

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 15, 2020
11:00AM SANCTUARY

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

ACOLYTE

Thy Holy Wings

arr. Cathy Mocklebust

✠ *Please Stand*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....
All: **So God pours love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.**
One: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.
All: **God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.**
One: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.
All: **Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.**

✦ HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing
Hymn printed at end of bulletin
(Verses 1 & 3)

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord of Creation,
we confess that we have squandered your gifts
and used them as if they had been given for us alone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

✦ RESPONSE

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

HENDON

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus,
let us be reconciled to each other.
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
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 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

MORECAMBE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 & 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

One: Hear what the Spirit speaks to the Church.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:43-47

One: Hear what the Spirit speaks to the Church.

SERMON

Stewardship — The Gift of Self

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

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.

ANTHEM

What Gift Can We Bring?

Jayne Marshall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

MUSIC

Tallis' Canon

Paul Manz

✠ 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 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Hymn printed at end of bulletin

I'M GONNA LIVE

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Pisgah

arr. Dale Wood

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

*are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Erik Hudson Neely
by his family.*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Mrs. Holly M. Bannan
Rev. Ansley B. Page

Mr. S. Craig Long, Elder

Mr. V. Griggs Holmes, Acolyte

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail
Lisa Cunningham
Reel Robertson
Paul MacPhail

Handbell Choir

A FEW REMINDERS FOR US ALL:

It is important to wear your mask while on the Church Campus.

Observe Social Distancing with other households.

Hand sanitizer stations are available in the Narthex and Tower Room.

Smile with your eyes; wave at your neighbor.

In order to maintain social distancing, please exit as dismissed by the ushers.

Feel free to fellowship outdoors prior to and following the worship service.

Thank you for your assistance.

Our ability to keep the church open depends on everyone following these COVID-19 protocols.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984
 Music Arr. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE
 Irregular

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

DUE TODAY - RECOMMENDATIONS 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 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 www.fpcspartanburg.org and click on the WAF event).

THE ANNUAL SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on **Tuesday, November 24, 6:30-7:30pm**. Hosted by Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, this virtual Livestream Event will be on their Facebook page and their YouTube channel. All proceeds taken during the evening's offering will benefit Angels Charge Ministry, a nonprofit serving incarcerated women in Spartanburg County. You may give your offering for this online (http://bit.ly/SIFA2020_TS). Pastor Leslie Lang will be preaching. Plan to join in on this Special Service.

WHITE GIFTS will look a little differently this year, but First Presbyterian Church will continue to bless several organizations with gifts wrapped in white for those they serve. Each Sunday in Advent, we will collect gifts for an identified organization. For the wish lists of each organization, visit www.fpcspartanburg.com/whitegifts!

Sunday, November 29 - Thornwell

Sunday, December 6 - Cleveland Academy of Leadership

Sunday, December 13 - Mobile Meals

Sunday, December 20 - Hope Center for Children

ANGEL TREE: This holiday season FPC will participate in Virtual Angel Tree (no contact) to remind the local children of prisoners we support each year that they are loved and not forgotten, not only by their incarcerated parents but also by their Heavenly Father. Angel Tags will be provided virtually for volunteers to sponsor. Individuals will pay online to sponsor each gift package and the sponsored gifts will be sent directly to the Angel Tree kids. Each gift package will include a gift card, a personal message from the parent, an age-appropriate Gospel presentation, and an opportunity to request a Bible. Stayed tuned for more information on how to support this long-standing, impactful ministry. Questions? Contact Brandt Goodwin (brandtgoodwin@gmail.com).

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 check in at fpcspartanburg.org/worship/worship-guestbook.