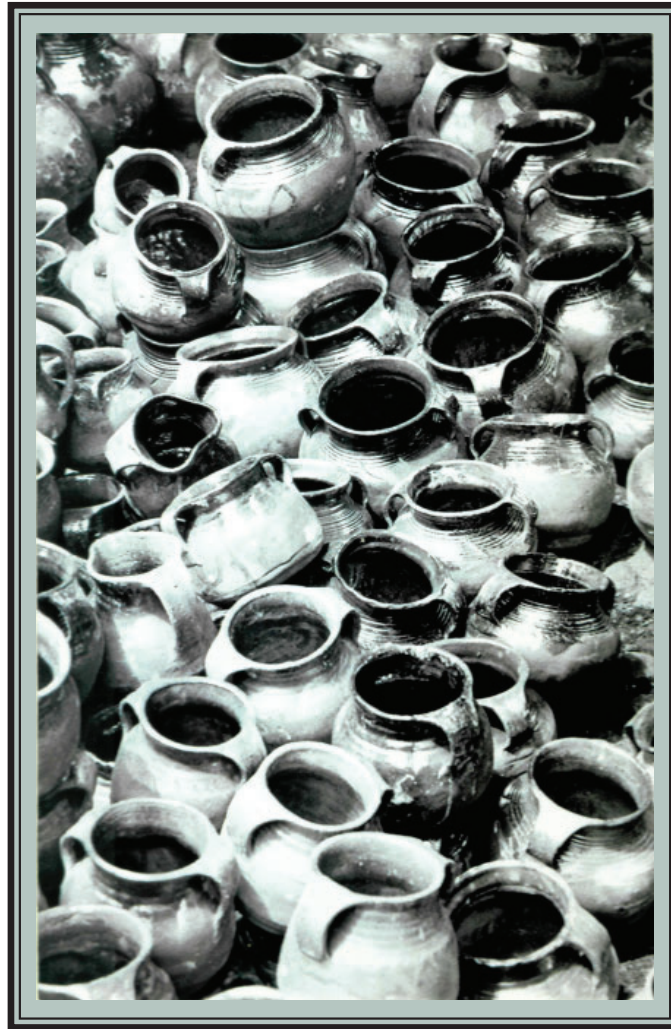


WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

10:30AM SANCTUARY

✠ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

Worship is at
the heart of
who we are as
God's people.
We enter this
time ready to
focus on God
and God's word
to us, offering
our time and
attention as a
form of worship.

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

Here, O My Lord

Peter Pindar Stearns

INTROIT

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

PENITENTIA

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you have searched us and know us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise.
You discern our thoughts from far away.
We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works, O God.
With all your children, we will give you thanks and praise!

✠ HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
like children long indulged,
we are quick to presume your pardon,
your sanction of the way we live.
We turn away from neighbors in need,
sharing fragments that remain
only after our cravings have been met.
Merciful Maker,
you created us for better use;
remake us now.
Where we are distorted,
re-center and reshape us,
bring us low and raise us up.
Then fire our hearts
until we shine with your glory
and find our place in your purpose...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Holy One rejoices in our repentance, reshaping us into vessels of love and service.
In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. 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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *O God, You Search Me*

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

The psalms have served believers in every generation as a biblical source of prayer and praise and as models for their own response to God. The book is an invaluable resource for worship. The people of God have also heard God addressing them in the psalms, as the prayers and hymns bear witness to the nature and work of God. The Psalter is unique, bringing together human word and word of God in an inseparable unity.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Psalm 139

Alan Pote

✦DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope, because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up, lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Eat This Bread

Taizé Community

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 3

AR HYD Y NOS

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnson

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. L. Craig Foster; Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Kara Clark
Huntington Clark and Caroline Lyerly, Child Readers
Holt Andrews, Music Director; Marcia Andrews, Organist
Summer Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Norma Miley

by David Miley and family.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:45AM

Beginning Next Sunday - September 11

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children - All Rooms are in the Clark Building

Nursery - Room C105 and Room C108; Preschool (3K-5K) - Room C110

1st & 2nd Grades - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C202

3rd & 4th Grades - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C203

5th Grade - Room C206

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

Middle Schoolers will meet in the Middle School Room (F201)

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

ADULTS

Abide - Room 2200

This Sunday School class creates space for young adults and parents of young children to abide in Christ and grow together in faith and faithfulness. This fall and early winter, an all-star team of pastors will lead the class through the Gospel of John.

Bible Alive! - Room 2208 & on Zoom

Join a great class with four fine teachers as the class studies and discusses a book of the Bible.

Homebound or traveling? Contact Shannon in the Church office for the Zoom link.

Emmaus - Room 2207

This group enjoys fellowship, serving, and learning together. The lessons are led by a rotation of leaders as well as some guest speakers now and then. The curriculum is "Feasting on the Word" published by Westminster John Knox Press.

LIFT - Room 2201

A group in the center of life encouraging each other in faith and examining Scripture and what it means for us in our busy worlds of work, family, and community today. New friends are always welcome.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 4, 2022

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, Sept 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.

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.

GYM HOURS

Mon-Thurs (7am-8pm)
Fridays (7am-2pm)

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.

NEXT SUNDAY - we will return to our Regular Sunday morning schedule:

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY - RALLY DAY AND SUMMER SIZZLE!!

Rally Day is a time to celebrate the beginning of new Sunday School classes, reconnect with familiar faces, and make some new friends. It's going to be a fun fall kickoff!

8:30am Nursery Opens (6 months - 3 years old)

9:45am * **Children in 3K-5K** meet in C110 for donuts and time together.

* **1st-5th Graders** gather in Social Hall

for donuts and to meet their Sunday School teachers.

Children will then split into their respective classes.

* **Adults and Youth** meet in their Sunday School Classes

10:45am Child Pick-up: 1st-2nd Room C202; 3rd-4th Rm C203; 5th Rm C206

12:00pm Summer Sizzle after the 11am Worship Service

Food Trucks (and **snow!**) in the FLC Parking Lot

WELCOME CLASS begins Sunday, September 18. If you have recently joined, are interested in joining, or just want to find out more about First Presbyterian Church, you are invited to attend the Welcome Class! The class will meet **four consecutive Sundays in the Purnell Room**, beginning September 18, with the opportunity to join on October 9. Registration is not mandatory but does help us with planning. If you would like to register for the class, please email Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org).

RETURN OF THE PERFECT BLEND: Coffee and Friends! Join a rotating cast of pastors for coffee, friends, and a little spiritual boost for your day! Mark your calendars for the following Thursdays: September 15, October 6, October 20, and November 3. We will meet at 10:30am in the Large Private Dining Room.

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) is open! Space for *First Steps in Music* is limited, so register early. For a quick link to Register, use the QR Codes below. *Questions? Contact Marcia Andrews at mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org.*



Children's
Choirs



First Steps

WAF (Wednesdays at First) **BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14!** Come for Food, Faith, and Fellowship! Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required; online payment is preferred (fpcspartanburg.org/waf). Dinner Prices: Child \$7 (up to age 11); Adult \$10 (ages 12 - 54); Senior \$9 (ages 55+); Family \$30. RSVP by noon on Monday!

Sept 14 Menu: Adult: Greek Chicken, Roasted Greek Potatoes, Greek Green Beans, Greek Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage; Child: Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Dessert & Juice Box

Schedule:

Children - 5:00pm Children's Choirs (Upstairs, Main Building); 6:15pm Christian Recreation for Children (Gym)

Youth - 6:30pm A time of fellowship and Bible Study (Youth Rooms - Upstairs, FLC).

Adults - 6:30pm Adult Programming; 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sept 14 Programs: "Discipleship in an Instant Society" led by Alan Dyer; "Just Faith: Faith and Racial Healing" led by Leslie Lang and Liz Evans.

BE THE CHURCH - - BRING THE DOUGHNUTS! Beginning September 11, we need volunteers to pick up Doughnut Holes at the Krispy Kreme on North Church Street on Sunday mornings for the FLC Lobby. There is no cost to you. You will need to pick these up and have them at the church by 8:15am. Take a picture of this QR Code to sign up. Once you click "Submit" you will be emailed directions. Thank you for helping to create community in your church family.



JOY FELLOWSHIP TRIP TO ASHEVILLE On Thursday, September 22, the JOY Fellowship will travel to Asheville, NC to attend the Western NC Farmer's Market and enjoy lunch together at the Moose Café. An optional trolley tour of downtown Asheville will take place after lunch. To register, email Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org).

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Congregational Nominating Committee requests Session call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 18, 2022, to be held immediately at the conclusion of the 11:00am Worship Service for the purpose of receiving and acting on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee relative to the election of Ruling Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2025; and to elect Deacons to fill unexpired terms in the Class of 2023 and the Class of 2024.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Communion

10:30am ONE Worship Service
(Sanctuary)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day

All Church Facilities Closed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Return to Regular Schedule

8:45am Traditional Worship
(Chapel)

8:45am MorningSong Worship
(Fogartie Hall)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

12:00noon Summer Sizzle:
Food Trucks - and SNOW!

LOOKING FORWARD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

WAF Begins!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

World Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Blood Drive

OCTOBER 11 / 12

Vaccination Clinic

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Day of Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Youth Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Stewardship Commitment

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Reformation Sunday

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Communion

All Saints' Day Observed

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“If grace is to be real, then it must have real effects. And these effects must be palpable, visible. When the divine enters the world, it produces changes everyone can see, not invisible craters, but manifest ‘monuments of mercy.’”

- Theodore W. Jennings

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship and Communications

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care and Deacons

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

Kara Clark
Director of Children’s Ministries

Carrie Coleman
Youth Leader

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Pano Stathakis
Director of Hospitality

Kris Graham
Director of the Weekday School

Lisa Cunningham
MorningSong Band Director

Landon Hammett
Director of Campus Ministries

Lee Raines
Facilities Administrator

Jim Pitts
Campus Safety and Services Manager

Lynise Clarke
Church Financial Officer

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Admin to the Senior Pastor

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Shannon Hutcheson
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