

WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC



*"Ten Lepers"  
- Bill Hoover*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
OCTOBER 9, 2022  
8:45AM CHAPEL  
11:00AM SANCTUARY

✠ Please rise in  
body or in spirit.

## 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

*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

ACOLYTE (11:00)

### INTROIT (11:00)

*This is the Day*

Robert Lau

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see what God has done.  
**God is awesome in God's deeds.**  
God turned the sea into dry land.  
**God's people passed through the river on foot.**  
Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.  
**Sing the glory of God's name.**

### ✠ HYMN 54

*Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

Dix

In the Prayer  
of Confession,  
we trust God's  
mercy enough  
to lay before  
God not only  
those sins which  
may belong to  
us individually  
and personally,  
but also the sins  
and brokenness  
of the  
congregation,  
the church  
universal, and  
the world. We  
do not confess  
primarily  
specific acts  
of omission or  
commission, but  
rather the tragic  
brokenness  
of our human  
condition,  
in which,  
even without  
intending to, we  
are constantly  
running away  
from God and  
our neighbors.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.**  
**We keep our distance from you,**  
**for we are broken and sick with sin.**  
**Yet you see us and cleanse us and make us whole.**  
**Forgive us when we forget to return to you --**  
**have mercy when we fail to praise your name**  
**and help us to exude the faith that makes us well...**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered.  
Christ has healed you and forgives your sin.  
With glad hearts, return praise to God.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### ✠ RESPONSE

HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.*  
*Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*  
*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.*  
*Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

✠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

*At the 11am service, children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those second grade and older will return to the pews.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *We Come to You For Healing, Lord*

LAND OF REST

(8:45)		
FIRST READING		Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
SECOND READING		Luke 17:11-19
SERMON		Rev. L. Craig Foster
(11:00)		
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SECOND READING		Luke 17:11-19
SERMON		Rev. Alan F. Dyer

"People have an idea that the preacher is an actor on a stage, and they are the critics, blaming or praising the preacher. What they don't know is that they are the actors on the stage; the preacher is merely the prompter standing in the wings, reminding them of their lost lines."  
- Søren Kierkegaard

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily task and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## 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.**

### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: STEWARDSHIP

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*O Lord, Our Lord*

Robert Powell

(11:00)

*Set Me as a Seal*

Richard Nance

#### ✠ 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

Scripture tells us that we are able to love ourselves and to love others because we have first been loved by God. So, too, we give of ourselves and our resources out of gratitude to God for what God has already graciously given to us. We give because God has first given to us.

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

#### ✠ HYMN 703

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

#### ✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 702

BUNESSAN

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.*

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Voluntary on Old 100th*

Henry Purcell

*Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word.*

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## 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 3K - 1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship in the Clark Building with Ms. Kara. During this time, they worship with song and prayer, hear a Bible story, and enjoy art and play. May they know the love of God and the joy of church! After worship, families are asked to pick their children up from Room 202 of the Clark Building. *Nursery available in Room 105 (Toddler) and Room 108 (Crib).*

### *The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

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

*Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John M. Bald, Sr.*

*by their children.*

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

### Chapel

Rev. L. Craig Foster  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Allie Marie Marsh  
Genesis Choir

### Sanctuary

Rev. Alan F. Dyer  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang  
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Kara Clark  
William Lancaster  
Harrison Pack, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir  
Children's Choirs

### Holt Andrews, Music Director

Marcia Andrews, Organist  
Ericka Grodrian, horn

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:45 AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Children** - *All Rooms are in the Clark Building*

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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades** - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C202

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C203

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Room C206

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

Middle Schoolers in the Middle School Room (F201) and High Schoolers in the High School Room (F202)

### ADULTS

**Abide** - Room 2200

**Bible Alive!** - Room 2208 & on Zoom

**Emmaus** - Room 2207

**LIFT** - Room 2201

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 9, 2022

## PASTORAL CONCERN?

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.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Parlor on the second Sunday of the month - **Sunday, Oct 9** - 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](mailto: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

Mondays-Thursdays: 7am-8pm  
Fridays: 7am-2pm  
Saturdays: 8am-12noon

## 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.

**TODAY: BLOOD DRIVE** the Blood Connection buses will be parked outside the Family Life Center, **8:00am-1:00pm**; please stop in the Family Life Center Lobby to check in. FPC will receive \$20.00 per completed donation that is made.

**HURRICANE RELIEF** Our hearts are heavy as we hear more about the devastating effects of Hurricane Ian on Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and parts of Cuba. We join together to lift our prayers for those that were impacted by Ian. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) partners directly with presbyteries, congregations, and communities to meet immediate and long-term needs for victims of natural disasters. If you would like to donate to support this cause, please give here: <https://pda.pcusa.org>.

**CHURCHWIDE DAY OF SERVICE** For those that have registered, meet in the Family Life Center this Saturday at 8:00am. Questions? Contact Leslie Lang ([llang@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:llang@fpcspartanburg.org)).

**VACCINATION CLINIC: OCTOBER 11 & 12** A Vaccination Clinic - with Skin and Bone Screening - is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 during WAF. A Drive-thru for Flu Shot only is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11. Pre-registration is required; please contact Beth Cecil ([bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org)).

**WAF (Wednesdays at First)** 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](http://fpcspartanburg.org/waf)). Dinner Prices: Child \$7 (up to age 11); Adult \$10 (ages 12 - 54); Senior \$9 (ages 55+); Family \$30. RSVP for Dinner by noon on Monday!

**Oct 12 Menu:** Adult: Pork Tenderloin, Whole Green Beans, Sweet Potato Surprise, Salad Bar, Yeast Rolls, Dessert & Beverage; Child: Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

**Schedule** (see Calendar on next page)

## Oct 12 Adult Programming:

*Discipleship in an Instant Society* with Alan Dyer - Fogartie Hall  
*Just Faith: Faith & Racial Healing* with Leslie Lang & Liz Evans - Rm 2208  
*Vaccination Clinic and Skin/Bone Screening* - FLC Activity Room

**CHURCH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** is open to boys and girls in grades 1-12. The registration fee is \$80/player. The final deadline is Friday, October 28. Please register here: [fpcspartanburg.org/basketball](http://fpcspartanburg.org/basketball).



**THE PERFECT BLEND:** Coffee and Friends! Join Craig Foster and Alan Dyer for coffee, friends, and a little spiritual boost for your day on Thursday, October 20. We will meet at 10:30am in the Large Private Dining Room.

**JOY FELLOWSHIP: LEAF PEEPING AND WINE** On Thursday, October 27, all of our Just Older Youth are invited to Leaf Peeping and Wine at Mountain Brook Vineyards in Tryon, NC. Cost is \$32 per person and includes transportation, wine tasting, and box lunch. The bus will leave from the FLC Parking lot at 10:30am. Please **RSVP by Oct 24** with Joanie Shackleton ([jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org)).

**THE PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE** educates and responds to the issues of peace and justice that affect our community in the spirit of Matthew 25:40: “*And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’*” At the recent General Assembly, Commissioners approved items from the Race and Gender Justice Committee. You can read more detailed information on these resolutions at [fpcspartanburg.org/serve/peace-and-justice-taskforce](http://fpcspartanburg.org/serve/peace-and-justice-taskforce). Please contact Dawn Bingham or Jessalyn Story if you would like to participate in the Peace and Justice Taskforce.

## WAYS TO GIVE:

- ① Place your gift in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service;
- ② Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone; it will direct you to our online giving portal;
- ③ Click “Give Online” at [fpcspartanburg.org/give](http://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 ([lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org)).

**PLEDGE YET?** On Sunday, October 23 we will celebrate our Commitment to Stewardship. Today - and throughout the month of October - you will find Pledge Cards in the pews / fellowship pads. Please submit your pledge to the 2023 Operating Budget on or before October 23. Thank you.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY!** Do you know a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-on-one care. We listen and share God’s love with you to help you through your crisis. Contact the church office or Dana Halliday ([danahalliday1@charter.net](mailto:danahalliday1@charter.net)). We can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It’s a great way for you to show how much you care!

**Are you Interested in Becoming a Stephen Minister?** A new class begins in January, please contact Dana Halliday ([danahalliday1@charter.net](mailto:danahalliday1@charter.net)) for more information.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

*Blood Drive*

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)

### WAF, OCTOBER 12

- 5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
- 5:00pm Children’s Choirs (Upstairs, Main & Clark Buildings)
- 6:15pm Christian Rec for Children (Gym)
- 6:30pm Youth Fellowship & Study (Youth Rooms - Upstairs, FLC)
- 6:30pm Adult Programs (see schedule)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)
- 4:00pm Young Adult Social (Breedens’ Farm)

## LOOKING FORWARD

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

*Day of Service*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

*Stewardship Commitment*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

*Trunk or Treat*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

*Reformation Sunday*

*Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

*Communion*

*All Saints’ Day Observed  
Chamber Singers’ Concert*

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us -  
and He has given us everything ...*

*Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive,  
is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God.  
For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience.  
And that is what makes all the difference.”*

- Thomas Merton

### 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

**Beth Cecil**  
Parish Nurse

**Joanie Shackleton**  
Administrative Assistant  
Congregational Care and Deacons

**Rev. L. Craig Foster**  
Associate Pastor  
Discipleship and Communications

**Colleen Darrall**  
Director of Recreation

**Shannon Hutcheson**  
Administrative Assistant  
Children's and Adult Discipleship

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

**Pano Stathakis**  
Director of Hospitality

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Administrative Assistant  
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**Rev. Leslie A. Lang**  
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Young Adults and Missions

**Kris Graham**  
Director of the Weekday School

**Cathy Rush**  
Receptionist and Admin to Music

**Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise**  
Associate Pastor  
Youth and Campus Ministries

**Lisa Cunningham**  
MorningSong Band Director

**Andy Mayfield**  
Grounds Manager

**Rev. Ansley B. Page**  
Pastoral Associate for Engagement

**Lee Raines**  
Facilities Administrator

**Judith Holbert**  
**Tiffany Long**  
**William Massey**  
**Red Cartledge**  
Custodians

**Holt Andrews**  
Pastoral Musician

**Jim Pitts**  
Campus Safety and Services Manager

**Marcia Andrews**  
Associate Director of Music; Organist

**Lynise Clarke**  
Church Financial Officer

**Kara Clark**  
Director of Children's Ministries

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Office Manager and  
Admin to the Senior Pastor

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