

WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC



*"Empowered"*  
- Cynthia Gabbard

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
OCTOBER 16, 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

*Air*

Herbert Howells

ACOLYTE (11:00)

### INTROIT (11:00)

*Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!*

RUSTINGTON

We use the language of "call" frequently in our worship: the call to confession, the call to give, the call to go out and serve. Worship (and life!) is a never-ending dance between the divine call and our response.

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in God's holy presence,  
the One who etches grace on our hearts.  
**This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**  
We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,  
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.  
**This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**  
We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;  
we remember God's persistence in saving us.  
**This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

### ✠ HYMN 305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God,**  
you breathed life into being and called it good.  
**Yet, too often we look at that creation**  
and do not see the beauty in what you formed.  
**We fall into places of loneliness driven by doubt and uncertainty.**  
**We turn from you when things are bearing fruit,**  
only to call upon your name when life falls apart.  
**We place expectations of your justice on our timelines**  
instead of leaning into faith in the grace and peace present in Christ.  
**Forgive us, O God,**  
and remind us that we are only human.  
**Make us a community of empathy and hospitality,**  
striving for justice, and sitting in those human places with our neighbors.  
**Make our Spirits vulnerable**  
that in prayer we might be opened to your compassion and love.  
**In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray...**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service.  
The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.  
**We are forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠RESPONSE

HYMN 582, VERSE 1

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45) *Benjamin Baker Lightsey  
Son of Sally and Joe Lightsey*

*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 (11:00) *To the Hills I Lift My Eyes*

NA-UI-DO-UM

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

SECOND READING

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

*A Vulnerable Faith*

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;**

**that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek what is right;**

**that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need;**

**that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,**

**so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an every flowing stream.**

**Jesus is Lord.**

**To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

The Confession of Belhar was written in 1982 in South Africa during the time of apartheid. Interestingly, while apartheid is the human context for the Confession of Belhar, it is never explicitly mentioned in the confession. Instead, Belhar lifts up the heart of the Gospel as a bringer of hope for the human condition.

## 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)

*I Lift Up my Eyes to the Hills*

Allen Pote

(11:00)

*Psalm 150*

Cesar Franck

#### ✠ 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 824

*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

MC AFEE

#### ✠ 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

*Postlude on Darwall's 148th*

Charles Callahan

"And if a relationship with God is to count rather than be a casual affair, there have to be deliberate decisions as regards the use of time, money and prayer which will consolidate the relationship and affirm its worth."  
-John Bell



## 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  
Samuel B. Shackelford, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joy Glenn  
by the family.*

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Brand Stille

Grace Mitchell, Acolyte

Mary Claire Threatt and Jackson Pingley; Youth Readers

Mae Cutler and Charlotte Verreault; Baptism Reader and Elder

Holt Andrews, Music Director

Marcia Andrews, Organist

Chancel Choir

## 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 16, 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.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY** Next Sunday, October 23, we will celebrate our Stewardship Commitment during all three worship services. At First Presbyterian Church, we are surrounded by the abundance that Jesus promises. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge towards the 2023 Operating Budget. You may do so with a paper pledge card (mailed to members and also available in the church office and in the Pews / Fellowship Pads) or online. Please submit your pledge to the 2023 Operating Budget on or before October 23. Thank you.

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

**FPC COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES** The Youth of First Presbyterian Church want to let our college students know they are loved and supported by sending care packages. We will be mailing small priority-mail sized boxes. If you would like to bring small, individually-wrapped candy/snacks or travel sized toiletry items to include in the packages, items can be dropped off at Carrie Coleman's desk by Wednesday, October 19. If you would like a package mailed to your College Student, please email Carrie ([ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org)) by the end of the day today, Sunday, October 16, with your child's name and campus mailing address.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** Our Youth are hosting FPC's first ever Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 26 and need your help! Please use the QR Code to let us know how you want to pitch in. You can either bring some of the needed items listed or sign up to help with one of our stations.



**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS** On Sunday, October 30, at 8:45 and 11:00am, we will worship together in the Sanctuary when we hold our Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. Each fall, First Presbyterian holds this powerful historic service, a remembrance of Presbyterianism's Scottish roots through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. In our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future. Lemonade and cookies will be served following both services.

**If you are a Tartan Sponsor, please email Martha and Budge Bean ([hcbean@charter.net](mailto:hcbean@charter.net)) to confirm your participation and service preference. It is very important that we know you are coming so that we have a staff and stand for you. If you choose not to march this year, we would love to have some banners to display in the Sanctuary and Tower Room. A mandatory rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 26, at 5:30pm.**

**WAF (Wednesdays at First)** Come for Food, Faith, and Fellowship! Dinner 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 19 Menu:** Adult: Baked Spaghetti, Homemade Rustic Italian Bread, Caesar Salad, Dessert & Beverage; Child: Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

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

**Oct 19 Adult Programming:**

*Discipleship in an Instant Society* with Alan Dyer - Fogartie Hall  
*Just Faith: Faith & Racial Healing* with Leslie Lang and Liz Evans

**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).

**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)).

**WINTER WARMTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** For nearly 30 years, the members of FPC have provided free coats to the children of Spartanburg County, wrapping them in God's love. We invite you to participate! Adults may join us on Friday, November 11 for setup and on the morning of Saturday, November 12 as we distribute over 1,000 coats to children in 4K through 8th grades. For more information, please contact Ian Ritchings ([iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org) / 864-208-2139).

**HURRICANE RELIEF** 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>.

**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, they voted to renew a commitment to end gun violence. 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.



## CALENDAR

### 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)

### WAF, OCTOBER 19

- 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 WAF Article)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- Stewardship Commitment*
- 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)

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## LOOKING FORWARD

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

*Trunk or Treat*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

*Reformation Sunday  
Kirkin' o' the Tartans*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

*Communion  
All Saints' Day Observed  
Hand in Hand Food Trucks Onsite  
Chamber Singers' Concert*

### NOVEMBER 11-13

*Middle School Fall Retreat*

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage.  
Truth and courage aren’t always comfortable, but they’re never weakness.”*

- Brené Brown

### 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**  
Administrative Assistant  
Children’s and Adult Discipleship

**Ian Ritchings**  
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Missions, Young Adults, Communications

**Cathy Rush**  
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**Andy Mayfield**  
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**Judith Holbert**  
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