

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPARTANBURG, SC



JULY 27, 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-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 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

WELCOME AND INVITATION

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

GATHERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

Marty Stuart and the Superlatives

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us be glad and shout for joy—
the steadfast love of God surrounds us.

We celebrate the good things of life that God provides.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

Come to listen for God's counsel and instruction.

We are here to encounter the One who made us.

We are open to the word God will speak.

God hears our cries and answers our pleas.

Surely God is our strength and our hope.

We will trust in the one who provides all things.

Rev. L. Craig Foster

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

In the Sweet By and By
See insert

Joseph Philbrick Webster & Sanford F. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,
there is much for which we need to be forgiven.**

**We have coveted what belongs to others
while wasting what we have.**

**We are eager for personal gain,
even at another's expense.**

**We speak when we should keep silent
and are silent when we should speak.**

Our actions are in conflict with what we believe.

**Draw us close to you, O God, so our hearts might become
more attuned to your desires for us...**

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

All things have
their beginning
and their end in
the love of God.

In the light of
that truth, we are
free to confess
our weariness
and our worry,
knowing that
God is with us.

✦ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Ginger H. Shuler

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Richard "Ford" Ballenger Harris, IV*
Son of Ballenger and Rachel Harris

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.

SONG

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley, Charles Minor
David Frazier, Hezekiah Walker

Some glad morning when this life is o'er. I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore. I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory. I'll fly away (in the morning).
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by. I'll fly away (fly away).

Just a few more weary days and then. I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end. I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory. I'll fly away (in the morning).
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by. I'll fly away (fly away). (x2)

When I die, Halleluah by and by. I'll fly away.

FIRST READING

Galatians 5:22-23

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 24: 1-20

SERMON

Rooted in the Spirit: Self-Control

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

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.

The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

One Voice

The Wailin' Jennys

*This is the sound of all of us. Singing with love and the will to trust.
Leave the rest behind, it will turn to dust. This is the sound of all of us.
This is the sound of all of us.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ CLOSING SONG

I Saw the Light
See insert

Hank Williams, Sr.

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine

Marty Stuart and the Superlatives

✦ SENDING MUSIC

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley, Charles Minor
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As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world!

Sermon Series: Rooted in the Spirit

Today, we conclude our exploration of 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.

Bluegrass

The origin of bluegrass music can be traced to the people who came to America in the 1600s from Ireland, Scotland, and England and brought with them basic styles of music that are generally considered to be the roots of modern bluegrass music. As the settlers began to move out into North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia, they wrote songs about daily life in the new land. Since most of these people lived in remote areas, many of the songs reflected life on the farm or in the hills. This music was often referred to as country, hillbilly, or mountain music. Its development included the blending of elements from gospel music and the blues music that was prominent among people of African origin who lived in the Mississippi Delta region. The invention of the phonograph and the onset of radio in the early-to-mid 1900s brought this music out of the hills and into the homes of people all over the United States. (Bluegrass History Foundation)

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Ann M. and Noel M. Hurley, Sr.
by Mark and Janet Cann.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

SPARTANBURGERS NIGHT: NEXT WEEK

Due to weather, the original FPC Family Night at the Spartanburgers Game was canceled. We have arranged for another evening at Fifth Third Park on Thursday, **July 31**. If you need to purchase tickets, visit fpcspartanburg.org/baseball. We look forward to a fun night at the ball park (and pray for great weather this time)!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN SEPT. 10

We look forward to another year of enriching musical experiences for children in 4K-5th grade. Choirs for younger children (4K-1st grade) provide a fun introduction to music of the church and beginning vocal training. Choirs for older children (grades 2-5) maintain this focus while incorporating specific musical and vocal instruction, hymn education, instruments, and opportunities to sing in worship. **Registration begins August 1** and classes start **September 10**. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/childrensmusic or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.



FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC BEGINS SEPT. 14

First Steps in Music is an introduction to music for young children (newborn-age 3) and their parents or grandparents. This program nurtures your child musically and encourages one-on-one singing and playing. Class sizes are limited so please make sure to register early! Sunday classes begin **September 14** and Wednesday classes (for FPC members) begin **September 17**. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/childrensmusic or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.



REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, **August 3**, we will return to our regular worship schedule: 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Chapel, 9:00am Contemporary Worship in Fogartie Hall, and 11:00am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary.

FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. LUKE'S

Next Sunday, **August 3**, our monthly drive will benefit the food pantry at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic. Please bring non-perishable items that are hearty and offer good nutritional value, such as rice, beans, canned vegetables, pasta, canned soups, canned fruit, and shelf-stable protein bars/shakes. Thank you!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

It's hard to believe, but school will begin soon! On **August 10** at both the Contemporary Worship and Traditional Worship services, we invite children, youth, and teachers to bring their backpacks and/or laptops to church to be blessed as we embark on a new school year.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Are you ready to join FPC, but unsure of what the next steps are and unsure of the process? Have you wondered why membership matters? Church membership fosters deeper connections with fellow believers, creating a sense of belonging and shared purpose; it is an expression of our commitment to God and our faith.

Membership offers a stronger sense of community, opportunities for spiritual growth, and a platform for service and contribution. Church members can rely on each other for encouragement, prayer, and practical support during difficult times. Church membership opens doors to various ministries and service opportunities, allowing individuals to use their gifts and talents to benefit the church and the wider community.

We would love to have you add your gifts, energy, and love to the body of Christ at FPC. The next opportunity to join the church is Sunday, **August 10** at 10:30am in the Parlor. Contact Cathy Bagwell, (cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org) Visitor and New Member Coordinator. She is ready to help you through the process and answer your questions!

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)
Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)
1st–5th 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 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. Steven P. Eason

Retired Pastor, Myers Park Presbyterian Church

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Gordon Cooper, banjo

Lisa Cunningham, vocals/acoustic guitar

Landon Hammett, vocals

Anna Harkey, violin

Matthew Kelly, vocals/acoustic guitar/mandolin

Rev. Rachel Klompmaker, vocals

Corey McDaniels, acoustic bass

Jerry Palmer, vocals/acoustic guitar

Cover Image: Bluegrass Band by Joe Vandello

*Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Gathered by Love,
Worship Resources Year C by Lavon Bayler*

CALENDAR

JULY 27

Bluegrass Sunday (Sanctuary)

JULY 31

FPC Spartanburgers Night

LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST 8-10

Women's Connection at Montreat

AUGUST 10

Blessing of the Backpacks / Receiving New Members
Lemonade on the Lawn

AUGUST 24

Rally Day

SEPTEMBER 10

Wednesdays at First Returns

SEPTEMBER 14-21

Host Church for A Way Home

SEPTEMBER 25-28

Philip Stopford Workshop

OCTOBER 15

Healing and Wholeness Service
for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

OCTOBER 25

Winter Warmth

OCTOBER 26

Kirkin' o' the Tartans / Reformation Sunday
Ecumenical Blood Drive

OCTOBER 29

Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Day

NOVEMBER 16-23

Host Church for A Way Home

NOVEMBER 25

Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 30

First Sunday of Advent

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

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“God is waiting eagerly to respond with new strength to each little act of self-control, small disciplines of prayer, feeble searching after him. And his children shall be filled if they will only hunger and thirst after what he offers.”

- Richard Holloway

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

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
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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