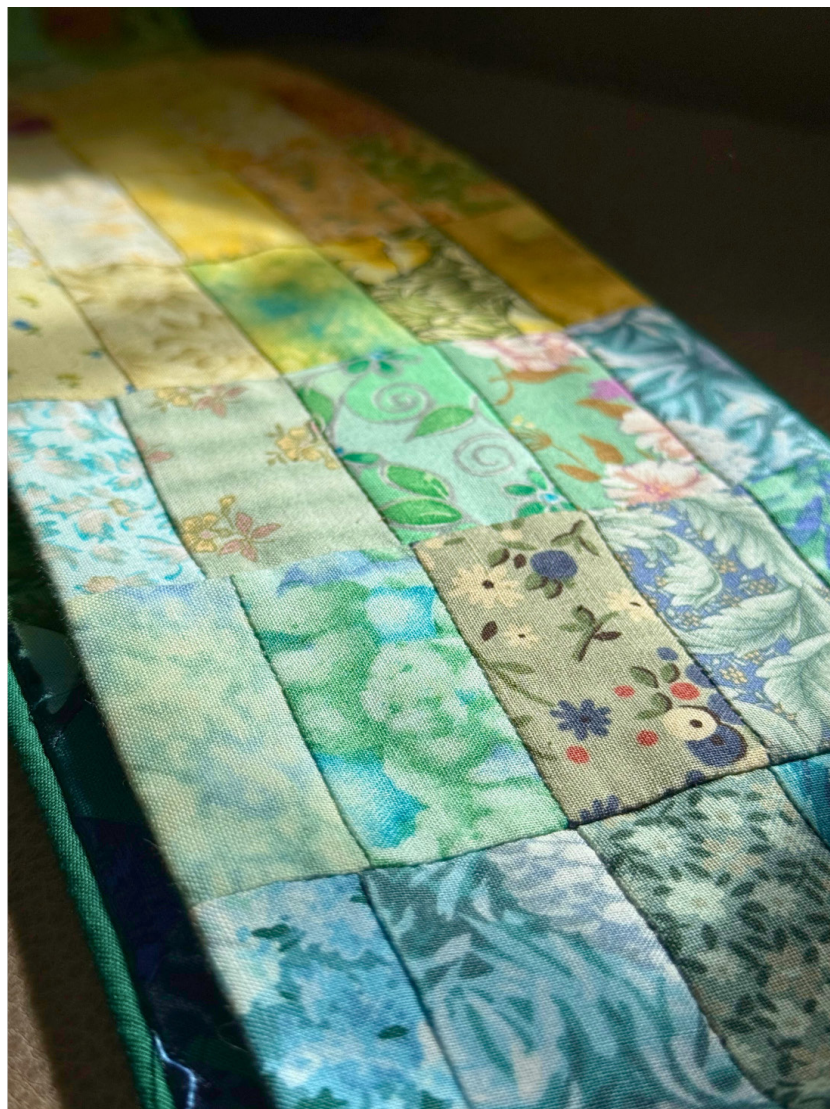


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPARTANBURG, SC



AUGUST 3, 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, 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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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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hal H. Hopson

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

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Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

When we cried out in our trouble, the Lord heard us and delivered us.

God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Let us worship the Lord, whose love never fails.

(BASED ON PSALM 107)

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✦HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Gracious God,

you have raised us with Christ,

inviting us to set our minds on things above,

yet we confess how quickly our thoughts drift back

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We have clung to anger, malice, and lies.

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instead of embracing the new life you offer to all.

Forgive us, O God. Clothe us again in the garments of grace.

Renew us in your image, that we may live

as people made new in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

✦RESPONSE

HYMN 447

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✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Let Us, with a Gladsome Mind

Hal H. Hopson

✠ 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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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All communion bread is gluten free.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE (*Please remain seated*)

HYMN 507, VERSE 1

TABLE OF GRACE

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

SHARING OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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: HYMN 547, VERSE 3

AR HYD Y NOS

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In Christ There Is No East or West

Dale Wood

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM
FOGARTIE HALL

WELCOME

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

INSTRUMENTAL PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

✦SONG OF PRAISE

Evidence

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All Things New

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: YOUTH DR MISSION TRIP

Addie Usry & Jack Usry

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COMMUNION MUSIC

New Every Morning

✦CLOSING SONG

Take My Life

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

FIRST READING

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Rev. L. Craig Foster

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

Our offertory and communion music this morning was written by Hal H. Hopson, who passed away this past week. Over the course of his lifetime Hal had over 3,000 pieces of his music published, almost all of it in service to the church. He was a friend and mentor to many musicians over many years, including Holt and Marcia Andrews, who both served as Hal's graduate interns at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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:
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Bobby Freeman
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

FAREWELL TO GRACE DEMAINE

Please join us in saying a heartfelt thank you to Grace deMaine, who has served as Associate Director of Youth Ministry for over two years. Grace recently graduated from Wofford College and will begin studying at Duke Divinity School this fall. We send her off with our love, gratitude, and many blessings as she begins this exciting new chapter. During today's 11:00am worship, we will recognize and express our appreciation for her service at First Presbyterian Church. Please feel free to extend your well-wishes as you exit the front door of the Sanctuary following the service.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS - REGISTER NOW

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.



REGISTER FOR 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.



WOMEN'S CONNECTION: 2 SPOTS LEFT!

There are still two spots left for the Montreat Women's Conference **August 8-10**. Both are in Assembly Inn with shared room/bath for \$325 per person. If you are interested in a time of renewal and discernment with other women from FPC and around our area, visit fpcspartanburg.org/womensconnection or scan the QR code.



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. 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.

RALLY DAY

Bring the whole family to celebrate Rally Day on 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.

CLEVELAND ACADEMY TUTORS WANTED

The Cleveland Academy of Leadership would love your help in their Kindergarten Classes this year! Kindergarten Tutors are needed from 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.

SIGN UP TO 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.



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.



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.



CALENDAR

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

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.*

READY TO JOIN FPC?

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 and 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, with any questions you may have and let her know if you plan to join.

OFFERTORY

God Be in My Head

Hal H. Hopson

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God, be at my end, and at my departing.

from the Sarum Missal

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Early Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Genesis Choir

Contemporary Worship

Kolby Carrouth, drums;
Elise deBerry, vocals;
Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals;
Anna Harkey, violin;
Matthew Kelly, guitar/vocals;
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,
Summer Choir

Front Cover:

Stoll from Rev. Alan Dyer's collection

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 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 3

Rick Beltram

Owner, B Square Enterprises

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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TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“God waits for each of us to hear him say, ‘Behold, I do a new thing—through you!’
The question is always: Can we open our lives so that the Holy Spirit may descend
and new power break that we may be the kind of person
around whom renewal begins?”*

- Elizabeth O'Connor

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
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