

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPARTANBURG, SC



MARCH 1, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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-1st 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. 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

My Song is Love Unknown

arr. Michael Burkhardt

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. L. Craig Foster

God calls us to go.
We will follow.
God calls us to trust.
We will believe.
God calls us beyond what we see.
We will walk by faith.
The future is unseen.
But the One who leads us is faithful.

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✦ HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Gracious and faithful God:
You call us forward with blessing, even when the destination is not yet clear.
Still, we cling to comfort. We hesitate when the road is unfamiliar.
We want the whole picture before we take the first step.
Forgive us for trusting our sight more than your voice.
Forgive us when fear keeps us standing still.
Give us courage to follow where you lead, even when the way unfolds slowly,
even when we cannot see what lies ahead.
Teach us to trust the unseen future, because we trust you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

✦ RESPONSE

*Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow thee.*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: WITNESS SEASON

Bart Edwards, Executive Director
Haiti Outreach Ministries

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

SERMON

*God's Vision for Us:
Trusting the Unseen*

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

✠ 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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

K. Lee Scott

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

✠ 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

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM | FOGARTIE HALL

INSTRUMENTAL PRAYER

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

WELCOME

Landon Hammett

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

✦SONG(S) OF PRAISE

In God We Trust

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Come To The Alter

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

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I Will Wait for You

✦CLOSING SONG

Trust In God

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ACOLYTE

Coles Reid

INTROIT

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

YISRAEL V'ORAITA

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THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

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those second grade and older will return to the pews.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love*

MENDON

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See What Love

Felix Mendelssohn

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Having been fed
by Word and
Sacrament, we
go out to share
that nourishment
in the ordinary
intersections of
our daily lives.
The Lord's Day
service is the
indispensable
event that
identifies the
church with its
Lord and equips
it to identify with
those whom the
Lord has called
us to serve.

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Rondeau

Henry Purcell

*The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Jacob Emmanuel Kuntz
by Jeff, Janet, and John Kuntz.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

God's Vision for Us: A Lenten Journey of Renewal

This series is an invitation for FPC to begin living into the vision God has placed before us. In Jesus Christ, we glimpse the heart of God as one that is full of mercy, mystery, and transformation. As God's heart begins to echo in us, we are drawn into a life of deeper love, courageous discipleship, and generous care. Each week of this series seeks to draw us more fully into God's hopes for our lives and our community.

WITNESS SEASON 2026

Since 1989, Haiti Outreach Ministries has shared God's goodness with the people of Haiti. They now have four campuses, including Barye Fe Secondary School, serving students in one of the poorest areas of Port-au-Prince. The school urgently needs a multipurpose building to serve as a cafeteria, chapel, and meeting space, fostering community and spiritual growth. Our **Witness Season goal is to raise \$25,000 for this project**, already underway and planned for completion in 2026. Please use the QR code to donate. **Join us today for a combined Sunday School in Fogartie Hall to hear from Bart Edwards, Executive Director of Haiti Outreach Ministries.**



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. Use this QR Code to connect to the sign-up form to help with **onsite hosting**. If you are interested in hosting and have not received training, contact Rhonda Dickerson at rhonda032856@gmail.com or 843-407-8065. It is a quick and easy process.



WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST- MARCH 4

- 5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
- 5:00pm Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
- 6:15pm Recreation for Children (Gym)
- 6:30pm Honduras Mission Team (Social Hall)
- 6:30pm Younger Women's Bible Study (F207)
- 6:30pm Youth Fellowship
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. **Join us in the Social Hall to hear from the Honduras Mission Team.**



March 4 Menu: Salad Bar, Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Sweet Potato Crunch, Bread, Dessert, and Beverage. Children may eat from the adult menu or have Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Dessert, and Beverage.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

You're invited to gather with women from across Foothills Presbytery for fellowship, worship, and spiritual renewal. The Women's Spiritual Retreat will take place on **March 7, 10:00am-2:00pm at Providence Presbyterian Church**. Cost of lunch is \$12. The retreat's special guest will be Julie Schaaf, pastor of Nazareth Presbyterian Church. Scan the QR code to join the retreat!



LUNCH AND LEARN

The Foothills Retirement Community will host a Lunch and Learn on **Thursday, March 12 from 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 using the QR code and bring a friend!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

Please join us **Wednesday, March 18** at 6:30pm in our sanctuary as the Children's Choir share their musical gifts as we conclude our choir year. Our theme is "Shine God's Light"!

CHURCHWIDE DAY OF SERVICE

The 4th Annual Churchwide Day of Service is **March 28!** This is a family-friendly morning of helping at our ministry partner sites around the community. We will gather in the morning for prayer and reconvene for lunch after serving our partner organizations. Sign up by March 21 at fpcspartanburg.org/dayofservice or scan the QR code.



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. The host provides a main course and coordinates the guests to bring sides. These one-time gatherings are strengthening our faith family ties and building friendships. Hope you can join us! Use the QR code to sign up by March 12. Questions? Contact Ansley at apage@fpcspartanburg.org.



ENDOWMENT DINNER, MARCH 24

- RSVP TO THE DINNER

Evening of Legacy: The 1843 Fund Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 24. Join your church family for an inspiring evening as we explore faith and finances - along with great food, meaningful fellowship, important facts, and plenty of fun. RSVP by Friday, March 13, using this QR Code.



- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help us make this special evening a success! We are seeking volunteers to assist with setup, hospitality, serving, and cleanup. Scan the QR code to sign up and help support our church's legacy.



2026 WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Join us **August 14-16, 2026**, for the Women's Connection Conference at Montreat! Gather with women from across the region to worship, reflect, and renew your hope in God's faithful presence, with keynote speaker Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez. FPC has secured 20 registrations with housing and meals at Assembly Inn. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.



JOIN FPC ON EASTER MORNING

Church membership is an expression of our commitment to God and our faith. In the ancient church, people would often be baptized and officially join the church on Easter morning. Following in that tradition, we are inviting all those interested in joining FPC to consider doing so on **Easter morning, April 5.** We would love to have you add your gifts, energy, and love to the body of Christ that is FPC! Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you are interested in joining that day.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

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. Klompaker
Associate Pastor
Congregational Care

Rev. Ansley B. Page
Pastoral Associate
Engagement

SUNDAY SCHOOL | 10:00AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)
Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)
1st & 2nd Grade - Room C202
3rd Grade - Room C203
4th & 5th 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 - Fogartie Hall

All ages are welcome to the Faith Forum!

March 8th & 15th: View and discuss Frank Lee's excellent new video series about the history of FPC.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Early Worship

Marcia Andrews

Genesis Choir

Janet Kuntz, Guest Conductor

Contemporary Worship

Kolby Carrouth, drums

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals

Landon Hammett, vocals

Anna Harkey, violin

Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals

Jeff Key, electric guitar

Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship

Marcia Andrews

Chancel Choir

Sarye Glenn

Inaya Rivas

Christian Ruth

Jared Rosen

Janet Kuntz, Guest Conductor

Front Cover: "Unknown Pleasures" by Matthew Wong

This work draws our gaze toward an uncertain horizon, urging us to move by direction rather than destination, seeing the path but not its end. Echoing Abram's departure and Christ's resistance in the wilderness, it calls us to walk by faith, choosing trust in God's unseen will over the false security of visible comfort.

OFFERTORY

Lead Me, Lord

Will Todd

Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness.

Make your way plain before my face.

Only my Lord brings me safety

so lead me, Lord.

from Psalm 5

CALENDAR

MARCH 1

Combined Sunday School

Youth Mission Night "A Way Home"

MARCH 8

Girl Scout Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Begins

High School Senior Blessing & Parent Session

MARCH 8-15

A Way Home Guests Onsite

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH 18

Children's Choir Concert

MARCH 24

An Evening of Legacy: The 1843 Fund Dinner

MARCH 28

Churchwide Day of Service

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday

Youth 5th Family Fun Day

APRIL 3

Good Friday

APRIL 5

Easter Sunday

Keep up with all Life of the Church events at
fpcspartanburg.org.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



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