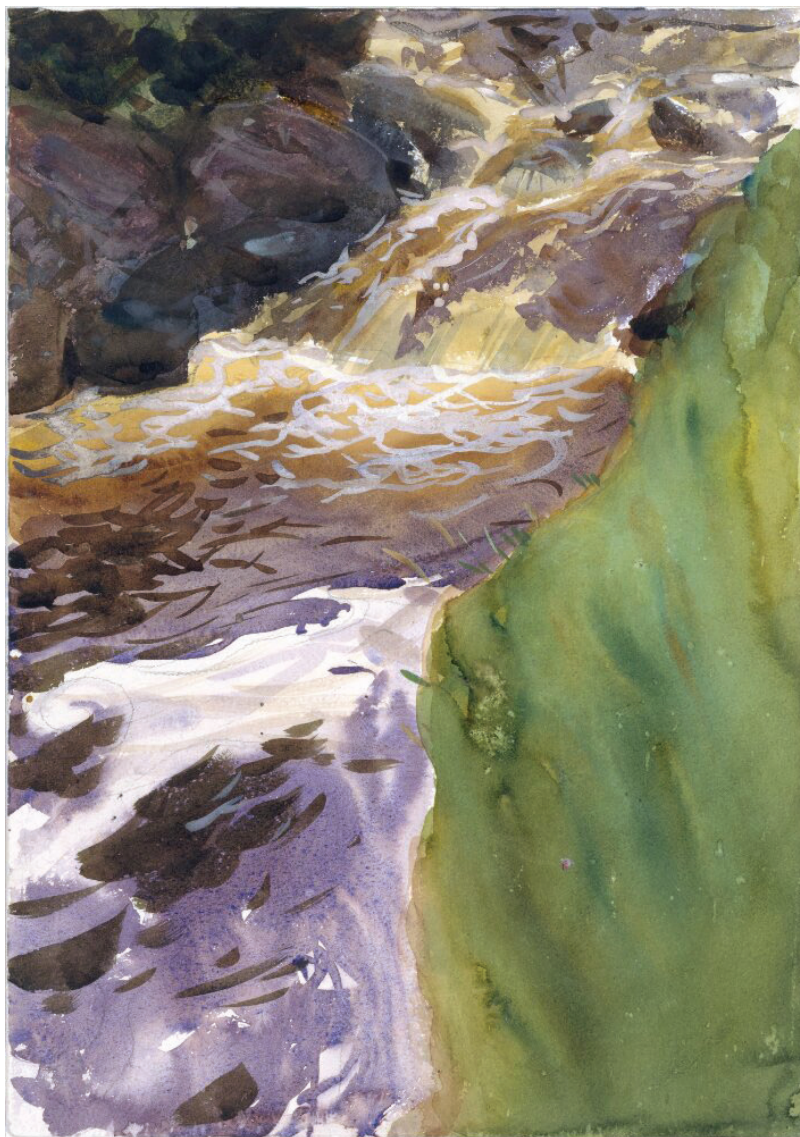


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SPARTANBURG, SC



JANUARY 4, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8:30AM EARLY

9:00AM CONTEMPORARY

11:00AM TRADITIONAL

# WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg – we are delighted that you are joining us for worship today! First Presbyterian is a community of believers in the heart of Spartanburg seeking to know and share the transformative love of Jesus Christ with others. Here you will encounter people who come from all walks of life representing diverse beliefs and faith experiences. What binds us together is our common hope in Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship, and mission we seek to root our lives in scripture, nurture our unity in Christ, and serve our neighbors in faith! No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome here.*

*Peace,*

*Rev. Alan F. Dyer*  
Senior Pastor

**IF YOU ARE NEW HERE** Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship or fill out the friendship register. We would love to get to know you better!

**PASTORAL CONCERN?** Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor before or after worship. If you need to contact a Minister, call 864-208-2142 day or night.

## **CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!**

Activity Bags located in the welcoming areas of each worship venue are available 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.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3 in the Clark Building in Room 105.

After *The Word for Children* in the 11:00am Traditional Service, children 3K-1<sup>st</sup> grade may attend Children's Worship with Ms. Kara. After the service, families are asked to pick their children up from Room 202 of the Clark Building.

**TO AID IN WORSHIP** Advanced listening technology, large-print hymnals, and large-print bulletins are available upon request for the Chapel and Sanctuary. Please locate an usher for assistance.

**WORSHIP ONLINE** Livestreaming of the Contemporary and Traditional Worship Services is available at [fpcspartanburg.org/worship](https://fpcspartanburg.org/worship). Additionally, sermons are on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, or wherever you find your podcasts!

**WAYS TO GIVE** There are many ways you can support the missions and ministries of First Presbyterian. During worship, place your gift in the Offering Plate or scan one of these QR Codes (you may give via **ShelbyNext** or via **Venmo**). Additionally, you may mail a check to the church office (address on back of bulletin). Thank you. *Questions? Contact Church Financial Officer Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.*



ShelbyNext  
(No log in required)



Venmo

# EARLY WORSHIP

8:30AM

CHAPEL

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND INVITATION

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst, arr. Young

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. L. Craig Foster

The God who created the seas calls righteousness to flow like mighty waters.

**We come to seek God's way of life.**

God calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

**Let us worship the God who makes all things new.**

### ✦ HYMN 150

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

We begin worship with the Call to Worship, centering our hearts and lives as God invites us to worship in spirit and in truth - the deep longing of every human heart.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

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**that your grace might take shape in our lives**

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SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ✦ RESPONSE: HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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### ✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

SERMON

*Mighty Waters: Do Justice*

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Jim Strathdee

✠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.*

COMMUNION

*All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.*

INVITATION

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

*What Star is This?*

David Ashley White

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 774

*There is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE: HYMN 547, VERSE 3

AR HYD Y NOS

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her*

Johann Pachelbel

“Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in Christ, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through God's mercy.”  
-Karl Barth

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM  
FOGARTIE HALL

INSTRUMENTAL PRAYER

*Lord, I Need You*

WELCOME

Landon Hammett

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

✦SONG(S) OF PRAISE

*This Is Amazing Grace*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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COMMUNION MUSIC

*The Table*

✦CLOSING SONG

*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

✦BENEDICTION

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM  
SANCTUARY

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ACOLYTE

Audrey Moore

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*Children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship;  
those second grade and older will return to the pews.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

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In worship, God's Word invites a response. Acts of commitment remind us that faith is lived through compassion, justice, reconciliation, and peacemaking beyond these walls.

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*The Epiphany flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Henry Sanders  
by his family.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

## NEW SERMON SERIES MIGHTY WATERS: GOD'S CALL FOR JUSTICE, MERCY, AND HUMBLE DISCIPLESHIP

In a world marked by deep injustice, division, and suffering, the call of God still echoes through the voices of the prophets: Let justice roll down like mighty waters. This three-week series invites us to confront the brokenness around us - not with despair, but with a faith that does justice, loves mercy, and walks humbly with God. Rooted in Scripture and grounded in hope, we'll explore what it means to embody God's vision of justice in our time and in our lives.

## PASTORAL COUNSELOR

We are pleased to announce that in the new year we will add **Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson** to our staff in a part-time capacity as a Pastoral Counselor. She will begin seeing clients on an appointment basis in January. Please email her at [hcrobinson@fpcspartanburg](mailto:hcrobinson@fpcspartanburg) to set up an appointment.

## MEET MERIANNA HARRELSON

All youth and parents are invited to a meet-and-greet with Rev. Merianna Harrelson, our new **Director of Youth and Family Ministry**, on **Sunday, January 11**, 6:00- 7:00pm, in the Family Life Center. Merianna will briefly greet parents and youth in Fogartie Hall, then students will head to the gym for games while parents remain in Fogartie for questions, conversation, and fellowship. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Carrie Coleman ([ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org)).

## READY TO JOIN FPC?

Next **Sunday, January 11**, come to the Parlor at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at [cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org) for details.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST- JAN 7

- 5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
- 5:00pm Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
- 6:30pm Bingo! (Fogartie Hall)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. January 7 Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas with Pearl Onions, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert, and Beverage. Children can eat from the adult menu or have Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Dessert, and Beverage.



## B-I-N-G-O! AT WAF

This Wednesday, WAF resumes with Bingo Night! This is a congregation-wide event. All ages are welcome. Invite a friend or two as well. You can come for dinner (please make reservations using QR Code above) and stay to play or just come for Bingo (starts at 6:30pm in Fogartie Hall).

## JOY FELLOWSHIP TRIP - JANUARY 22

The Just Older Youth Fellowship Committee has planned an outing to the Model Trains Station in Taylors on Thurs, January 22. Admission is \$8 per person. Sign up with the QR Code. Be sure to bring money for lunch!



## SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 25, 2026!

Two worship services, at **9:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary**, will celebrate 100 years of First Presbyterian Church's location at 393 East Main Street - a century of faith, community, and God's steadfast presence. Between services, enjoy refreshments, warm fellowship, and shared memories at **10:00am in Fogartie Hall**. Mark your calendars now to celebrate this milestone!

## DISCOVER FPC

Learn more about First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg at the Discover FPC Class on Sundays - January 11, 18, and February 1. The class will meet at 10:00am in the Large Private Dining Room. Learn more at [fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc](http://fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc).

## BRING YOUR KEYCARDS!

We encourage all members to bring their keycards to church. These not only serve as access to the building but also demonstrate our commitment to Christian hospitality (learning each other's names!).

## PHOTOS ON CHURCH GROUNDS?

Our beautiful campus is a great place to capture Christmas cards, weddings, proms, and other special moments. Before you do, please review our photo guidelines located on the church website (campus/policies) and contact Cathy Rush ([crush@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:crush@fpcspartanburg.org)) to let us know you're planning to be on campus with your photographer. This helps ensure there will be no conflicts with worship services or other events.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

The Neighborhood Meal Ministry needs outdoor blankets, sleeping bags, and heavy winter coats (in larger sizes). Donations can be dropped off at the Arthur Center or the Family Life Center desk.

## CHAPEL OPEN

The Chapel is open for prayer Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. You may place prayer needs in the designated box, and our staff will pray over your requests. Additionally, please visit with a pastor before or after worship to let us know of any prayer concerns. If you need to contact a minister, call 864-208-2142 day or night.

## GYM HOURS

Our gym is open Monday-Thursday from 7:00am-8:00pm; Friday from 7:00am-2:00pm; and Saturday from 8:00am-12noon. If you plan to access the fitness area/walking track, please bring your keycard.

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY 4

Communion Observed  
in all Worship Services

### JANUARY 7

Wednesdays at First and  
Children's Choirs Resume

### JANUARY 8

Staff Retreat

*(Church Facilities Closed through 5:00pm;  
Weekday School in Session)*

### JANUARY 9

High School Winter Retreat Begins

### JANUARY 10

Honduras Medical Mission Exploratory Trip Begins

## LOOKING AHEAD

### JANUARY 11

Discover FPC Class Meets  
New Member Joining  
Meet Merianna Harrelson

### JANUARY 17

MLK Walk as one

### JANUARY 18

MLK Community Celebration

### JANUARY 19

All Church Facilities Closed  
MLK Day of Service

### JANUARY 25

Celebration of 100 Years at 393 East Main!

### FEBRUARY 11

Annual Meeting

### FEBRUARY 15

Youth Sunday

### FEBRUARY 17

Presbytery Meeting

### FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday

### FEBRUARY 21

High School Ski Trip to Beech Mountain

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*Keep up with all Life of the Church events at  
[fpcspartanburg.org](http://fpcspartanburg.org).*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)  
Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Room C202  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room C203  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room C206  
Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Bible Alive – Room 2215 & Zoom

An extensive book-by-book study of the Bible

### Emmaus – Purnell Room

A journey with eyes open towards Jesus, with fellowship and a fresh new scripture-based lesson each week.

### Faith Forum - Social Hall

All ages are welcome to the Faith Forum!

January: Our Associate Pastors will build on the *Mighty Waters* sermon series.

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## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

### Early Worship

Janet Kuntz, guest conductor  
Erica Pauly, guest organist  
Genesis Choir

### Contemporary Worship

Kolby Carrouth, drums  
Landon Hammett, vocals  
Anna Harkey, violin  
Leigha Keller, piano/vocals  
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals  
Jeff Key, electric guitar  
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

### Traditional Worship

Janet Kuntz, guest conductor  
Erica Pauly, guest organist  
Anna Harkey, violinist  
Chancel Choir

*Front Cover: "Rushing Water,"*

*John Singer Sargent, 1901-08, watercolor, Met*

*Sometimes life can feel like rushing water - fast, overwhelming, sweeping us along before we can catch our breath. Yet water is also a symbol of renewal, rebirth, and God's life-giving presence. In Sargent's watercolor, the stream pushes through narrow, rocky places before settling into a calm, clear pool.*

*Similarly, God guides us through life's turbulent passages, leading us toward His peace and renewing us with His grace. May we trust the One who brings us through the storm and prepares for us the still waters of new life.*

## OFFERTORY

### *The Summons*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

*"Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown;  
will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where  
your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.*

# TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“Saints have a heart full of justice.”*

- Thomas Aquinas

## 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. Leslie L. Denny**  
Associate Pastor  
Young Adults and Missions

**Rev. L. Craig Foster**  
Associate Pastor  
Discipleship

**Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker**  
Associate Pastor  
Congregational Care

**Rev. Ansley B. Page**  
Pastoral Associate  
Engagement

**Holt Andrews**  
Pastoral Musician

**Marcia Andrews**  
Associate Director of Music;  
Organist

**Kara Clark**  
Director of Children’s Ministries

**Rev. Merianna N. Harrelson**  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

**Carrie Coleman**  
Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Beth Cecil**  
Parish Nurse

**Colleen Darrall**  
Director of Recreation

**Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson**  
Pastoral Counselor

**Jane Mullins**  
Director of Hospitality

**Pano Stathakis**  
Kitchen Assistant

**Kris Graham**  
Director of the Weekday School

**Lisa Cunningham**  
Contemporary Worship Music Leader

**Lee Raines**  
Facilities Administrator

**Jim Pitts**  
Campus Safety and Services Manager

**Lynise Clarke**  
Director of Finance

**Joanie Shackleton**  
Assistant Director of Finance  
and Mission Support

**Montaigne Campbell**  
Office Manager and  
Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor

**Cathy Bagwell**  
Visitor and New Member Coordinator

**Ian Ritchings**  
Communications Coordinator

**Shannon Hutcheson**  
Administrative Assistant  
Weekday School, Children’s and  
Adult Discipleship

**Cathy Rush**  
Receptionist and  
Admin to Music

**Kerri Bell**  
Administrative Assistant  
Congregational Care and Deacons

**Andy Mayfield**  
Grounds Manager

**Judith Holbert**  
**Tiffany Long**

**William Massey**  
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