

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 28, 2021

8:45AM AND 11:00AM SANCTUARY

# 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

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Robert Lau

## INTROIT

*Wait for the Lord*

Taizé Community

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Heavenly Father,  
creator of the world,  
thank you for the promise of hope.  
Guide us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ,  
who brings light to the world. Amen.**

## ✠HYMN 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(verses 1-3)

VENI EMMANUEL

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
We are not ready for your coming.  
We live in sin,  
as though there was no justice.  
We live in fear,  
as though there was no grace.  
We live in passive indifference,  
as though you do not call us to always be ready.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Show us your mercy and your steadfast love.  
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,  
for you are the God of our salvation...**

SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## ✠RESPONSE

HYMN 93, VERSE 3

*Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

TRURO

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." May Christ's light dwell richly within you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pass Christ's peace from one to another, in His name.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 33:10-16; Psalm 25:1-10

SERMON

*Prepare the Way: Hope*

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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.**

✠ *Please Stand*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord*

Camille St. Saens

(11:00)

*Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*

Hal H. Hopson

### ✠DOXOLOGY

HYMN 143, VERSE 3

REGENT SQUARE

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the-eternal three in one.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the coming King.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### ✠HYMN 104

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

### ✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### ✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 88, VERSE 6

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

Michael Burkhardt

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia Andrews, Organist

### Advent Candlelighters

Janet and Mark Cann; Betsy and Mark Jr.  
Erika and Tres Cox; Lily Dargis

### Musicians

Kay Maddox  
Chancel Choir

### *The Advent Greens in the Sanctuary*

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
William Burnham Uhler, Dorothy Harris Uhler, and Sibyl Coleman Uhler  
by the Uhler 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 28, 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](https://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.

**GIVING TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 30** *Giving Tuesday* was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. This idea has grown into a global movement that inspires people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. This is a day when non-profits give people the opportunity to improve the world around them. This year, we are inviting members of our congregation and community to support specific areas of the Church Operating Budget. Your gifts will be included in your gifts to the church. We would like for you to consider this as over and above your regular giving to FPC Spartanburg. We tried to have fun with this - hope you do, too. Additionally, we welcome you to serve through one of the opportunities listed on the form. Please take a picture of this QR Code (the square with the squiggles) to learn more - or go to [fpcspartanburg.org/give](https://fpcspartanburg.org/give).



**WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST (DECEMBER 1)** Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Pre-registration for dinner is required; online payment is preferred ([fpcspartanburg.org/waf](https://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!

**Dec 1 Menu** - Hot Chicken Salad Casserole, Sauteed Carrots, Fresh Fruit Salad, Bread, Beverage, Dessert. Kids' Menu: Chicken Fingers, Mac and Cheese, Applesauce, 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)

**ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Would you like to order poinsettias in memory of or in honor of loved ones? Fill out the form available at the church or online. The cost per plant is \$20.00 and orders are due by Friday, December 10. You may pick up your plants in Fogartie Hall any time after MorningSong on Sunday morning, December 19. If you do not plan to do so, we would appreciate your giving us permission to use your gift for cut flowers or greenery to enhance our Christmas arrangement. Contact Lynise Clarke if you have questions ([lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org)).

**ANGEL TREE** tags are out! If you haven't already, please pick up a tag and bless a child this Christmas season. Each child will receive one gift, not over \$25. Wrapped gifts - with the Angel Tag attached - should be taken to The Perrin Room by Sunday, December 19. Questions? Brandt Goodwin ([brandtgoodwin@gmail.com](mailto:brandtgoodwin@gmail.com)).

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** We invite you to participate in Reverse Advent. Start with an empty box. Each day, fill your box with the designated items found at [fpcspartanburg.org/reverse-advent](https://fpcspartanburg.org/reverse-advent). Bring your full box to church on Sunday, December 19. We encourage you to include a card of Christmas love and joy. All donations will go to Hand-in-Hand Ministries to furnish a Christmas dinner for families in need.

**FAMILY ADVENT WORKSHOP - DECEMBER 5** Let's get ready for Christmas together! On Sunday, December 5, 12:00-1:30pm, join other families to create live Advent wreaths and age-specific crafts, e.g. Nativity story wheels, "Jesus" wreaths, crystal icicle ornaments, and more - with special projects for tweens and teens! We'll gather under the tent and in the gym. Questions or would like to help? See Pastor Ansley or Beth Burris. The more the merrier!

**JOY FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** Join the JOY (Just Older Youth) Fellowship Christmas Luncheon Thursday, December 2 at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. Dr. Lewis F. Galloway will be our featured speaker. Please RSVP by Monday, November 29 to Joanie Shackleton([jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org)).

**WHITE GIFTS SERVICE:** Please join us for our annual White Gifts Service on **Wed, Dec 8, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary**. The service features our children's choirs presenting "Who is my Neighbor?", but culminates in the giving of gifts, wrapped in white, for local missions: Cleveland Academy of Leadership, Thornwell, Mobile Meals, The Hope Center for Children. Visit [fpcspartanburg.org/white-gifts](http://fpcspartanburg.org/white-gifts) for gift ideas!

**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](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/cnc) and complete the form. Deadline is Friday, December 31, 2021.

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY** has moved to Thursday evenings in the Arthur Center, with food service beginning at 5:15pm. Adjustments have been made for Covid safety measures. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please contact Mary Lorick Thompson or Betsy Burrell.

**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.

**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.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM HOURS** – Mondays through Thursdays (7am-8pm) and Fridays (7am-2pm). If you've never used the gym facilities, stop by and check it out!

## 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** – Social Hall  
**Purnell Fellowship** – Purnell Room

# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

## 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)

## \*\*\* 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, 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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

*Final WAF of 2021*

- 6:30pm White Gifts Service (Sanctuary)

## 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)

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Lessons and Carols in MorningSong*

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Moravian Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)



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