

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPARTANBURG, SC



MARCH 17, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH 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!

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, you may place your gift in the Offering Plate or you can scan this QR Code; it will direct you to our online giving portal. Additionally, you may mail a check to the church office (address on back of bulletin). Thank you for your gifts. *Questions? Contact Church Financial Officer Lynise Clarke; 864-208-2130/lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.*



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

O God, Thou Faithful God

Flor Peeters

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Our help is in God,
who calls us to worship.
Our hope is in love,
that calls us to care.
Come, let us bring our full selves to worship.
Let us bring our full love and care.

✦HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you with humility,
recognizing that too often we have allowed fear
to lead rather than love.
We have been unkind to our families,
our friends, and especially our enemies.
We pray that you will continue to transform our lives
into the image of Christ.
By the power of your love, gather us once more
into the fellowship of your family.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦RESPONSE: HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. -PCUSA Directory for Worship

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

✦ 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 12:46-50

SERMON

Why Jesus? Family Man

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

We Walk with God

Mary Caldwell

✦ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

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✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue Sue Les Jeux D'Anches

Francois Couperin

Following the service, you are invited to a time of coffee and fellowship in The Perrin Room.

Modern-day affirmations of faith such as A Declaration of Faith allow us to express our core beliefs in ways that are more contextual than the ancient creeds, employing contemporary language and imagery and addressing present concerns through our timeless faith.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM
FOGARTIE HALL

WELCOME

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

✠SONG OF PRAISE

How Can I Keep From Singing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yes and Amen

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

Kyrie Eleison

FIRST READING

Proverbs 6:20-22

Eliza Edwards

SECOND READING

Matthew 12:46-50

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Why Jesus? Family Man

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✠CLOSING SONG

For All That You've Done (As Family We'll Go)

✠BENEDICTION

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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OPENING VOLUNTARY ACOLYTE

When We Are Living

arr. Kevin McChesney
Sadie Moore

INTROIT

Bless All Who Trust in God

FRANCONIA

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Katherine Adele Caggiano*
Daughter of Sidney and Chris Caggiano

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *God, Be The Love to Search and Teach Me* Tyler Green

FIRST READING Proverbs 6:20-22 Martha Barre

SECOND READING Matthew 12:46-50

SERMON *Why Jesus? Family Man* Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

Jesus was what we should be.
He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from
loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.
We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity God
promises to give us through him.

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**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

Go Not Far From Me

Antonio Zingarelli

*Go not far from me, O God. Cast me not away in the time of age.
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
that I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.*

✠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.*

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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The prayer of dedication is an act of offering back to God all that we hold precious. It is a recognition of God's grace, an affirmation of our faith against all the false idols of our culture, and acknowledgement of a truth that lies beyond our understanding.

*The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Sally D. and Philip F. Foster and Philip F. (Flip) Foster, Jr.
by Mr. and Mrs. William L. Pope, Jr.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

WHY JESUS? LENTEN SERIES

Lent is a time each year for prayer, fasting and self-examination as we follow Jesus towards the cross and empty tomb. But when was the last time we asked ourselves whether or not we truly know just who it is we are following?! Are we actually ready to walk in the footsteps of someone who invites us to find our lives by giving our lives away in service to God and others? Our Lenten Sermon Series is an invitation to better understand who Jesus is, and in so doing, begin to learn why following him is the only way to discover the true meaning and purpose of our own lives.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

Join us starting at 5:00pm for Wednesdays at First (WAF). Dinner reservations and more information can be found at fpcspartanburg.org/waf. Volunteer opportunities are available! This week, we will continue our study of Dr. Will Willimon's book *Why Jesus?* at 6:30pm in Fogartie Hall.



LEARN MORE ABOUT CAST!

CAST - Care, Accept, Share, Teach - A Ministry for God's Homeless Children has been part of the life of First Presbyterian Church for 10 years. Learn more about this ministry on **March 21 at 5:30pm in the Large Private Dining Room**. Please contact Gloria Close at closely@bellsouth.net with questions.

AT THE WELL: CHURCH RETREAT

Join your church family in beautiful Montreat, NC, for a weekend of relaxation, fun, and spiritual growth May 3-5. There will be programs for all ages and plenty of free time to explore Black Mountain, play games, or take a nap. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/retreat or scan the QR code to register by April 1!



CHURCHWIDE DAY OF SERVICE

On Saturday, April 13, we will be holding our Second Annual Churchwide Day of Service. This is a great way for all ages to serve the community together! Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/dayofservice to register by March 30. Childcare available upon request for children under 6 years.



REGISTER FOR VBS!

It's nearly time for a summer camp adventure with God at Camp Firelight! VBS will be June 3-6 from 9:00am-12:00pm for rising 4k through 6th grade. Registration is now open at fpcspartanburg.org/vbs or scan the QR code. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Kara Clark, Director of Children's Ministry, at kclark@fpcspartanburg.org.



CLEVELAND LITERACY DAY

Cleveland Academy will hold a First Grade Literacy Day titled "Today is Going to Be a Great Day!" on March 25 and they need you! This will be a fun day for volunteers to engage directly with students and help ignite their excitement for reading. Scan the QR code to view all volunteer opportunities. For questions or more information, please contact Mary Elizabeth Evans at mewevan@gmail.com.



HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to hand out palm crosses and branches on Palm Sunday, March 24, and to help with the Flower Cross on Easter Sunday, March 31. There are opportunities available for all three services, and for all ages! Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/holyweek to sign up and help enhance the Holy Week and Easter experience for all.



DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

We're already preparing for FPC's largest annual mission project, Winter Warmth, where we distribute brand-new coats to children in need across Spartanburg County. In addition to coats, children will also be receiving hats and scarves, handmade by members of the church. That's where you come in! If you're able to knit or crochet, we could really use your help in making it happen! Winter Warmth will take place on October 26 this year. It's never too early to start! If you have questions, please email them to winterwarmth@gmail.com.

JOIN THE AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM!

The Audio/Video Team currently needs camera operators, and no experience is necessary! Most A/V team members serve one Sunday per month and an occasional special event. Contact Caroline Goodman at cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org for more information!

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

If you are looking for a way to serve First Presbyterian that allows you a flexible schedule and once-a-week interaction with someone who is desperately in need of some Christian caring, this is the place for you! the new class starts in August. It's never too early to learn more information about this important ministry of our church. Contact Dana Halliday at danahalliday1@charter.net or (864) 237-0330.

COLUMBARIUM ON CHRONICLE

First Presbyterian Church's Columbarium is now on Chronicle, an innovative online tool that provides real-time information on our available, reserved, and occupied niches. The interactive map allows you to visualize the Columbarium in a unique way. Memorials for those who are already inurned may be purchased and placed on our Chronicle site for all to view, and a portion of the memorial will directly benefit the church. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/columbarium to learn more!



LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

8:30am - Early Worship in the Chapel

9:00am - Contemporary Worship in Fogartie Hall

Children will participate in a palm procession

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to participate in the palm procession

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

5:30pm - Dinner in Fogartie Hall

Register at fpcspartanburg.org/holyweek

6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Worship in Fogartie Hall

"Maundy" means commandment, referencing the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples on this day; for it was on this day that Jesus had his last meal with his disciples. It is our Christian tradition to celebrate this evening with the gift of worship and the sacrament of Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

9:00am-5:00pm - The Chapel will be open for prayer

7:00pm - Tenebrae Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous event. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the "strepitus"; and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

- Calvin Institute for Worship

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

6:30am - Sunrise Service in the Columbarium

8:30am - Early Worship in the Sanctuary

9:00am - Contemporary Worship in Fogartie Hall

10:00am - Fellowship on the Front Lawn

11:00am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Cross of Flowers

Members and guests are invited to place flowers on the rough-hewn cross on the lawn of the church as they come to worship on Easter. This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.

READY TO JOIN FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Church Parlor on Sunday, April 14 at 10:30am. There will be a brief meeting to welcome new members. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org if you plan to attend.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10AM (GATHERING TIME - 9:45AM)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)

Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)

1st & 2nd Grade - Room C202

3rd & 4th Grade - Room C203

5th Grade - Room C206

Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Alive – Room 2208

Emmaus – Room 2207

Abide – Room 2200

L.I.F.T. – Room 2201

Glory Days – Purnell Room

Front Cover:

“Communion of the Saints”
by Elise Ritter

Parts of today's liturgy are from
Abingdon Worship Annual.

CALENDAR

MARCH 20

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday Meal and Service

MARCH 29

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

MARCH 31

Easter

LOOKING FORWARD

APRIL 13

Churchwide Day of Service

APRIL 21

Confirmation Sunday

MAY 2

Chamber Singers Concert

MAY 12

Mother's Day

MAY 3-5

Congregational Retreat at Montreat

MAY 19

Day of Pentecost

JUNE 3-6

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 16

Father's Day

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Early Worship

Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews

Contemporary Worship

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Kolby Carrouth, drums; Landon Hammett,
keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin;
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals; Jeff Key, electric guitar;
Corey McDaniel, bass guitar

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews;
Chancel Choir; Handbell Choir

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*"The chief act of Christian worship is not some mysterious, dark, esoteric rite.
It is a family meal with everyone around the table, the Sunday dinner we call the
Lord's Supper, family as God intended family to be."*

- Dr. Will Willimon

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. John Daniel DeBevoise
Associate Pastor
Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Associate Pastor Discipleship

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Interim Associate Pastor
for Congregational Care

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

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 Ministry Coordinator

Grace deMaine
Associate Director, Youth Ministry

Beth Cecil
Parish Nurse

Colleen Darrall
Director of Recreation

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
Church Financial Officer

Monteigne Campbell
Office Manager and
Admin to the Senior Pastor

Cathy Bagwell
Visitor and New Member Coordinator

Caroline Goodman
Communications Director

Ian Ritchings
Communications Coordinator

Shannon Hutcheson
Administrative Assistant
Children's and Adult Discipleship

Cathy Rush
Receptionist and Admin
to Music and Mission

Joanie Shackleton
Administrative Assistant
Congregational Care and Deacons

Andy Mayfield
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Custodians



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