



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

OCTOBER 24, 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

Jesus Shall Reign

Gayden Sikes

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Merle’s Tune

✠ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O servants of God, praise the name of the Lord!

All: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

One: The LORD is high above all nations, and God's glory is above the heavens.

All: God raises the poor from the dust, feeds the hungry, and lifts up the needy.

One: Let the whole creation join in a song of praise to our God.

(from Psalm 113)

✠HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul

and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Hear us as we open our hearts to you in silent confession....

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news!

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we 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

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 130; Mark 5:21-43

SERMON

(8:45)

Ministry in the Margins

Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00)

A Tale within a Tale

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 799

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

I LOVE THE LORD

(UPON DIRECTION, PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING VERSE 2)

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.

O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

✠ 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)

Who at My Door is Standing

K. Lee Scott

(11:00)

There is a Balm in Gilead

William Dawson

✠ 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 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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*Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

David Lowe

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director
Erica Pauly, Guest Organist

Mr. Charles S. Wilson II, Acolyte

Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir

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.*

The Greens in the Chapel

*are given to the Glory of God,
in celebration of the wedding of Katie Rubel and Blake Shelby,
and in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. Harold Rubel and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shelby.*

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 - 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).

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

CHECK IN TO WORSHIP!

If you are a church member, download the *ShelbyNext | Membership App*. After you download and launch the app, enter “firstpres.shelbynextchms.com” for the domain and your username and password. Instructions on how to get your username and password: fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login. Once you have the app downloaded, each Sunday when you arrive at church, open your ShelbyNext App and click “Check In” (“allow” it to know your location). Then click on “who” you are checking in, choose the worship service, then “Done.”

If you would prefer not to download this app or you are one of our precious visitors, please sign the Fellowship Pad as it is passed down the pew. Our ushers will gather those after the service.

WELCOME CLASS BEGINS TODAY! These classes (held during the SS hour in Room 2200) 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 Dates: October 24, October 31, November 7, and November 14 (joining date)

Please contact Molly Colbath, Welcome Class Committee (colbathmb@gmail.com) for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY... THE 2021 KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

On Sunday, October 31, 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) 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. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the number of marchers will be limited to 28 marchers per service. 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 Wed, Oct 27, at 5:30pm. If you purchased a new tartan this year, plan to arrive at 5:15pm in the Sanctuary where you will get your tartan and the name banner for the staff.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TARTAN! - TIES AVAILABLE

The First Presbyterian Church Worship Committee is excited to present the First Presbyterian Church tartan at the Kirkin' o' the Tartans service on October 31, 2021. This fabric, designed by the committee and woven and registered in Scotland by Lochcarron of Scotland, will appear in numerous ways in the church. *We had ties and scarves made from the Tartan material. Ties may be purchased for \$25. The scarves have sold out; we will reorder, and announce when they are in.* Place your order today for pickup from Lynise Clarke in the church financial office. Take a picture of this QR Code to go directly to the order form....



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.

VOLUNTEER FOR WINTER WARMTH There is work to be done in our own backyard, and you can help with an important mission of First Presbyterian without leaving town. Over 20 years and 36,000 coats later, FPC is still striving to keep Spartanburg County school children warm. This year's Winter Warmth mission will be held Saturday, November 13. The Winter Warmth Committee needs your help with set up and clean up as well as during the event. Please register to volunteer today! (fpcspartanburg.org/serve/local-missions/winter-warmth) If you would like to donate to the Winter Warmth Fund, you may do so at fpcspartanburg.org/give.

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). 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!

Oct 27 Menu - Sliced Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Green Beans, Broccoli and Bacon Salad, Beverage, and Dessert;
Kids' Menu: Chicken Tenders, Mac 'n Cheese, Fruit, Beverage and Dessert

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)

Oct 27 Programs:

Younger Women's Bible Study - led by Donna Pulliam and Carter Smith (Perrin Room)

Poetry and the Language of Faith - led by Dr. Lewis Galloway (Social Hall)

The Best Yes - led by Martha Waters and Ashley Millinor (Library)

THIS MONTH, THE PEACE AND JUSTICE TASKFORCE IS focusing on Matthew 25:31-46 as we are called to engage in the world around us. In October, we celebrate Worldwide Communion. When we come to the Table, we gather as Christ's family. As we come to the Table this year, may we stop to think about others in our own Spartanburg community who are gathering around this same family meal and realize we are all the same at our core...beloved children of God, created in God's own image, called to live into the Imago Dei. Please join us at the at the next Peace and Justice Task Force Meeting on Friday, November 5, 12:30-1:30pm in the Purnell Room.

HOSPITALITY TIME Between Services this morning, stop by the Perrin Room - just down the hallway from the Tower Room - for a refreshing beverage. Feel free to take a few minutes to visit with other church members and visitors. If you have any questions about First Presbyterian, our Hospitality Team would like to help you find the answer. Additionally, if you are a church member in need of a Sonitrol Key Card, please come by to have your picture taken; your card should be available within the week (no charge for your first card; replacements are \$10).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM - CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children - All Rooms are in the Clark Building

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

10:00AM - ADULTS

Abide - Social Hall
Bible Alive! - Room 2208

Emmaus - Fogartie Hall

LIFT - Room 2201
Purnell Fellowship - Purnell Room

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Youth (off-site)

*** 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, OCTOBER 31

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

All Saints' Day Observed

Communion

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Youth (Family Life Center)
6:00pm Chamber Singers All Saints Concert (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Youth (Family Life Center)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Christ the King Sunday

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Youth (off-site)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent

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



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