

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



"Psalm 91"
- Jennie Lou Tucker

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

8:45AM CHAPEL

11:00AM SANCTUARY

✠ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

ABBEY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheltered by God,
we come now to worship.
Invited by Christ,
we come now to pray.
Welcomed by the Spirit,
we gather as the people of God.

✠ HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter in times of rain.
When we forget to be a refuge for others in trouble, forgive us.
Turn our gaze to the poor of our world, for we would rather look away.
Guide our lives to be places of shelter for those around us,
as you have been shelter for us.
Strengthen us with your grace,
that we may offer our mercy and help to the needy,
as you have offered your mercy and help to us.
Draw us back into the protection of your forgiveness and grace.
In hope and gratitude, we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because we have called, God has answered.
We are delivered and saved by God's love.
Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

HYMN 441

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

All things have
their beginning
and their end in
the love of God.
In the light of
that truth, we are
free to confess
our weariness
and our worry,
knowing that
God is with us.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another as we share the love and peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 6:6-12

SECOND READING Psalm 91

SERMON

(8:45)

Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00)

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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.

At the 8:45 service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during The Word for Children. Afterwards, they will return to the pews.

At the 11:00 service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, children 3 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location:
Clark Building,
2nd floor

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: STEWARDSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Until We Rest in Thee

Natalie Sleeth

(11:00)

Simple Gifts

Mack Wilberg

✠ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

*Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sonata on the First Tone

Jose Lidon

The charge is the preacher's parting exhortation to the congregation to live God's will as we have experienced it in worship; the benediction (Latin: "speak well" or "good word") is a blessing as we leave to live out the charge.

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
James L. Burnett
by his wife Julia B. Burnett and daughter Letitia B. Uyak.*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Chapel

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Charlotte Verreault

Sanctuary

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Kara Clark

Holt Andrews, Music Director; Marcia Andrews, Organist
Genesis Choir; Chancel Choir
Janet Kuntz, Piccolo; Layla Mitchell, Flute

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:45 AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children - All Rooms are in the Clark Building

Nursery – Room C105 and Room C108; Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110

1st & 2nd Grades – Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C202

3rd & 4th Grades – Drop Off in Room C201; Pickup in Room C203

5th Grade – Room C206

Youth - All Youth Rooms are on the Second Floor of the Family Life Center

Middle Schoolers in the Middle School Room (F201) and High Schoolers in the High School Room (F202)

ADULTS

Abide – Room 2200

This Sunday School class creates space for young adults and parents of young children to abide in Christ and grow together in faith and faithfulness. This fall and early winter, an all-star team of pastors will lead the class through the Gospel of John.

Bible Alive! – Room 2208 & on Zoom

Join a great class with four fine teachers as the class studies and discusses a book of the Bible. Homebound or traveling? Contact Shannon in the Church office for the Zoom link.

Emmaus – Room 2207

This group enjoys fellowship, serving, and learning together. The lessons are led by a rotation of leaders as well as some guest speakers now and then. The curriculum is "Feasting on the Word" published by Westminster John Knox Press.

LIFT – Room 2201

A group in the center of life encouraging each other in faith and examining Scripture and what it means for us in our busy worlds of work, family, and community today. New friends are always welcome.

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 Ms. Kara. 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. *Nursery available in Room 105 (Toddler) and Room 108 (Crib).*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 25, 2022

PASTORAL CONCERN?

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, come to the Parlor on the second Sunday of the month - **Sunday, Oct 9** - at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 864-208-2125 / jhull@fpcspartanburg.org.

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.

GYM HOURS

Mondays-Thursdays: 7am-8pm
Fridays: 7am-2pm
Saturdays: 8am-12noon

CHAPEL OPEN

The Chapel is open for Prayer Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, for you to come and sit and pray in the stillness of God. You may place any personal prayer needs in the Chapel prayer box and a member of our staff will pray over your requests.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2

Next Sunday, October 2, is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. **This year, we invite you to celebrate World Communion Sunday by bringing bread to the communion table.** You may bring a home baked or store-bought loaf of bread to the service of your choice and place in a basket at the front prior to the start of the service or as you come forward to receive communion. The bread will be distributed to various missions in our community who feed the hungry.

TOTAL MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE Next Sunday, October 2, drop off non-perishable donations for TOTAL Ministries before or after service in the marked bins in the Tower Room, Narthex, or the Family Life Center Lobby. For a list of items needed, visit fpcspartanburg.org/total-ministries.

WAF (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 \$7 (up to age 11); Adult \$10 (ages 12 - 54); Senior \$9 (ages 55+); Family \$30. RSVP for Dinner by noon on Monday!

Sept 28 Menu: Adult: Hot Chicken Casserole, Copper Pennies (carrots), Garden Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage; Child: Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauce, Tater Tots, Applesauce, Dessert & Juice Box

Schedule (see Calendar on next page)

Sept 28 Adult Programming:

Discipleship in an Instant Society led by Alan Dyer in Fogartie Hall
Just Faith: Faith & Racial Healing led by Leslie Lang & Liz Evans in Rm 2208
Skin Health with Dr. Peter Neidenbach in the Purnell Room

RETURN OF THE PERFECT BLEND: Coffee and Friends! Join Pastors Leslie and Ansley for coffee, friends, and a little spiritual boost for your day on Thursday, October 6. We will meet at 10:30am in the Large Private Dining Room.

THESE DAYS The October-December edition of "These Days" is available throughout the church. Pick up your daily devotional booklet today!



Use this QR Code to go to the Church WAF Page for your Dinner Registration

CHURCHWIDE DAY OF SERVICE On Saturday, October 15, we will be having our first-annual Churchwide Day of Service! We will gather at the church at 8:00am for coffee and a brief devotion then, from 9:00am to 12:00pm, our church members will serve in various local organizations around Spartanburg. Come back at noon for lunch and a debrief; we will finish by 1:00pm. Childcare provided - upon request - through 2nd grade; there are service opportunities for all ages! Sign up by Monday, Oct 3 using the QR Code.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Habitat of Humanity of Spartanburg relies heavily on volunteers to live out their mission and vision. Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Construction volunteers are needed each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. No construction experience is necessary, and we will teach you all that you need to know! Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; anyone under 18 is required to have a parent or guardian present with them as well. You can volunteer for one day or a several days. Interested? Have questions? Please contact BJ Camp, Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator (bj.camp@habitatspartanburg.org / 864-707-0230 / 864-431-4964).

Mobile Meals has resumed daily deliveries and needs more volunteers! You can sign-up to participate in a regular route or offer to be a substitute driver when it suits your schedule. Please contact Vivian Tanner at Mobile Meals (vivian@mobile-meals.org).

The Neighborhood Meal Ministry is held on Thursday evenings in the Arthur Center, with food service beginning at 4:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please contact Mary Lorick Thompson (marylorick.thompson@salem.edu) or Betsy Burrell (b_burrell52@yahoo.com).

Cleveland Academy If you are interested in serving as a volunteer tutor this school year for our students at Cleveland Academy, please contact Mary Elizabeth Evans (meevans@spart7.org) for more details.

Good Neighbor Team Do you have a heart for refugees who have been displaced from their homes due to violence or persecution? In partnership with World Relief, our church is building a Good Neighbor Team to help resettle a Congolese family in Spartanburg. The only qualification needed is the willingness to show hospitality to those who need it most! If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact team leader Garrett Johnson (garrettjohnson2016@gmail.com), Donna Pulliam (ndpulliam@gmail.com), or Pastor Leslie (llang@fpcspartanburg.org).

WAYS TO GIVE:

- ① Place your gift in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service;
- ② Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone; it will direct you to our online giving portal;
- ③ Click "Give Online" at fpcspartanburg.org/give;
- ④ Text the word "GIVE" to 864/309-0816;
- ⑤ Mail a check to the church (address on back of bulletin);
- ⑥ Give via the ShelbyNext App



Questions? Contact Lynise Clarke, Church Financial Officer (lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org).

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)

WAF, SEPTEMBER 28

- 5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
- 5:00pm Children's Choirs (Upstairs, Main & Clark Buildings)
- 6:15pm Christian Rec for Children (Gym)
- 6:30pm Youth Fellowship & Study (Youth Rooms - Upstairs, FLC)
- 6:30pm Adult Programs (see schedule)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- World Communion*
- 8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Sunday Night Youth (Family Life Center)

LOOKING FORWARD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Blood Drive

OCTOBER 11 / 12

Vaccination Clinic

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Day of Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Youth Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Stewardship Commitment

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“The good news is that dark and light, faith and doubt, divine absence and presence, do not exist at opposite poles. Instead, they exist with and within each other, like distinct waves that roll out of the same ocean and roll back into it again. As different as they are, they come from and return to the same source.”

- Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor

Ministers: All Members of the Church

We are a community of believers committed to “Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”

Rev. Alan F. Dyer
Senior Pastor

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor
Discipleship and Communications

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care and Deacons

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor
Young Adults and Missions

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise
Associate Pastor
Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Pastoral Associate for Engagement

Holt Andrews
Pastoral Musician

Marcia Andrews
Associate Director of Music; Organist

Kara Clark
Director of Children’s Ministries

Carrie Coleman
Youth Leader

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

Pano Stathakis
Director of Hospitality

Kris Graham
Director of the Weekday School

Lisa Cunningham
MorningSong Band Director

Landon Hammett
Director of Campus Ministries

Lee Raines
Facilities Administrator

Jim Pitts
Campus Safety and Services Manager

Lynise Clarke
Church Financial Officer

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Admin to the Senior Pastor

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Children’s and Adult Discipleship

Ian Ritchings
Administrative Assistant
Missions, Young Adults, Communications

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin to Music

Andy Mayfield
Grounds Manager

Judith Holbert
Tiffany Long
William Massey
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