

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SPARTANBURG, SC



JULY 13, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00AM SUMMER WORSHIP

# 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, you may place your gift in the Offering Plate or you can scan the QR Codes. The ShelbyNext QR code will direct you to our online giving portal. Additionally, you may give via Venmo or 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.*



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# SUMMER WORSHIP

11:00AM

SANCTUARY

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

John Moody and Friends

WELCOME AND INVITATION

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

This is the day that the Lord has made;

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

INTROIT

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

We gather to walk the way of faith - not with certainty, but with trust.

**God's promises guide us and Christ's love sustains us.**

We are not alone on the journey.

**We are part of the great story of faith.**

Let us lift our hearts in worship,

**Trusting the One who is always faithful.**

✦ HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

**Faithful God,**

**We confess that we have grown weary,**

**forgetful of those who came before us,**

**and distracted from the joy set before us.**

**We have not always run the race with endurance.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Restore our confidence in your promises**

**and strengthen our resolve to follow Jesus,**

**who is always faithful, even when we are not.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

God's grace upholds us, and Christ's mercy restores us.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

✦ RESPONSE

HYMN 582

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*

*and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*

*and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

The Assurance  
of Pardon  
proclaims God's  
faithfulness.  
Our lives are  
redeemed  
by the saving  
grace of God  
- the Gospel in  
miniature. God  
does for us what  
we cannot do  
for ourselves.

✦ Please rise in  
body or in spirit.

## ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Samuel Ivar Lagerlof  
Son of Kelly and Karl Lagerlof*

### 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.*

*Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship; those 2nd grade and older will return to the pews.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Precious Lord*

PRECIOUS LORD

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

### FIRST READING

Galatians 5:22-23

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-3

### SERMON

*Rooted in the Spirit: Faithfulness*

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## ✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage. Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.**

Adopted in 1983, the Brief Statement of Faith affirms central Reformed convictions: God's faithfulness, Christ's saving work, and the Spirit's ongoing presence. Rooted in Scripture, it unites us in trust, hope, and shared calling.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington

*Offertory text can be found on the last page of the bulletin.*

### ✦DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PROSPECT

As we offer our gifts, we praise God for the resources the Lord has provided and the opportunity to serve others on God's behalf. The Doxology is an ancient chorus of praise; with a vision of heaven – all the created beings of all times and places joining together and forever singing praise to God.

### ✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### ✦HYMN 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

### ✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Godspeed*

John Moody

## SUMMER WORSHIP

### **Sermon Series: Rooted in the Spirit**

*This summer, we invite you to explore the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In a world where promises are easily broken and hope can feel fragile, these are God's enduring gifts to us — signs of grace that take root even in disappointment. Come be grounded, encouraged, and renewed by the Holy Spirit's quiet but abiding work in and among us.*

### **Special Music**

*Jazz has been called America's unique art form. Though there is a popular perception that jazz musicians just play anything they want, whenever they want, in reality most jazz forms have a harmonic and rhythmic structure. It is within those structures that musicians are free to perform as creatively and adaptively as they feel the moment demands.*

*Although most of us don't associate jazz with the faith, perhaps attempting to live a Christian life is akin to being a jazz performer. We have a structure...our understanding of the saving and redemptive work of Jesus Christ...but it is up to us to figure out how to live out that faith.*

*Thanks to our jazz team, led by John Moody, for taking us on a musical and spiritual journey today, and blessings on each of you as you continue your own faith journey.*

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
**The Honorable Roberto Mark Inclán**  
by his family.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

## WEDDING POTLUCK - TODAY

Join us after worship in Fogartie Hall for a churchwide potluck to celebrate the marriage of Leslie and David Denny.

## YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There are several ways to get involved with FPC Youth this summer! Middle School parents, the **Middle School Mission Experience is July 21-24**. This is a FREE opportunity for your student to experience a week of service and discernment. High schoolers are invited to the **Montreat Youth Conference July 20-26**, a week of community, connection, and God's truth. Scan the QR code for details about each summer youth activity and to sign up. Contact Carrie Coleman at [ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org) with questions.



## MONTREAT PLAY DATE

Families with children ages 4K-6th grade: spend the day (10:00am-2:00pm) rock-hopping in the creek, playing on the playground, and enjoying games in the Montreat Youth Center on **July 19**. The cost is \$10/child. Register at [fpcspartanburg.org/montreatplaydate](http://fpcspartanburg.org/montreatplaydate) or scan the QR code!



## TICKLED PINK POP UP PARTY

All women are invited for a mid-summer morning of fellowship, fun, and a short Bible study, Tuesday, **July 22**, 9:30-10:30am in Fogartie Hall. Wear your summer pink, bring a friend, and be encouraged and uplifted!

## BASKETBALL JERSEY RECYCLING

Please donate your gently-used, stain-free **dark green jerseys** in the marked baskets at the FLC desk as part of our Church Basketball Jersey Recycling Project. Thank you!

## ORDER YOUR KIRKIN' BANNER

Now is the time to order your family's banner for Kirkin' o' the Tartans. The construction of the staffs and stands as well as the sewing of the banners will be performed by volunteers, but the cost of purchasing and sewing your tartan is \$150. The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland. Complete the order form at [fpcspartanburg.org/tartan](http://fpcspartanburg.org/tartan) by **Friday, July 25**.



## WOMEN'S CONNECTION: 2 SPOTS LEFT!

Two spots just opened up for the Montreat Women's Conference **August 8-10**. Both are in Assembly Inn with private room/shared bath for \$425 total. If you are interested in a time of renewal and discernment with other women from FPC and around our area, visit [fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection](http://fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection) or scan the QR code.



## SUMMER CHOIR - ONE SUNDAY LEFT!

There is one Sunday of Summer Choir left! Anyone high school age and up is welcome to sing with the Summer Choir on **July 20**. All you have to do is attend rehearsal at 10:15am and learn the music for the 11:00am service. The music is manageable, and you'll be supported by experienced Chancel Choir members. Contact Holt Andrews at [rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org) with questions.

## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

This past week, we welcomed families from A Way Home into our facilities. Thank you to all who helped make these families feel at home, from donating food and meals to overnight hosting. It takes many hands to make this ministry a success, and we appreciate all of you! Our next rotation is **September 14-21**. If you would like to help, please contact Rhonda Dickerson at [rhonda032856@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda032856@gmail.com) or 843-407-8065.

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

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)  
Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)  
1<sup>st</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Large Private Dining Room  
(Outside of Fogartie Hall)  
Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

### COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer in worship we will be exploring the Fruit of the Spirit, and in Adult Sunday School, we will hear from members of our congregation as they share how the Spirit works through them as they live out their faith outside the walls of the church. Join us each Sunday at 10:00am in Fogartie Hall to hear from a different member of our congregation.

**July 13 (Social Hall)**

**Laura Boles**

*President/CEO, Mobile Meals*

**July 20**

**Amy Curtis**

*Medical Director, Gibbs Cancer Center*

**July 27**

**Suzy Cole**

*Attorney to Nonprofits*

**August 3**

**Rick Beltram**

*Owner, B Square Enterprises*

**August 10**

**Rev. L. Craig Foster**

*Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

**August 17**

**Dr. Steve Eason**

*Retired Pastor, Myers Park Presbyterian Church*

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## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,  
John Moody, Tom Wright, Jerry Bruno,  
Robert Nance, Leigha Keller

*Cover Image: A Cloud of Witnesses by Steven Schroeder*

## Offertory

*Come Sunday*

*Duke Ellington*

*Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday, that's the day.  
Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty, God of Love,  
Please look down and see my people through.  
I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.  
I don't mind the gray skies,  
'cause they're just clouds passing by.  
I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.  
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.  
Lord, Dear Lord above, God Almighty, God of Love.  
Please look down and see your people through.*

## CALENDAR

**JULY 13**

**JAZZ SUNDAY**

Wedding Potluck for Leslie and David Denny

**JULY 19**

Montreat Play Date

**JULY 20**

**SPIRITUAL MUSIC SUNDAY**

**JULY 20-26**

Montreat Youth Conference (High School)

**JULY 21-24**

Middle School Mission Experience at P.C.

**JULY 27**

**BLUEGRASS SUNDAY (SANCTUARY)**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**AUGUST 8-10**

Women's Connection at Montreat

**AUGUST 10**

Blessing of the Backpacks

**AUGUST 24**

Rally Day

**SEPTEMBER 10**

Wednesdays at First Returns

**SEPTEMBER 14-21**

Host Church for A Way Home (formerly SPIHN)

**OCTOBER 25**

Winter Warmth

# TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*"Faithfulness is a long obedience in the same direction."*

- Eugene Peterson

## 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 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**  
Director of Finance

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

**Montaigne 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  
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**  
Custodians



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