

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPARTANBURG, SC



MARCH 24, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PALM SUNDAY

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Michael Burkhardt

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
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Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

✠HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

On this day, your Son entered Jerusalem with the crowds shouting “Hosanna.”

How quickly they turned on Him as he went to the cross.

Forgive us for the ways that we too have welcomed Him
only with words and resisted His will for our lives.

Our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, cleanse us, and grant us your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sustains the weary with a word, and so shall God sustain us.

The Holy One who helps us will not let us be put to shame.

Christ stands with us, bringing the grace of our longing.

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.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
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In our prayers we praise our God as the Creator of all that is, and we offer thanksgivings for the blessings of life that sustain us in the journey. And sometimes we confess that we have disappointed God and ourselves by living the selfish life. Confession is difficult, but it is good for the soul. It is an act of honesty that deepens our awareness of our brokenness, and it creates space for God to renew us and transform us.

✠ 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

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

Why Jesus? Sovereign

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Lord Jesus, My Savior

Dale Wood

✠ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 93, VERSE 3

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Epilogue

Healey Willan

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

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM
FOGARTIE HALL

WELCOME

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

✦SONG OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yes and Amen

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S TIME

PALM PROCESSION

Hosanna, Praise is Rising

Please join the children and youth in waving palms during the processional music.

ANTHEM

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✦CLOSING SONG

Raise Up The Crown

✦BENEDICTION

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM
SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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PALM PROCESSION ACOLYTE

Mantos y Palmas (Filled With Excitement)

Ruben Ruiz Avila
Ella Jane Brown

The congregation is invited to remain seated and wave their palms during the Palm Processional.

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David

Michael Bedford

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

PSALM 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false.

They will receive blessing from the Lord

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Rev. L. Craig Foster

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

FIRST READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

SECOND READING

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

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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.

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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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Crown Him King of Glory

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

*O Crown him king of glory, the Lord mighty to save.
The Lord of heaven reigneth on the throne of God.*

To Him let us sing alleluia. Crown Him King, the savior of the world, Jesus the son of God.

Praise the everlasting father for his great mercy to humankind.

Praise the Son and Holy Spirit, the blessed Trinity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

✠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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are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Betty and J.D. Trout
by the family.

"And if a relationship with God is to count rather than be a casual affair, there have to be deliberate decisions as regards the use of time, money and prayer which will consolidate the relationship and affirm its worth."
—John Bell

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

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

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

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

On Maundy Thursday, we will share a meal together at 5:30pm. Please register at fpcspartanburg.org/holyweek or scan the QR code by tomorrow at 4:30pm. Following dinner, Maundy Thursday Worship will begin in Fogartie Hall at 6:30pm. Childcare will be available in the Clark Building during the worship service.



EASTER VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Flower Cross on Easter Sunday, March 31. There are opportunities available for all three services, and for all ages! Visit fpcspartanburg.org/holyweek to sign up and help make this Easter a beautiful experience for members and visitors alike.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

Wednesdays at First will resume April 3. Dinner will begin at 5pm and reservations can be made at fpcspartanburg.org/waf or scan the QR code. Volunteer opportunities are also available!



CHURCHWIDE DAY OF SERVICE

On Saturday, April 13, we will be holding our Second Annual Churchwide Day of Service. Scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/dayofservice to view the schedule and service locations. The cost is \$20/person or \$75/family of four or more, which includes lunch, supplies, and a t-shirt. **Register by March 30.** Childcare available upon request for children under 6 years.



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!



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.



DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

We're already preparing for FPC's 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 or purchased by members of the church. If you knit or crochet, this is a wonderful project to work on while the months are warm. Donations can be dropped off in the Mission Closet just inside the Chestnut Street entrance. Winter Warmth will take place on October 26 this year. It's never too early to start! If you have questions, please email winterwarmthfpc@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!



DISCOVER FPC

Discover FPC classes are offered for visitors and new members to learn more and ask questions about our church, values, mission, and programs. These classes are open to anyone and provide an opportunity to learn about our church and the denomination. The next class will be June 9. Learn more about at fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc. Contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org with questions or more information.

READY TO JOIN FPC?

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Come to the Social Hall 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:
“Palm Sunday Procession”
by P. Solomon Raj

Parts of today's liturgy are from
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CALENDAR

MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship

MARCH 29

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

MARCH 31

Easter Day

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; Paul MacPhail

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; Angel Chatter and
LightShine Choirs

The Lenten Greens in the Tower Room

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
John Thomas Tatham
by the family.*

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“The kingdom of God not only means power, God’s power active on earth, but also God’s empowerment of ordinary women and men to be agents of God’s sovereignty. Though Jesus’ talk of taking over the world by employment of a trifling gaggle of disciples [...] may seem ridiculous, it is through such preposterously small measures that God miraculously grows a cosmic kingdom.”

- 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
Grounds Manager

Judith Holbert
Tiffany Long
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