

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPARTANBURG, SC



AUGUST 10, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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



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

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.
Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.
**We gather now in faith and expectation,
ready to worship the God who is faithful and near.**

✦ HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

✦ RESPONSE: HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (x2)*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-40

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Ruling elders and deacons answer all of the same questions that teaching elders (ministers of Word and Sacrament) make when they are ordained or installed. The only exception is the last question, which asks each candidate to faithfully fulfill duties specific to their office (ruling elder, deacon, or teaching elder). Even here, however, that specific question closes with a question concerning the joint ministry we all share: "in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Martha Bean

CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

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

My Hope is Built

Tom Trenney

✠ DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 543, VERSE 1

GREEN TYLER

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM
FOGARTIE HALL

WELCOME

Landon Hammett

INSTRUMENTAL PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

✦SONG OF PRAISE

This Is Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. L. Craig Foster

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Come To The Altar

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kara Clark

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

ANTHEM

The Lord Will Provide

FIRST READING

Psalm 33:12-22

SECOND READING

Luke 12:32-40

SERMON

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✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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✦CLOSING SONG

God So Loved

✦BENEDICTION

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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As Morning Dawns

WAREHAM

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THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Kara Clark

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wait for the Lord

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

FIRST READING

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. L. Craig Foster

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems

that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free

from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ

in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord.

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

After we hear the good news, we stand to say what we believe in an Affirmation of Faith. Often these words come from the church's creeds and confessions. In these writings, we remember and tell the world who we are, what we believe, and how we hope to live according to God's Way.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Dan Forrest

*Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us, Where to sin our hearts are lured.
Ever in His footsteps treading, Living here, yet home above, full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do our Father's bidding, Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior lead, I follow Thee.*

*Let us also die with Jesus, By His cross he conquered death,
Freed us from our soul's destruction, Quickened us with life's new breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Self and pride, and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee, There to dwell eternally.*

*Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.
Death is swallowed up in victory, Jesus, Thou art now our Head.
Living members of Christ's body, where Thou livest, we should be,
Thou wilt keep us constantly, So, dear Lord, come quickly,
Jesus, here I live to Thee, There to dwell eternally.*

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✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology
literally means
"words of glory."
Doxologies
have long been
used by Jews
and Christians
to praise God.
We honor and
thank God
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J.S. Bach

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Shelley Foster Crow
by the family.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

JOIN FPC TODAY!

If you have been visiting First Presbyterian and would like to add your gifts, energy, and love to the body of Christ here, please join us in the Parlor TODAY, **August 10** at 10:30am. We will have a brief meeting to receive new members. Contact Cathy Bagwell, (cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org) Visitor and New Member Coordinator, with any questions.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - TODAY

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. We will also celebrate with Lemonade on the Lawn.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. STEVE EASON

On **August 17**, Dr. Steve Eason will lead our final combined adult Sunday School session at 10:00am in Fogartie Hall. Steve is a retired pastor and served churches of all sizes throughout his 40 years of ministry. From 2002-2015, he served as the Senior Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C. He is now an author, pastoral counselor, teacher, and consultant. Steve's Sunday School session is titled *How to Deal With Six Generations Within the Church...or Anywhere Else!* See the next page for a full description.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Congregational Nominating Committee needs your help in nominating church members to serve as Elders and Deacons. Submit as many names as you would like, suggesting any member of FPC, including yourself, at fpcspartanburg.org/nominations. To see the list of current church officers, visit fpcspartanburg.org/leadership.



YOUTH DIRECTOR SEARCH

We're seeking recommendations for qualified candidates to serve as FPC's next Director of Youth Ministry. We're looking for someone with a heart for ministry, a gift for building relationships with middle and high school students, and the energy to lead dynamic programs, retreats, and trips. If someone comes to mind, please share their name using the form at fpcspartanburg.org/youthdirector or scan the QR code. You're welcome to submit more than one recommendation—just complete and submit a new form for each name.



RALLY DAY - IN TWO WEEKS

Bring the whole family to celebrate Rally Day next Sunday, **August 24!** Join us in the Gym at 10:00am to learn about upcoming discipleship opportunities and enjoy refreshments, children's activities, and great fellowship. Please dress in a way that makes you and your children feel most comfortable.

HELP WITH A WAY HOME

Our next rotation for A Way Home is September 14-21. The sign-up form is now available. at fpcspartanburg.org/awayhome. If you did not attend a training session, please reach out to Rhonda Dickerson (rhonda032856@gmail.com or 843-407-8065). The training is quick and easy and there is NO quiz! We need more help for our next rotation, so please prayerfully consider where you would best serve this ministry.



SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir continues through **August 31**. Anyone high school age and above is welcome to be a part of FPC's Summer Choir. Come to the Choir Room at 10:15am on Sunday mornings to prepare music for that day's 11:00am Traditional worship.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN SOON

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 is open now. Classes start **September 10**. Visit fpcspartanburg.org/childrensmusic or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.



FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

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 now! Sunday classes begin **September 14** and Wednesday classes (for FPC members) begin **September 17**. For a complete schedule and to register your child, visit fpcspartanburg.org/childrensmusic or scan the QR code.



COOKIES FOR HAND IN HAND

Hand in Hand is being featured as the Cookies for a Cause organization at the Eastside Spartanburg Chick Fil A throughout the **month of August**. Stop by and purchase a cookie, and 10% of all proceeds will go to Hand in Hand, serving families in Spartanburg who are in urgent need of food and basic necessities.

CLEVELAND ACADEMY TUTORS

The Cleveland Academy of Leadership needs Kindergarten Tutors 9:00-10:00am everyday. If you are able to commit to volunteering one morning a week this school year to help our youngest learners succeed, we know that you will enjoy every minute! Please contact: Mary Elizabeth Evans (mewevan@gmail.com) or Molly Colbath (mbcolbath@gmail.com) if you can help.

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. The next class will begin **September 14** and will continue Sundays at 10:00-10:45am in the Large Private Dining Room (Family Life Center). Scan the QR code to learn more or visit fpcspartanburg.org/discoverfpc. Contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org with questions or more information.



FAMILY LIFE CENTER CLOSURE

Beginning **August 11**, the Family Life Center will be closed to all recreation activities due to the replacement of the building's HVAC system. We anticipate the facilities to be closed through Thursday, August 14. We will communicate to the congregation and recreation groups of the actual completion date should it be earlier or later than anticipated. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Our next blood drive is **Sunday, October 26**. Save the dates for the Drive Through Vaccination Clinic on Tuesday, **October 7** from 5:00-7:00pm and the Vaccination Clinic with Bone and Skin Screenings on **October 8** during Wednesdays at First.

RECEIVING CHURCH NEWS?

Every Friday, we send the latest FPC news and events to in your inbox! Sign up by using the QR code or visit to fpcspartanburg.org/enews. If you have signed up, but aren't receiving our emails, make sure to add ian@firstpres.ccsend.com to your approved email list.



We also mail a quarterly magazine that includes more in-depth stories on the ministries and life of First Presbyterian Church. If you'd like to receive this publication, please email Caroline Goodman at cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10AM

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 explored 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.

August 10

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Associate Pastor for Discipleship

FINAL COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 17

Special Speaker: Dr. Steven P. Eason

Retired Pastor, Myers Park Presbyterian Church

How to Deal With Six Generations Within the Church...or Anywhere Else!

The church is a unique entity that encompasses all living generations. Music, worship styles, dress code, giving, missions, and other ministries are not a one-size-fits-all deal. Knowing something about each generation helps us reach and nurture everyone within the church.

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TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Early Worship: Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews

Contemporary Worship: Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey,
violin; Matthew Kelly, guitar/vocals;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship: Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews, Summer Choir

CALENDAR

AUGUST 10

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

AUGUST 24

Rally Day

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER 10

Wednesdays at First Returns

SEPTEMBER 14-21

Host Church for A Way Home

SEPTEMBER 14, 21, 28

Discover FPC

SEPTEMBER 16

JOY Fellowship Ladies' Tea

SEPTEMBER 25-28

Philip Stopford Workshop & Concert

OCTOBER 15

Healing and Wholeness Service
for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

OCTOBER 25

Winter Warmth

OCTOBER 26

Kirkin' o' the Tartans /
Stewardship 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.*

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*Parts of today's liturgy are from
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“If you truly seek this treasure, this kingdom where God alone reigns, you will find it. Your heart, if it is totally surrendered to God, is itself this treasure, that very kingdom you long for and are seeking.”

- Jean Pierre de Caussade

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

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

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