



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 12, 2021

8:45AM AND 11:00AM 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

arr. Hal H. Hopson

ACOLYTE (10:30)

INTROIT

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

✠ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: **When we look at the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them?**

One: You have made us in your image,
and called us to care for the earth and for everything that has life.

All: **Therefore, we praise you, O Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 1-4)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

**in whom we live and move and have our being,
cleanse us from all our sin.**

**We have not trusted the good news of the gospel,
and we have fallen into doubt and fear.**

**Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires;
free us from bondage when we are wrapped up in our own concerns.**

**May your Holy Spirit lead us to trust in your unfailing love
and in the promise of forgiveness.**

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

✠RESPONSE

HYMN 15, VERSE 6

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!*

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

*Elizabeth Joann Ellis
Daughter of Allison and Zach Ellis*

RESPONSE

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-15

SERMON

The Beginning of the Gospel

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

(8:45)

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Mark Patterson

(11:00)

At the Name of Jesus

René Clausen

✠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 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

✠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

The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We believe that children learn to worship by regularly attending church with their families. During the 11:00am Traditional Worship Service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for *The Word for Children*. Afterwards, children 4 years through 1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship in the Clark Building, Rooms 201 and 202. During this time, they will learn basic components of worship and have their own message. Children's Worship concludes with free play until families arrive to pick them up (after worship - Clark Building, Second Floor).

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Miss Olivia J. Marsh, Child Reader
Miss Abigail G. Clementson, Acolyte and Child Reader

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mike Martinez
by his family.

The Flowers in the Tower Room

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Betty Barnes Walpole Weller
by her family.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

BLUE WORSHIP BAGS are available in the Narthex (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.

TICKLED PINK – TUESDAYS AT 9:15AM IN FOGARTIE HALL Ladies, Tickled Pink returns this Tuesday, September 14! Join us in our new series entitled "Spa for your Soul." If you are looking for connection and a Bible-centered study, please come to Fogartie Hall each Tuesday at 9:15am. Tickled Pink hopes to offer the right blend of thoughtful and fun, nurturing and inspiring, real and uplifting. Make sure to wear pink - and a mask - and invite new friends!

WAF BEGINS THIS WEEK! Wednesdays at First, or WAF, returns September 15! 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 \$6 (up to age 11); Adult \$9 (ages 12 - 54); Senior \$8 (ages 55+); Family \$27. **RSVP by noon on Monday!** You may register for dinner each week or for the month of September!

Sept 15 Menu - Adult: Ritz Chicken & Cheese Casserole, Caesar Salad, Soup Du Jour, Roll, Dessert and Beverage;

Child: Chicken Fingers with Dipping Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Dessert & Juice Box

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 15 Program - We will kick off WAF with a congregational assessment presentation in the Purnell Room.

Join us as we consider where we are as a church and who God may be calling to lead us as our next pastor.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND FIRST STEPS! Children's Choirs resume this Wednesday for ages 4K-5th grade (5:00pm). Please register at fpcspartanburg.org/childrenschoir. Additionally, **First Steps** for parents and children birth through age 3 begins soon. Class size is limited! Register at fpcspartanburg.org/firststeps. Questions? Contact Marcia Andrews (864-208-2132; mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org).

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.

NEW FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM HOURS – Mondays through Thursdays (7am-8pm) and Fridays (7am-2pm). If you've never used the gym facilities, stop by and check it out!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

September 12 -
Fourth Grade
Bible Presentation
in the Chapel

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 – Fogartie Hall

*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 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)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

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



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