



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
SPARTANBURG, SC

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
ALL SAINTS' DAY  
11:00AM SANCTUARY

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to  
“Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

INTROIT

*Surely, it is God Who Saves Me*

Jack Noble White

ACOLYTE

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.  
All: **When I sought you, O God, you answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**  
One: Look upon God's countenance and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
All: **O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in you, O God.**  
One: Let our worship continue...

(Psalm 34)

✦ HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
*Hymn printed at end of bulletin*  
*(Verses 1, 3, 6)*

ST. ANNE

✦ *Please Stand*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

It is easy to judge those poor in spirit a failure and not a blessing.  
We often ask those who mourn to call us if they need something  
rather than keep vigil by their side.  
We consider the meek weak and too often ignore them;  
those who hunger and thirst often take too much of our time.  
We hear how we are to be merciful and pure in heart,  
and how we are to make peace with our neighbors,  
yet we harbor resentments that keep us apart.  
Forgive our failure to live your beatitudes,  
and in Christ give us your blessing as we confess our sin.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## ✠ RESPONSE

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*There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

## ✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are fellow-citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who came and preached peace  
to those who were far off and those who were near.  
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet each other as we share the peace of Christ.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Be Still, My Soul*

FINLANDIA

## SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

One: Hear what the Spirit speaks to the Church.

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:11-16

One: Hear what the Spirit speaks to the Church.

### SERMON

*Voices from the Past for the Days that are Ahead:  
Saints: Forever and Ever*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### ✦ HYMN 801

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*  
*Hymn printed at end of bulletin.*  
*(Verses 1-3)*

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### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND

ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE (First Part Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Everlasting God, you have invited us to gather at this table

**All: To taste the feast and hold fast to the same abundant promises  
offered to our ancestors in faith.**

One: Time and time again you've offered your grace.

**All: Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people.**

One: You have never left us.

**All: We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.  
You are ever-patient, always faithful.**

One: We give thanks for this time of solemn celebration.

**All: For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
whose abiding presence we remember and share in this meal.**

One: We gather with those present and with those who have gone before us,

**All: Whose hands touched the bread, whose lips received the cup.  
We worship you. We glorify you.**

One: We remember those who have died in the past year.  
We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. We give thanks for ...

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| <i>Nancy Gray Cecil</i>                | <i>Virginia Tallulah Ouzts Cobb</i> |
| <i>Walter Brown Cope</i>               | <i>Carol Jacob Dunn</i>             |
| <i>JoAnn Ferarre Eastes</i>            | <i>Walter Lewis Hays III</i>        |
| <i>Kenneth Russell Huckaby</i>         | <i>John Edmond Keith</i>            |
| <i>Henry G. Kelley, Jr.</i>            | <i>James William League</i>         |
| <i>Mary Elizabeth Traynham Ledford</i> | <i>David Johnston Long</i>          |
| <i>Reuben Rice Macfie III</i>          | <i>Wendy Spear Mayrose</i>          |
| <i>Norma Nave Miley</i>                | <i>Caroline Virginia Pulliam</i>    |
| <i>Claircy Kate Purinton</i>           | <i>Evelyn Irene Wenger Randall</i>  |
| <i>Martha S. Sams</i>                  | <i>Martha Bradford Swann</i>        |
| <i>Billy Carlyle Terry</i>             | <i>Cecelia Victoria Thomason</i>    |
| <i>Betty Murray Williams</i>           | <i>Joseph Alvin Wilson</i>          |
| <i>Ned Workman</i>                     |                                     |

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

#### 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.

#### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Sine Nomine*

Earl Rosenberg

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 801

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*  
*Hymn printed at end of bulletin.*  
(Verses 4-5)

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✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fugato on "Sine Nomine"*

Richard Proulx

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang  
Rev. Ansley B. Page

Mr. Henry S. Phillips, Acolyte

Holt Andrews, Director; Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail  
Lisa Cunningham  
Rafe Andrews  
Paul MacPhail

Children's Choirs

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary*

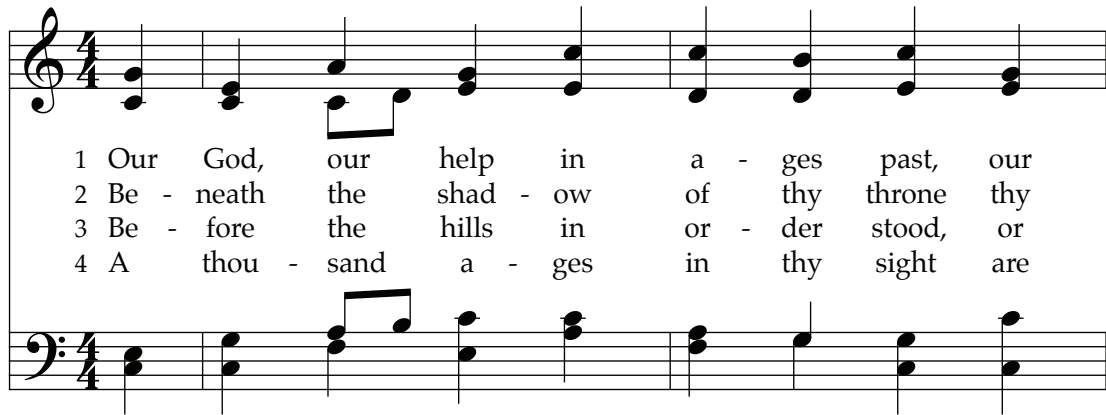
*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*

*Gay Cecil Frick*

*by Ken and Jeanie Frick, John and Sarah Frick,  
Jean Cecil Frick, and Jamie and Alex Stacy.*

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



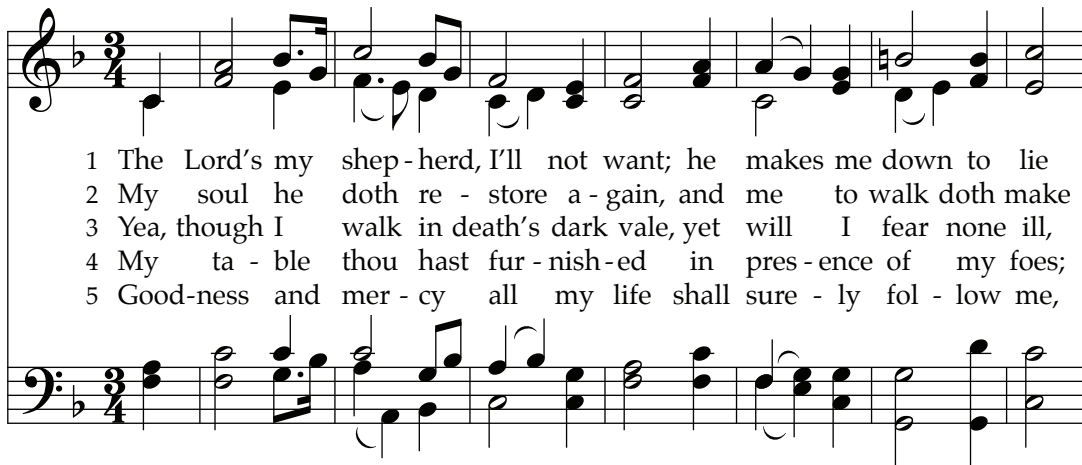
storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

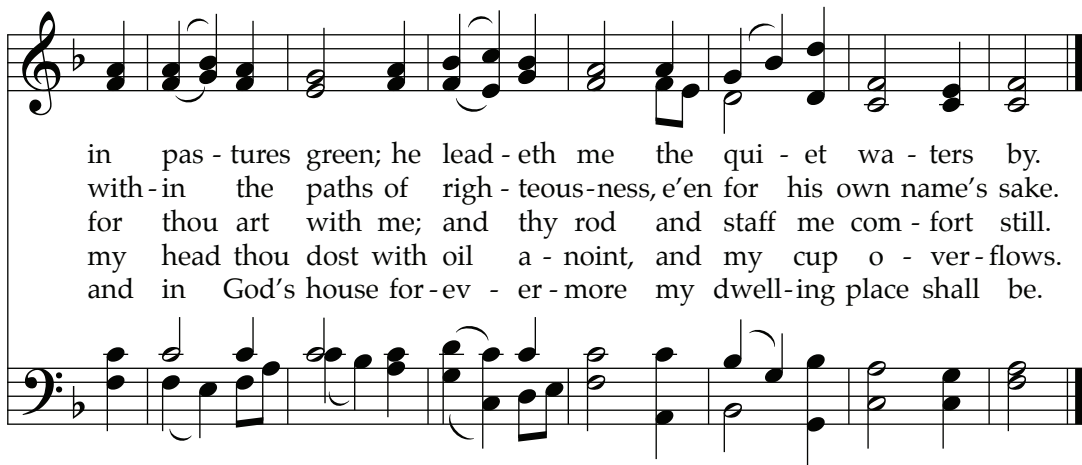
Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

# The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)



1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,  
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;  
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,



in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.  
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.  
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.  
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

## KOREAN

- 1 주나의목자되시니부족함없도다  
푸른풀밭호숫가로날인도하시네
- 2 내영혼소생시키며그이름위하여  
늘의로운길건도록날인도하시네
- 3 나어둠골짜지나도두려움없겠네  
주막대기와지팡이날안위하시네
- 4 주나의원수앞에서내상을베푸사  
머리에기름부으니내잔이넘치네
- 5 선함과인자하심이내평생따르리  
여호와전에영원히나거하리로다

## SPANISH

- 1 Es el Señor mi buen pastor y nada faltará;  
por verdes prados con amor Él me conducirá.
- 2 Al lado de aguas de quietud haráme reposar;  
por sendas justas y de paz su mano me guiará.
- 3 Y cuando en valle de dolor o muerte deba andar,  
no sentiré ningún temor, pues Él me guardará.
- 4 Es sabio y fiel mi buen pastor, jamás me dejará;  
con su cayado, mi Señor, aliento me dará.
- 5 Hasta el final me seguirán misericordia y bien;  
y de mi Padre en el hogar por siempre moraré.

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.

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# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## COMMUNION TODAY

Take some time prior to the service and investigate your Individual Communion Set.

To open:

- 1) Hold the edges of the cup,  
remove the clear cellophane to expose the wafer.
- 2) Hold the edges of the cup,  
remove the foil to expose the juice.



## RECOMMENDATION FOR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Congregational Nominating Committee needs your help recommending members of the church to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. You may submit as many names as you would like, suggesting any member of First Presbyterian Church, including yourself. A form can be found on the church website (go to [fpcspartanburg.org](http://fpcspartanburg.org) and click the event - you may need to scroll). Deadline for submittal is Sunday, November 15.

## RSVP FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

We hope you will join us each week at WAF. You only need to RSVP for dinner. The dinner drive through begins at 5:00pm. Enjoy a picnic on the grounds in your car, tailgate, or set up chairs or a blanket in the grass (physically distanced from other households, of course). Beginning at 6:00pm, our pastors and staff have planned a variety of fellowship and learning opportunities for Children, Youth, and Adults. Please sign up for dinner by noon on Monday. RSVP through the church website (go to [fpcspartanburg.org](http://fpcspartanburg.org) and click on the WAF event).

## WINTER WARMTH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOVEMBER 13 AND 14

Although the Winter Warmth process will be different this year, we will still be serving families through this important mission. We invite you to participate! Adults may join us on Friday, November 13, for set up and on the morning of Saturday, November 14, as we distribute over 1,000 coats to children. Check the weekly email for the sign-up link.

## NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP

You no longer need to RSVP for worship! Of course, we still need to be diligent about wearing suitable facemasks and practicing good physical distancing. We are excited that the Session has moved in this direction, and we are very happy to be able to remove the chore of registering from your plates!

The Session has also opened the door to quiet congregational singing indoors, provided everyone is wearing a mask and distanced. We invite you to fully participate in singing with the gathered congregation in worship but sing to God at a level that only our God can hear. And I'm sure that the God who always hears us will take pleasure in the song you offer.