

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



"A New Thing"

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 13, 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

This Is My Father's World

Anna Laura Page

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

SING A NEW SONG

Today's Call to Worship is inspired by Psalm 98. The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, in reverent awe, we come to worship you!
We gather to honor and glorify God's almighty name.
Righteous God, we rejoice as we come to worship you!
We gather to celebrate God's power over the forces of evil.
Faithful God, with thankfulness, we come to worship you!
We gather to sing praises to the God in whom we trust. Amen.

✠ HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace,
we confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our minds,
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The prophet Isaiah assures us:
God is building a new heaven and a new earth;
the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.
Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✠ 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Ann Wilkerson Moore

Daughter of Martha and John Moore

Mills Lewis Summers

Son of Laura and Josh Summers

RESPONSE

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

JESUS LOVES ME

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

FIRST READING

Psalm 98

SECOND READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. The word "sacrament" comes from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery." Sacraments (in our tradition baptism and the Lord's Supper) are holy mysteries that we do not and cannot fully understand, but through which we believe God's invisible grace becomes visible to us. The great early church theologian Augustine (354-430) was the first to describe sacraments as "outward, visible signs of inward, spiritual grace."

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.**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: WINTER WARMTH

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Creation Will Be at Peace

Anna Laura Page

✠ 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 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 702, VERSE 1

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

Finale

Stanley Saxton

What are you
taking from
worship? A
new thought, a
deep feeling,
a glimpse
of grace, a
challenge?
Where will you
see God today?
A hope or a
prayer for the
week?

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Harriet Lynch and Connor Lyerly; Readers

Kate Moore and Meredith Biber; Call to Discipleship

Baptisms

Elder Sloan Evans and Reader Juliet Berry

Elder Blair Clementson and Reader Elliot Summers

Bruce Campbell, Guest Organist; Janet Kuntz, Guest Music Director

Alle Marie Marsh, Janet Kuntz, Tom King, Kevin Marsh

Chancel Choir

Jack Langley, Acolyte

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Erik Hudson Neely

by his family.

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 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).*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children - *All Rooms are in the Clark Building*

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

1st & 2nd Grades - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C202

3rd & 4th Grades - Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C203

5th 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, November 13, 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, Nov 13** - 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.

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.

LIST OF VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL

As we honor Veterans Day today, we are grateful to the following church members who have served or are serving in the military:

Army: Jim Anderson; Vic Bailey, III; Ross H. Bayard; Charles H. Boulware, Jr.; Dr. David Berry; De Calvert; Alexander Shaw Camp; Hon. Gordon G. Cooper; Christopher McKee Dixon; Joe P. Dunn; William Davis Ellis; Edd Ervin; Phillip N. Glover; Guy "Brandt" Goodwin; Edward L. Holcombe; Robin DesChamps Hood; Garrett Johnson; Don J. Jolley; C. Roland Jones, Jr. (JAG); Jeffrey M. Kuntz; Hank Mason (SC National Guard); Jack Mason; Dr. Donald McClure; Lehman Rowell Moody (Rowe); Herbert Bays Moore, Jr. (Bert); Douglas B. Nash; Gerald Palmer; Charles Finley Reid; Darwin H. Simpson; John Tatham (SC National Guard, Army Reserve); Terry Thruston; J.D. (Jimmy) Trout, Jr. (Army and SC National Guard); Robert F. Turner

Navy: Stanley Wayne Baker; Dr. Howard C. (Budge) Bean, Jr. (Navy Reserve); Dr. William W. (Bill) Burns; Jarrett P. Dunn; George M. Holbrook; Bill Mayrose; George Edward Moseley; James M. Pickens

Air Force: Mitchell Allen; Joseph S. Correll, III; Andrew William Ellis; Dr. George Graham; John W. Hill, III; Dr. W. Brownlee Lowry; Robert N. Maddox; Kyle Milner, Jr. (Air National Guard); Raymond Morris; Don Oldham; Don Owen; Mack D. Secord; JJ Smith

Marine Corps: Gerald Kiehl; Stephen F. Shaw (Reserve)

WAF (Wednesdays at First) Come for Food, Faith, and Fellowship! Dinner served starting at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required by noon on Monday; online payment is preferred (fpcspartanburg.org/waf).

Nov 16 Menu: Adult: Chicken Parmesan, Tortellini Alfredo, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Beverage; Child: Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

Schedule (see Calendar on next page)

Nov 16: Archeology & the Bible: New Testament: With Luke Harkey and Anna Harkey, we will consider selected Biblical texts and archaeological evidence to show how archaeology can shed light on our understanding of Scripture.

ANOTHER GREAT ADVENTURE FOR JOY FELLOWSHIP!

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln might have been born in Bostic, NC? On Thursday, November 17, experience a guided tour of The Bostic Lincoln Center to draw your own conclusion. We'll stop at Washburn's General Store, founded in 1831, a fifth-generation business listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Our lunch will be at Copper Penny Grill in Forest City. Contact Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org | 864-208-2132) to reserve your spot.



THORNWELL HOME OFFERING Today in Sunday School, children will receive the traditional turkey cards for donations to Thornwell Home. Sunday, November 27, is the date for return. Send your stuffed turkey cards to your child's Sunday School class or bring them with you to worship and place them in the offering plate. This is an annual children's offering for the work and mission of Thornwell, a community of believers that seeks to reach hurting children and families. However, the FPC children invite every child of God (regardless of age) to participate! You may pick up your turkey card - or envelope - from the table outside the church offices.

NEXT SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 20

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00AM - SANCTUARY

INSTALLATION OF REV. JOHN DANIEL DEBEVOISE

All Members of First Presbyterian Church - as well as family and friends - are invited to attend the Installation of The Reverend John Daniel DeBevoise as Associate Pastor of Youth and Campus Ministries of First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg. This special service will include guests from across Foothills Presbytery as well as a message from guest preacher, Dr. Lewis F. Galloway. After the service, please make your way to the Courtyard between the Chapel and Sanctuary, to congratulate Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise and to meet the guests of the Commission. Refreshments will be served.

DECK THE HALLS It's time to decorate for Advent! The Sanctuary Guild would love to have members of the congregation join them to hang wreaths (November 22/23) or place poinsettias (November 26). Contact LeAnne Thurmond (leanne.thurmond@gmail.com) for more information.

WINTER WARMTH COAT PURCHASE Please help us keep the children of Spartanburg warm this winter. The annual Winter Warmth Project of First Presbyterian Church was held on Saturday, November 12. Over 1300 students from all seven Spartanburg County School Districts



were registered to receive a warm winter coat. We need your help. For a gift of \$35.00, you can be a part of providing a new warm coat for a child in need. Please use this [QR Code](#) and choose "Winter Warmth" from the drop-down box. Gift Acknowledgement Cards are available upon request.

SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This annual ecumenical service provides an opportunity for members of the community to worship together and give thanks. All proceeds taken during the evening's offering will benefit Servants for Sight, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Spartanburg County residents by providing preventative and restorative eye care. As a sponsor of this event, The Spartanburg County Foundation matches the plated offering from the night of the service dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000. This year, the service will be Tuesday, November 22, 6:30-8:00pm, at Silver Hill Memorial United Methodist Church.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Receive New Members (Parlor)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

WAF, NOVEMBER 16

- 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)

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The Reverend John Daniel DeBevoise
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

LOOKING FORWARD

NOVEMBER 22

*Spartanburg Community
Thanksgiving Service*

DECEMBER 1

JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 4

Advent Family Workshop

DECEMBER 11

Chancel Choir presents "Messiah"

DECEMBER 18

*Lessons and Carols in Morning Song
Moravian Love Feast*

DECEMBER 24

*Services: 4:00pm Family
6:00pm & 11:00pm Candlelight*

APRIL 30

First Pres Homecoming!

JUNE 5-8

Vacation Bible School

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“We have food to share with a world that is hungry, even famished.
Spiritual wanderers - those spiritually starved and denied - show up at our doors,
not because they like our buildings or even because they like us,
but because they are hungry. Hungry for forgiveness, for rest and peace.
Hungry for mercy and grace. Hungry to explore and grow.
Hungry for the good news of new life, of abundant life.
Hungry for God to do a new thing.”*

- Amy Oden

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

Ian Ritchings
Administrative Assistant
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor
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

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Admin to the Senior Pastor

Carrie Coleman
Youth Leader



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