



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

SEPTEMBER 5, 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

O Day of Rest and Gladness

arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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✦ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, O people of God, this is our Holy Day.

All: **God has given us this Sabbath Day as a time for worship, rest, and renewal.**

One: Let us worship the One who created us, redeemed us, and calls us to new life.

All: **We gather as a part of the beloved community to praise God, to welcome the Spirit, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.**

HYMN 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord,

you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray.

We come to you on this Sabbath Day to confess our sin.

It is hard for us to stop working,

and harder still to stop worshipping work.

We confess that our busyness often substitutes for our holiness.

We are consumed by the demands on our time,

and we struggle to take time for rest and renewal.

Forgive us, Lord,

in the pressures of daily living,

for not listening to your voice and following in your way.

In our hurried living, we neglect you, take others for granted,

and overlook the needs of our neighbors.

Teach us to be still, O God,

and to see ourselves and the world around us as you see all things.

In the name of Jesus, we pray ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: **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

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

Open My Eyes, that I May See

OPEN MY EYES

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

One: Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

All: ⁴**You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

One: ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

All: ⁸**Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.**

One: ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

All: ¹³**You shall not murder.**

One: ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

All: ¹⁵**You shall not steal.**

One: ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: ¹⁷**You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:23-28

SERMON

Not Just Anytime

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Open My Eyes

K. Lee Scott

✠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!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 3

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*“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

Ein feste Burg

Johann Walther

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Vernon Patterson, Jr. and Vernon Patterson III
by Sylvia Patterson and their family.*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Mr. R. Holt Andrews, CRE

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Summer Choir

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND FIRST STEPS! Children's Choirs resume Wed, Sept 15 at 5pm for 4K-5th grade. Register at fpcspartanburg.org/childrenschoir. First Steps for parents and children birth through age 3 will begin mid-September. Class size is limited! Register at fpcspartanburg.org/firststeps. Questions? Contact Marcia Andrews (864-208-2132; mandrews@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) 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 for more information and to register.

PEACE AND JUSTICE *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* (Micah 6:8) Children born today in Spartanburg - but going home to neighborhoods just a few miles apart - can have a difference in life expectancy of 17 years. As followers of Christ, we are called to identify and take actions to transform the structures that perpetuate poverty and racism. First Presbyterian's Peace and Justice Taskforce invites you to be in prayer about your response, as well as our church's collective response. To learn more about FPC's Peace and Justice Taskforce, please reach out to Dawn Bingham (binghamdawn@hotmail.com) or Jessalyn Story (jessalynstory@gmail.com), or attend the next meeting on Friday, September 24, 12:30-1:30pm in the Purnell Room.

JUSTFAITH: FAITH AND RACIAL EQUITY First Presbyterian is offering another JustFaith Class in the fall! The group will meet at the church on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, September 16 - November 11. If you are interested in engaging with how faith and racism intersect, this is a wonderful opportunity! Please contact Leslie Lang (llang@fpcspartanburg.org) if you are interested or would like more details.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12

9:45AM - CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children

All Rooms are in the Clark Building

Nursery – Room C105

Preschool (3's & 4's) – Room C110

Elementary Drop-off (5K-5th) – Room C201

5K & 1st Grade Pick-up – Room C202

2nd & 3rd Grade Pick-up – Room C203

4th & 5th Grade Pick-up – 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 (F207)

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

10:00AM - ADULTS

Abide – Room C210

A New Sunday School Class for Young Adults and Parents of Young Children

*“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me.” John 15:4 (NRSV)*

*This new Sunday School class creates space for young adults and parents of young children
to abide in Christ and grow together in faith and faithfulness.*

Dr. Lewis Galloway will lead the class in an exploration of the Gospel of Mark.

Bible Alive! – Room 2208

Dive into an extensive book-by-book study of the Bible in Bible Alive!

This fall they will be studying the book of Revelation.

Emmaus – Room 2207

*Join Emmaus for a journey with eyes open towards Jesus,
with fellowship and a fresh new scripture-based lesson each week.*

LIFT: [mid-]Life in Fellowship Together – Room 2201

*We are folks in the center of life encouraging each other in faith. This fall “Nehemiah, Builder,
and Leader for God” will be our topic. Nehemiah, overwhelmed with rebuilding the walls of
Jerusalem, led Israel with prayer, faith, and timeless principles. He will show us how to partner
with God and answer his call in our work and families.*

Open Class – Room 2216

You never know what you will discover in this small group discussion of Christian themes in literature.

Purnell Fellowship Class – Purnell Room

For a hymn sing and an excellent Bible lesson, join this faithful group of men and women.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

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)

12:00pm Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Youth Sunday

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

World Communion Sunday

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Blood Drive

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)



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