



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

NOVEMBER 14, 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

Pastorale on Love Divine

arr. Michael Burkhardt

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00)

God is Here

Marcia Andrews

"God is Here" was written for and is dedicated to the children and youth from our 2021 CAST Camp.

✠ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens;

All: Your faithfulness to the skies.

One: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains;

All: Your justice like the great deep.

One: You, Lord, preserve the earth and all living things.

All: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

One: We take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

✠HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**All: The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God in confidence.**

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.

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news!
Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, and
Christ prays for us.

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

One: Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ you 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: As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45)

Daniel Alexander Cook

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (11:00) *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Frederick Cook Atkinson

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 19:9-18; Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

(8:45)

The Heart of the Bible

Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00)

The Simplest Thing of All

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (11:00)

✠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

(8:45)

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Dale Wood

(11:00)

Open My Eyes

K. Lee Scott

✠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 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, v1

AR HYD Y NOS

*“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Michael Burkhardt

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Mrs. S. Scottie Lummus
Mrs. Patricia E. Macbeth
Mrs. Dana T. Halliday
Ms. Bethany S. Cecil

Mr. S. Michael Pack III, Acolyte
Miss Harriet G. Lynch, Reader
Mr. Connor J. Lyerly, Reader

Musicians

Cherub Choir, Junior Choristers, and Senior Choristers
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Chapman, Jr. and Mr. Robert H. Chapman III
by Sadie Chapman Jackson and John Chapman and their families.

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 Pastor Ansley. 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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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.

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; Edd Ervin; Phillip N. Glover; Guy "Brandt" Goodwin; Edward L. Holcombe; Robin DesChamps Hood; Don J. Jolley; C. Roland Jones, Jr.; Jeffrey M. Kuntz; Hank Mason (SC National Guard); Jack Mason; Dr. Donald McClure; Paul Andrew McKee, III (Andy); Lehman Rowell Moody (Rowe); Herbert Bays Moore, Jr. (Bert); Charlie Morris; Douglas B. Nash; Gerald Palmer; Darwin H. Simpson; John Tatham (SC National Guard, Army Reserve); Terry Thruston; J.D. (Jimmy) Trout, Jr. (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; Hollis B. Taylor

Air Force: Mitchell Allen; Joseph S. Correll, III; 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: Colin Cumbo; Gerald Kiehl; Mark Odell; Stephen F. Shaw (Reserve)

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING Today, during our 11:00am Worship Service, the following Stephen Ministers will be commissioned: Valerie Barnet, Jim Farmer, Pamela Heath, Juli Robertson, Judy Saad, Lindy Sanders, and Linda West. These individuals have completed 50 hours of training in preparation to provide Christian caregiving to those in our congregation or community who are experiencing a life crisis.

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!

Nov 17 Menu - Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Italian Green Beans, Balsamic and Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes, Bread, Beverage, and Dessert - Pumpkin Spiced Whipped Cream Cheesecakes! Kids' Menu: Mini Corn Dog, Tater Tots, 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)

Nov 17 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)

FPC BASKETBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! First Presbyterian Church Basketball is back and ready for a great season ahead! We invite all FPC children and youth to participate in our basketball leagues, as well as non-members. The registration fee this season is \$80/player. The deadline to register is Wed, Nov 17 (fpcspartanburg.org/basketball). If you have more than one child playing, you will need to register each child separately. Rosters, practices times, and schedules will be sent out once registration concludes.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CNC The Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking a slate of nine members from the congregation to replace members who will rotate off the CNC. Members will serve for one year and will be charged with the nomination of Church officers. Please go to www.fpcspartanburg.org/cnc and complete the form. Deadline is Friday, December 31, 2021.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY resumed on Thursday, October 14 with adjustments for Covid safety measures. The Ministry has moved to Thursday evenings in the Arthur Center, with food service beginning at 5:15pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering or needs additional information, please contact Mary Lorick Thompson or Betsy Burrell.

USHERS NEEDED ... We are seeking additional ushers willing to help pass out bulletins and assist seating during the 8:45am Traditional Service. Our immediate need is for December, but there are openings for other months as well. Please contact Joanie Shackleton in the church office and let her know when you are available to help (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org; 864-208-2132).

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.

This month **THE PEACE & JUSTICE TASKFORCE** is focusing on Isaiah 58:6-10 as we are called to help our brothers and sisters break the cycle of injustice and poverty. During this season of Thanksgiving let us pray for God to guide us as we open our eyes, minds, and hearts to people in our community who are incarcerated. They need our prayers and help when released to overcome the many barriers they face during reentry. Their record of offense makes it difficult to get hired for a job and find a place to live. There are nonprofits in our community who are helping people overcome this cycle of injustice, homelessness, and poverty. If you feel God's call to help, you can find these organizations by visiting The United Way of the Piedmont website: uwpiedmont.org. **We welcome you to join our next meeting of the Peace & Justice Taskforce on Friday, December 3, 12:30-1:30pm in the Purnell Room.** Like more information? Contact Dawn Bingham (binghamdawn@hotmail.com).

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, NOVEMBER 14

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

*** 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, 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)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Communion

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Advent Workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Third Sunday of Advent

Chancel Choir Special Music at Both Traditional Services

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



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