



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

MAY 9, 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

ACOLYTE (11:00)

When I Can See My Title Clear

Mary Ellen Kerrick

INTROIT

Surely the Lord Is in This Place

Robert Powell

✠ *Please Stand*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 98)

One: Sing to the LORD a new song
because God has done wonderful things!
All: **Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!
Be happy! Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises!**
One: Sing your praises to the LORD with the lyre --
with the lyre and the sound of music.
All: **With trumpets and a horn blast,
shout triumphantly before the LORD, the king!**
One: Let the sea and everything in it roar;
the world and all its inhabitants, too.
All: **Let all the rivers clap their hands;
let the mountains rejoice out loud altogether!**
One: Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 304

O Sing a New Song to the Lord
(The tune for this can be found in Hymn 246)

TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, whose love knows no bounds,
forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness.
When we turn away from the goodness of your love,
call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend.
When we stumble over the gift of your grace,
lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent.
When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world,
shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain.
When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace,
show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate.
Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short,
and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world.
In the name of Jesus we pray . . .

(from *Call to Worship*, 2021)

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠RESPONSE

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: God has received us, pardoned us, and loved us;
let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) *James Alexander Hamilton IV*
Son of Kristin and Alex Hamilton

CONGREGATIONAL 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.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:44-48

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:9-17

SERMON *Love's New Song* Rev. L. Craig Foster

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.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sing a New Song

Heinrich Schütz

✠DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Alleluia No. 1

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give praise to his name.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Alice Jordan

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Miss Lilla M. Langley, Acolyte
Miss Olivia J. Marsh, Reader
Miss Katherine B. Lancaster, Reader

Bruce Campbell, Guest Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail
Paul MacPhail

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Ila Belle Levie Bagwell, Lula Frances Hill Levie,
Dovie Powell Bagwell, Ophelia (Felie) Williams Adams,
and all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers who have gone before us
by Frances (Fran) Jewell Bagwell.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

for SUNDAY, MAY 9, 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 check in at fpcspartanburg.org/worship.

If you prefer paper: Fill out the Sign-In Form located in your pew and leave it in the Offering Plate as you exit.

TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY... a day when we honor mothers all around the world - mothers who nourish and nurture, who teach love by example, and who kiss away tears. We are thankful for all moms - the women who mother their own children or the children of others, for adopted moms, birth moms, grandmoms, moms-to-be, mom-in-laws, stepmoms, for the moms we had, and the moms we want to be. Happy Mother's Day!

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina has six communities across the state that provide support and enrichment for seniors. In 2020, the Mother's Day Offering provided \$1,059,786 in charitable care to Presbyterian Community residents who outlived their resources through no fault of their own. This vital ministry would not be possible without the support of churches and donors through the Mother's Day Offering. Your gift today will make a difference for generations to come. Please use the Offering Envelope provided today or simply note "Mother's Day Offering" on your check made payable to First Presbyterian. You may also give online or via the ShelbyNext App.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MAY 12: Dinner: 5:00-6:00pm; Programs: 6:00-7:00pm. Pick up your meal under the FLC Porte-cochère (feel free to drive thru) and then find a spot on the grounds to eat. You may eat in your car or bring a chair/blanket and eat on the grounds. Afterwards, there are programs for children, youth, and adults.

RSVP for Dinner Only (by Mon., May 10): Breakfast for Dinner! Bacon, Sausage, Cheese Omelet, French Toast Sticks with Syrup, and Fresh Fruit Salad, and Bottled Water. Kids Menu: Same - with Juice! Sign up today via the church website - click on the WAF event on the church homepage: fpcspartanburg.org.

NEXT SUNDAY IS BACCALAUREATE RECOGNITION Join us as we support our high school seniors as they begin a new chapter in their lives. We will have a special portion of the 11:00am Sanctuary worship service to recognize our seniors.

BLOOD DRIVE – MAY 16 Give blood at First Presbyterian on Sunday, May 16, 8am-1pm in the Family Life Center Parking Lot. Covid Antibody Testing will be offered to those that have had or suspect they have had Covid-19, as well as those who have received a Covid-19 vaccine. A \$20 charitable donation will be made to First Presbyterian for every blood donor! Masks are required. Contact Beth Cecil to make an appointment.

REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE On Sunday, May 30, the church will honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have now passed on. We will print the information in the worship bulletin. Please contact Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org/208-2132) prior to May 24 with the name of the person, their rank, branch of service, and dates of service.

FOCUS: A FAMILY EXPERIENCE - JUNE 13-16 Are you ready to deepen your faith as a family this summer? This year, FPC is excited to announce a **“family camp” style VBS!** Join us June 13-16, 5:30-7:30pm, to dive deeper in your faith. We will have dinner on the lawn, opening break-out sessions, family-Bible/activity time, then have a closing time together. This experience is open to children and youth of all ages. Mark your calendar and join us for this awesome week together! Register today: fpcspartanburg.org/vbs. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, May 19.

SUNDAY, MAY 23 IS PENTECOST - WEAR RED! Celebrating the birthday of the Christian Church and the power of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is a time to open ourselves to God’s creative new future. Come ready for the excitement! Worship together at 8:45am or 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Missions will be a featured aspect of worship. Music selections will feature a jazz theme, and we are delighted to welcome jazz pianist John Moody as our special guest. After each service, join the Pentecost Picnic Party for burgers and barbecue. The Fudd Truck and Old School Barbecue will be available in the FLC Parking Lot. Bring your chair or picnic blanket. Bottled water will be provided by the church. At 6:30pm, we hope you will join us back in the FLC Parking Lot for a special performance of the Gospel Mass by the FPC Chamber Singers. Gospel Mass is a unique musical setting of the Catholic Mass in the African American Gospel tradition

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children

Nursery: 6 months – 3 years in Room C105

Preschool: Room C110

Elementary: Room C201

Children’s Worship (11am): Room C207

Youth

Middle and High School students will meet together in the High School Room.

Adults

Bible Alive! Room 2208

Christian Perspectives: Room C212

Emmaus: Social Hall

Faith Driven & Young Adults: Room C210

LIFT: Fogartie Hall

Open Class: Room 2216

Purnell Fellowship Class: Purnell Room

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES AND OTHER DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Book Study with Nan & Tom McDaniel: Tuesdays or Thursdays at Noon on Zoom
Christians in the Making (Women’s Study): Wednesdays at 10am in the Purnell Room

Mom Moment with Ansley Page: Wednesdays at noon on Zoom

Men’s Bible Study: Wednesdays at noon on Zoom

Men's Bible Study: Fridays at 6:30am in Large Private Dining Room

Men’s Bible Study: Fridays at 7:00am in the Arthur Center

Middle School Girl’s Bible Study: Fridays at 4:30pm at Starbucks (E. Main and Montview)

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Mother's Day

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

SUNDAY, MAY 16

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- Baccalaureate Recognition during 11am Worship*

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church - Wear Red!

- 8:45am Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary)
Fellowship in the FLC Parking Lot
- 11:00am Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary)
Fellowship in the FLC Parking Lot
- 6:30pm Chamber Singers Present "Gospel Mass"

SUNDAY, MAY 30

Trinity Sunday

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Communion Observed in Both Worship Services

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Summer Sizzle: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 5:30pm First Day of... FOCUS: Family Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Father's Day

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



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