

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG

# FIRST NEWS

March 2022



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*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5*

Dear Friends:

What a privilege it has been to serve as your Interim Pastor over the past year. My last Sunday with you will be March 6. During the past year I have learned so much from you about what it means to be a faithful church during the pandemic and in the midst of transition and change. Here are some highlights:

1. The worship of God is at the heart of the church. Worship is not only our duty, but also the place we are filled, guided, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's faithful disciples in the world. You have taught me how faithful worship can happen online and in person.
2. The church is the body of Christ where we learn to love and care for one another. Through times of joy and sorrow, you have demonstrated God's compassion and healing grace. I have gotten to know so many remarkable people in our congregation whose lives embody the love of Christ. I will always treasure your friendship and partnership in the gospel.
3. Even in the church, change is inevitable. Our members and officers have shown great leadership and commitment in navigating change and in providing resources and staffing to meet the pastoral and programmatic needs of the congregation.
4. The church is sent out into the world to be Christ for others. I have seen your sacrificial giving, your courage, and your commitment of time to address the needs of a hurting world. You have shown me models of how to address social and spiritual concerns in our community such as education, racism, injustice, hunger, and systemic poverty.

Now, as Bunny and I say goodbye, we hold you in our hearts. We will always feel that First Presbyterian is our spiritual home. We look forward to visiting with you soon! As we leave, we join with you in welcoming Alan, Erin, Sam, and Jack as they move to Spartanburg and begin life together with you. Alan Dyer has remarkable gifts for ministry; he will be a great blessing to First Church and to Spartanburg.

With gratitude for all we have shared together,

Lewis F. Galloway



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC

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On **Sunday, March 27**, we welcome The Reverend Alan Folsom Dyer as our new Senior Pastor.

Rev. Dyer will be preaching in the **8:45am MorningSong** and **11:00am Sanctuary** services.

We will celebrate his first Sunday at FPC with a Reception in honor of Alan, his wife Erin, and sons, Sam and Jack.

The reception will be held in the **FLC Gym** at **10:00am**. All are invited to attend! (no Sunday School; only nursery).



Dr. Lewis F. Galloway will complete his ministry with us this month.

What a wonderful year it has been!

In his - and Bunny's - honor we will have a reception on **Sunday, March 6**, after the **11:00am** Worship Service. This will be Dr. Galloway's last Sunday in the pulpit.

Please join your church family in the Social Hall as we send Lewis and Bunny back into retirement with our well wishes.

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## ***SPECIAL WAF CONCERTS IN MARCH!***

### **The Lord of All Nations**

Our energetic children's choirs will present music from around the world, reflecting the program's spring emphasis on the gospel's reach to all lands and peoples. The Cherub Choir (kindergarten), the Junior Choristers (grades 1-2) and the Senior Choristers (grades 3-5) will all sing both separately and as a group, celebrating another successful year for our Children's Music Program. **Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary**

### **Welcome Concert for Dr. Alan Dyer**

The Chancel Choir welcomes our new Senior Pastor with a presentation of Dan Forrest's *Lux: the Dawn From on High*. This inspirational 40 minute work features soloists Valerie MacPhail, Lisa Cunningham and Reel Robertson and will be accompanied by a 23 piece orchestra. **Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary**

And, a sneak peek to April and May...the Chamber Singers offer a Palm Sunday presentation of Bach's Cantata 12 (April 10, 6:00 PM) and their annual Spring Concert, *A Matter of Life and Death* (May 15, 6:00 PM).



# JOY Fellowship



## Johnson Gallery tour & lunch

The JOY Fellowship Committee invites you to join them on **Thursday, March 17th at 11:00AM** for a tour of the Johnson Gallery and lunch at Cribb's Kitchen.

We will meet at the FLC and carpool to the gallery. The current Johnson Gallery exhibit is "What's in a Frame?"

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 15th by contacting Joanie Shackleton (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg//864-208-2132).

**Masks are required for this trip.**



## DISCIPLESHIP: ON THE JOURNEY WITH JESUS

TUESDAYS • JANUARY 25- MARCH 8  
9:30-10:15AM • FOGARTIE HALL

A Bible study of Jesus' 12 disciples and what it means to be disciples ourselves. Join other women of faith to explore the blessings and challenges of walking with Jesus today. Come for the study and reflection, for the laughter and friendship, and to strengthen your family of faith ties. if you like, wear pink! Bring a friend. the more the merrier!



## RECREATION NEWS

**Personal training sessions are available and free to church members.  
Contact Colleen Darrall at [cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org) to schedule your session!**

### Gym Hours

**Monday-Thursday (7:00am-8:00pm)  
Friday (7:00am-2:00pm)**

### Classes

#### **Bootcamp**

**Mon/Wed/Fri (7:15am & 9:15am)  
Tu/Th (12:15pm)**

**Yoga - Wednesday (8:15am)**





# Wednesdays @FIRST

FAITH, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP

## March 2

Pasta, Meatballs, Alfredo or Marinara Sauce, Greek Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage

Kid's Menu

Pasta, Meatballs, Marinara Sauce, Applesauce, Dessert & Juice Box

## March 9

Greek Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Spanakopita, Greek Salad, Roll, Dessert & Beverage

Kid's Menu

Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

## March 16

Baked Potato and Fixings (Chili & Beans, Cheese, Butter, Sour Cream, Bacon),  
Corn Bread, Salad Bar, Banana Pudding & Beverage

Kid's Menu

Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

## March 23

Gyro Sandwich, Homemade Greek Potato Chips, Greek Salad, Greek Dessert & Beverage

Kid's Menu

Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

## March 30

Hamburger Steak with Brown Gravy, Corn, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Roll,  
Peach Cobbler & Beverage

Kid's Menu

Pizza, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

## **March 9**

### **Hello Family**

Hello Family is a new program in Spartanburg that seeks to improve outcomes for young children and their families by providing a continuum of care and services for all children through age five. Come hear more about this exciting program from Chris Story, Spartanburg City Manager.

### **Younger Women's Bible Study**

Perrin Room

Led by Leslie Lang, Dona Pulliam, and Carter Smith

Come join us in the Perrin Room to spend some time in scripture, conversation, and prayer!

## **March 16**

### **FAVOR**

F.A.V.O.R. – Join this Health Series follow-up on how Faces and Voices of Recovery have journeyed and partnered with those recovering from addiction and those that have experienced the loss through addiction. This panel will share their intimate stories of how they have dealt with addiction and how F.A.V.O.R. has become part of their lives and their recovery.

## **March 23**

### **Children's Choir Program**

The Lord of All Nations

(See bottom of page 2 for more info)

## **March 30**

### **Adult Choir Program**

Welcome Concert for Dr. Alan Dyer

(See bottom of page 2 for more info)

## **Pre-order Dinner at:**

[FPCspartanburg.org/WAF](http://FPCspartanburg.org/WAF)

## **Prices:**

Adults: \$9

Seniors (55+): \$8

Children: \$6

Family Maximum: \$27

**\*\*Dinner line opens at 5pm\*\***

## **Wednesdays at First Schedule** **A wonderful time of fellowship and learning!**

### **CHILDREN**

5:00pm Children's Choirs (Upstairs, Main Building)

6:30pm Christian Recreation for Children (Gym)

### **YOUTH**

6:30pm A time of fellowship and Bible Study  
(Youth Rooms - Upstairs of the FLC).

### **ADULTS**

6:30pm Adult Programming

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)





## Children's Ministry: Following Jesus with friends and service

February was felt boards and following Jesus. On Sundays, we studied the way Jesus brings healing. Wednesday nights we met Jesus' disciples and learned what he teaches. Did you know the Law and the Prophets are all summed up in "Love God with your heart, soul and mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22)?

Kids also jumped into Witness Season by making little "bus banks" to give money to Angels Charge Ministry for their new van and by making and selling cake pops at Wednesdays at First. Go, kids, Go!

Coming in March, we are staying close to Jesus, getting ready to welcome the Dyer family, and working on our Belonging To God catechism. All children are invited to join in the fellowship and fun. If you have any questions or ideas, please reach out to Pastor Ansley: [apage@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:apage@fpcspartanburg.org).






# Save the Date!

## VBS 2022

June 27 - 30  
9am-12pm

Rising 4K - Rising 6th grade



## Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!

Our presbytery is partnering with Camp Fellowship near Greenwood, SC to provide summer programs to enrich the faith and growth of K-12th grade children and youth in the great outdoors. Scholarships are available though Foothills Presbytery.

**For more information, visit [fpcspartanburg.org/summercamp](http://fpcspartanburg.org/summercamp)**



# REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

## CAMP FELLOWSHIP

### SUMMER 2022







## YOUTH MINISTRY

# Youth Sunday School

10 am in the FLC

Middle Schoolers will meet in the  
Middle School Room (F207)

High Schoolers will meet in the  
High School Room (F202)



**WEDNESDAYS -  
Youth at WAF**  
6pm in the HS Room  
(F202)

Join Rafe for fellowship  
and a mid-week  
check-in!



**SUNDAY NIGHT  
YOUTH**  
5 - 7pm in the FLC

Come for food,  
fellowship, fun and to  
grow your faith!



**MS Boys Bible Study**  
Wednesdays 3:30 - 5pm,  
alternating between FPC and  
Advent. Email Rafe Andrews  
for more info!  
youth@fpcspartanburg.org



**MS Girls Bible Study**  
Wednesdays, 6 - 7:15pm,  
alternating between FPC  
and Advent. Email Carrie  
Coleman for more info!  
ccoleman@  
fpcspartanburg.org

YOUTH - SAVE THE DATE!

## CROSS - URBAN PLUNGE

MISSION TRIP

MARCH 25 - 27, 2022  
CHARLOTTE, NC  
FOR MIDDLE & HIGH  
SCHOOLERS!



Be sure to check your Youth Weekly Email for the  
latest information about our events and programming.  
If you aren't receiving these emails, contact Carrie Coleman at  
ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org.



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## SERVE

*Following the Biblical command to love our neighbors, First Pres strives to care for our fellow citizens in ways that truly make a difference and spreads God's love.*

### From the Peace and Justice Taskforce

The Peace and Justice Taskforce of First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg is called to provide educational opportunities for our congregation, both within and outside of the walls of our church, to help each of us grow in understanding of the complex issues surrounding our faith and equity. In March, we are highlighting a local effort called The Echo Project. This effort is working to build relationships that bridge the divide of racism. The Echo Theater is a formerly segregated movie theater located off the courthouse square in downtown Laurens, South Carolina. It is most well-known for its association with the KKK, the American Nazi Party, and the 25th Aryan Nations World Congress. Between 1996 and 2012, the Echo Theater was the site of the "World Famous Redneck Shop," a white supremacist storefront and KKK Museum. The store sold racist memorabilia, KKK robes, and served as a meeting place for Klansmen, Neo-Nazis, and other white supremacist organizations. In the ultimate act of forgiveness, Rev. David Kennedy, a Black Baptist Minister and Civil Rights activist, took in Michael Burden Jr., a Klansmen who lived at the store. Rev. Kennedy and his church gave Burden a home, food for his family, and a place to worship after Burden decided to walk away from the Klan. As a token of thanks, Burden sold Rev. Kennedy partial ownership of "The Redneck Shop." After a long legal battle, it was ruled that rightful ownership of the property was held by Rev. Kennedy and his church, with "The Redneck Shop" finally closing in 2012. Now, The Echo Project is taking the Echo Theater and transforming it into a place of truth, remembrance, and healing. The team is working to provide historical context to visitors with compelling exhibits, community-driven education, and historical research that will be the backbone of a diversity center that fosters conversations around justice. This local story was recently featured on the Today show and has been made into an award-winning Sundance film. You can follow the journey here: <https://www.rehabhate.com/movie>



## INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION WEEKEND IN CHARLOTTE

Interested in doing an urban mission trip with the entire family?

**SAVE THE DATE for October 14-16**

Please contact Leslie Lang  
if you are potentially interested  
and/or would like more information!

[llang@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:llang@fpcspartanburg.org)



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MISSIONS

### Thank you from the Hand in Hand ministry

**Dear First Presbyterian Church,**  
Hand In Hand would like to thank our generous congregation for the support received with the Christmas Eve offering and the colorful and caring Advent food collection boxes. Your donations have already been spread throughout our community nourishing many children and their families.  
With grateful hearts,  
Hand In Hand



**The bond of  
sharing  
connects all  
humanity**

## PASTORAL CONCERNS

### IN MEMORIAM

**Walter Crabtree**

Converse Saturday, January 22, 2022  
father of Justin Converse

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**Christian sympathy is extended to:**

**Betsy Maynard,**

on the death of her mother, **Sara Anderson Fowler,** and to

**John Harrill**

on the death of his sister, **Harriet Ann Bogue**

*I am the resurrection and life. Those who believe in me,  
even though they die, will live. John 11:25*

### BIRTHS

**Congratulations to:**

**Kelsey and Jacob Henderson,** on the birth of their daughter,  
**Ruth Taylor Henderson,** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 ; and  
**Tara and Cale Wheeler,** on the birth of their daughter,  
**Tinsley Ann Wheeler,** Thursday, February 3, 2022.

### BAPTISMS

**The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to:**  
**Madison Victoria Zatezalo,** daughter of **Emily Hall** and  
**Zach Zatezalo,** on February 13, 2022.





*Ash Wednesday*  
*March 2, 2022*  
*Imposition of Ashes & Prayer*

**8:00a.m. - 1p.m. in the Chapel**

The Chapel will be open and a pastor will be present during this time for you to receive the imposition of ashes and for prayer.

*Ash Wednesday Service*  
**6:30-7:15pm in the Sanctuary**

Join us to mark the beginning of the Lenten season with this brief, family-friendly worship service that will include the imposition of ashes. Nursery provided for infants through age 2. This service will also be livestreamed.

**For you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.  
Genesis 3:19**

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