



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 19, 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

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Felix Mendelssohn

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

✠ *Please Stand*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To you, O Lord, we lift our hearts in worship and praise.

All: **Make known to us your ways, O Lord;
teach us your paths.**

One: For you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all the day long.

All: **Your paths are steadfast love and
faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.**

One: Let us worship the God of our salvation!

(Psalm 25)

✦ HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people,
but we do not do what you command.
We are often silent when we should speak,
and useless when we could be useful.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us and free us from sin;
Create in us clean hearts
and renew right and willing spirits within us.
Through Jesus we pray ...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends, live the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
All: **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.*

✦ 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

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: PREPARE THE WAY

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (11:00) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 145:1-9

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:16-20; 6:6^b-13

SERMON

Better Together

Rev. Ansley B. Page

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ 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

(8:45)

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

(11:00)

Would I Have Answered When You Called?

Roy Hopp

✠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 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

✠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

God of Grace

Paul Manz

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

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Miss Alle Marie Marsh, Reader
Miss Finley S. Sloan, Reader
Miss Katherine B. Lancaster, Acolyte

Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Pickens, Sr. and Mr. Benjamin R. Pickens, Jr.
by their family..*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

WELCOME CLASS We will be holding two Welcome Class Series 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.

TICKLED PINK – TUESDAYS AT 9:15AM IN FOGARTIE HALL 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!

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST THIS WEEK! 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 22 Menu - Adult: Baked Greek Style Pork Chops, Roasted Greek Potatoes, Green Beans, Greek Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage; **Child:** Chicken fingers, Tater Tots, French toast sticks, 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 22 Programs:

Younger Women's Bible Study - led by Donna Pulliam and Carter Smith (Perrin Room) Come to spend some time in scripture, conversation, and prayer!

Poetry and the Language of Faith - led by Dr. Lewis Galloway (Social Hall) Through the centuries, poetry has been a primary language of faith. From Biblical authors to modern day poets, writers have expressed profound spiritual truth through poetry, questioned the nature of life before God, and pondered the mystery of creation. This class will explore selected poems and poetic passages of the Bible.

The Best Yes - led by Martha Waters and Ashley Millinor (Library) Join honest talk around making wise decisions in a busy life following Lysa TerKeurst's *The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands*. Fun and faith-building, for sure!

WAYS TO GIVE: ① Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone; it will direct you to our online giving portal; ② Place your gift in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service; ③ Click "Give Online" at 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, at lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of Sunday, September 12)

<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Needed to date</u>	<u>Received to date</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$2,780,169	\$1,978,197	\$1,583,599	\$(394,598)

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support Christ's ministry through your church.

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.

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!

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.

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-3rd) – Room C201

5K & 1st Grade Pick-up – Rm C202; 2nd & 3rd Grade Pick-up – Rm C203

4th & 5th Graders – 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 – Social Hall

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

Bible Alive! – Room 2208

Emmaus – Fogartie Hall

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

Open Class – Room 2216

Purnell Fellowship Class – Purnell Room

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

*** WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST THIS FALL ***

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 26

Youth Sunday

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

World Communion Sunday

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Blood Drive

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

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



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