

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

First Presbyterian Church

East Main Street

Spartanburg, South Carolina

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To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and desire companionship; to all who mourn and want comfort; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide its doors. All seats are free.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

FELLOWSHIP - 10:00A.M. Fogartie Hall

Morning Worship 9 O’CLOCK and 11 O’CLOCK

Prelude - “Prelude in G Major” *J.S. Bach*

(11:00) Introit - “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
..... *Cecil Frances Alexander / English Melody*

Welcome..... Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer in Concert

*Hymn - “Hark, Ten Thousand Harps” *Kelly/Mason*
Acolyte

*Responsive Scripture Reading - Rev. L. Craig Foster

PASTOR - “One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to
behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple.”

CONGREGATION - “**How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of
Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the
Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Yea,
the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for her-
self, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of
hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy
house: they will be still praising Thee.**”

PASTOR - “For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather
be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents
of wickedness. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one that trusteth in
Thee.”

Congregation - “**I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into
the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O
Jerusalem.**”

Pastor - “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love Thee.”

Congregation - "Peace be within Thy walls, and prosperity within Thy palaces."

Pastor - "We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple."

Congregation - "For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death."

Hark, Ten Thousand Harps

THOMAS KELLY

HARWELL

LOWELL MASON

1. Hark, ten thousand harps and voices Sound the note of praise above!
2. Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens All above, and gives it worth;
3. Saviour, hasten Thine appearing; Bring, O bring the glorious day,

Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of love;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens, Cheers and charms Thy saints on earth;
When, the awful summons hearing, Heaven and earth shall pass away;

See, He sits on yonder throne; Jesus rules the world alone.
When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.
Then with golden harps we'll sing, "Glorry, glory to our King!"

Hal - le - lu - jah! hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

Prayer of Confession..... Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Gracious and faithful God, you have planted and watered in this place through generations of faithful people, through prayers whispered and promises kept, through acts of love both seen and unseen. For this, we give you thanks and praise. And yet, we confess that too often we forget whose work this truly is. We take pride in what we have built and lose sight of the one true foundation. Forgive us for trusting our own efforts more than your grace, and for resisting the new thing your Spirit longs to do. Return us to Christ alone, the only foundation that endures, and teach us to serve with humility, trusting you to give the growth.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Life of the Church

Call to Discipleship: Witness Season.....Pat Tatham

Children’s Moment

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory - Anthem: “Sing Alleluia Forth”*Dudley Buck*

*Doxology

Lesson from the Holy Scriptures

Sermon Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Anthem - “We Are” *Ysaye M. Barnwell*

*Covenant of Re-Dedication -

PASTOR - To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house; To the honor of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour; To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of life and light; For worship in prayer and song; For ministry of the word; For celebration of the holy sacraments;

CONGREGATION - **We rededicate this house.**

PASTOR - As a tribute of gratitude and love, a free will offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted the cup of Thy salvation, and experienced the riches of Thy grace;

Congregation - **We, the people of this church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, rededicate this entire building and its furnishings in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Re-DedicationRev. Ansley B. Page

*Hymn No. 321 (Stanzas 1, 2, 5).....*Stone / Wesley*

*Benediction

*Postlude - “Menuet from ‘Suite Gothique’” *Leon Boellmann*

THE LENTEN GREENS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Purnell Morris by Raymond Morris and family.

THE FLOWERS IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER and FOGARTIE HALL are given to the Glory of God and in heartfelt gratitude, honoring all Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Staff, and members who have faithfully and generously served our congregation in this building at 393 East Main Street from 1926 to 2026.

Anthem - "We Are" *Ysaye M. Barnwell*

For each child that's born a morning star rises
and sings to the universe who we are.

We are our grandmothers' prayers,
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,
we are lovers of life and the builders of nation,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

Worship Participants

Acolytes:

Jay Kennedy (9:00am)

Miller Mayfield (11:00am)

Angel Chatter and LightShine Choirs

Chancel Choir

Soloists: Valerie MacPhail; Matias Mariani; Paul MacPhail

Trio: Tweetie Bowman; Lisa Cunningham; Inaya Rivas

Jeff Kuntz and Bill Scott, string bass

Bruce Campbell, piano

Janet Kuntz, flute

Holt Andrews

Marcia Andrews

Service Notes and Thank Yous

The first service in this sacred space was held on November 8, 1925, with the formal Service of Dedication following on January 17, 1926. For one hundred years, these walls have echoed with prayer, proclamation, song, silence, grief, gratitude, and hope. Generations have gathered here to be rooted in Christ and sent forth in love.

Today's liturgy, while not an exact replica, closely mirrors the order of worship from that January 17, 1926, dedication service. In doing so, we honor those who came before us - women and men whose faith, sacrifice, and vision made this Sanctuary possible - while re-committing ourselves to the ministry God is calling us to in this generation

Today's music includes music from the first service in the Sanctuary, the first service with the original organ, and the dedicatory worship service. That includes on the organ Leon Boellman's *Suite Gothique*, the hymns *Hark, Ten Thousand Voices* and *The Church's One Foundation*, and the choir anthem *Sing Alleluia Forth* by Dudley Buck. Note: the second anthem, *We Are* by Ysaye M. Barnwell is decidedly contemporary and is intended to both honor our past and look to the future.

We extend deep gratitude to the members of the Sacred Stones, Living Faith Committee for their faithful leadership in helping us mark this milestone: Tom King (chair), Cesily King, Paula Baker, Brooksie Berry, Brandt Goodwin, Margaret Hines, Kay McClure, Tommy Stokes, Rev. Alan Dyer, and Rev. Craig Foster. Their careful research, planning, and devotion have helped bring history and hope together in meaningful ways.

We are especially grateful to Frank Lee for creating the videos that so beautifully capture and preserve the history of our church. We thank Jeff Kuntz for his technical expertise and assistance in formatting the music for today's service.

With thanksgiving to God for our past, and abiding faith for our future!

Announcements*

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 25. Register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/waf. This week's program, "Spartanburg Now with Midas Hampton," will meet at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

HELP WITH A WAY HOME GUESTS First Presbyterian will host A Way Home families the week of March 8-15. A Way Home provides on-site housing and hospitality for unhoused families. Contact Rhonda Dickerson (rhonda032856@gmail.com or 843-407-8065) for more information.

SPRING "JUST DINNER" GROUPS You are invited to Just Dinner, Sunday, March 22, 6:00-8:00pm. You will enjoy dinner with 8-10 church folks in the home of gracious hosts for the purpose of fun connection. Sign up by March 12. Questions? Contact Rev. Ansley Page (apage@fpcspartanburg.org).

WITNESS SEASON SUNDAY Please join us on Sunday, March 1, for a combined Sunday School class in the Social Hall at 10:00am with Bart Edwards, Executive Director of Haiti Outreach Ministries. Come learn and consider giving to our 2026 Witness Season Project!

LUNCH AND LEARN The Foothills Retirement Community will host a Lunch and Learn on Thursday, March 12, 11:00am-1:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Enjoy a complimentary lunch and hear about The Terraces at Foothills - the newest and biggest expansion of any SC Presbyterian Community. Please sign up and bring a friend!

ENDOWMENT DINNER Evening of Legacy: The 1843 Fund Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 24. RSVP by Friday, March 13. Would you like to assist with setup, hospitality, serving, or cleanup for this event? Check your weekly email for more details.

WAYS TO GIVE There are many ways you can support the missions and ministries of First Presbyterian. You may place your gift in the Offering Plate during worship or give online (fpcspartanburg.org/give/online-giving). Thank you. Questions? Contact Church Financial Officer Lynise Clarke; lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.

* Since there were no QR Codes in 1926, you will find none in today's worship bulletin. Please review your weekly eNews or call the church office (864-583-4531) for more information.