

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPARTANBURG, SC

OCTOBER 26, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
REFORMATION SUNDAY
STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

8:30AM EARLY

11:00AM TRADITIONAL

UNDERSTANDING THE KIRKIN'

Kirkin' celebrates the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church. It commemorates the defiance of the clans of Scotland in 1746 when their English conquerors forbid tartans and bagpipes upon threat of death. Our tartans today are presented before Almighty God, seeking His blessings upon these colors and the clans they represent, as well as upon the entire "Clan Di," which is the Gaelic for all the "Children of God," or all humankind.

Kirk is Scottish for church, and the Tartan, with its distinctive cross-lined patterns, represents Scottish clans, families, regions, and regiments. The Kirkin' o' the Tartans was introduced in the United States by The Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1941, at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. The ceremony was intended as a service of rededication to Scottish heritage and to historical devotion to God and country.

Tartans: Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and Scottish history than the colorful traditions of Highland dress. The tradition of the tartan is ancient, and there are many references to it in early Scottish literature. Ancient tartans were described as "chequered" or "striped" or "sundrie coloured." The basic pattern of the tartan is the sett, and a sett is repeated until the desired length of material is achieved. For centuries, tartans were part of the everyday attire of the Highland people, and it was there that their use continued and developed to become recognized as a symbol of clan kinship. Tartans are still being developed and registered with the Scottish Tartan Society. A specific tartan exists for those in the ministry and a red, white, and blue tartan was created for the Bicentennial of the United States in 1976.

Beadle: During the Middle Ages and throughout the Reformation, ownership of a Bible was rare among the common people. Thus, the Bible of a Kirk was a treasured possession. The reverence toward sacred Scripture and the scarcity of Bibles led to the establishment of a special lay office within the Kirk, known as the Beadle. The Beadle, whose primary duty was to guard and protect the Bible, was usually elected by the Session of the Kirk. The beginning of Worship was marked by the reverent carrying of the Bible into the Kirk and its opening for the morning readings. As the Bible was carried by the Beadle into the Kirk, the people stood in respect for the Holy Book. At the conclusion of Worship, the Beadle removed the Bible for safekeeping.

Bagpipes: Although bagpipes are ancient and derive from several international sources, the instrument is most frequently associated as the national instrument of Scotland. It has been used for centuries in folk and military music. Clans took great pride in their pipers and the reputation of a clan was based in some extent on the abilities of its pipers.

John Knox ~ Scottish Reformer: Knox studied under John Calvin (the father of Presbyterian Theology) in Geneva, Switzerland in the 1550's. Upon returning to Scotland, he wrote the 1564 Book of Church Order and established the first Presbyterian churches. He also was the central theologian for the writing of The Scots Confession. The church spread to Ireland and immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

Celtic Cross: The Celtic Cross has long been established with Celtic Christians who trace their origins to the earliest centuries of the Church. Notable examples of this form of the cross are found in Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. The design focuses attention on the head of the cross (the junction between the shaft and the crosspiece), which is enclosed within a circle. It is this circle which is the most distinctive and differentiating feature of the Celtic version. Although the significance is not known with certainty, it likely derives from a Constantinian symbol in which the Chi Rho monogram was surrounded by a golden crown. The circle as a representation of infinity is an emblem of eternal life in Christ's victory over sin and death.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING CALL TO THE CLANS

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy on a Scottish Tune

Geoffrey Atkinson

ACOLYTE

(8:30) Ben Harrelson

(11:00) Derham Cole

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Highland Cathedral

TRADITIONAL

(Please remain seated)

POSTING OF THE TARTANS

Budge Bean, Beadle

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

O God, you summon the day to dawn;
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

Great is Your name. Great is Your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy; the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is Your name. Great is Your love.

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow; the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is Your name. Great is Your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is Your name. Great is Your love.

✦ HYMN

We Come to Worship in Praise of Our Maker

CANDLER

(see next page)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

Merciful God,

we humble ourselves in Thy presence,

confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in Thy sight.

We have broken Thy holy law.

We have not sought first Thy kingdom and righteousness.

We have been anxious and troubled about many things

and have neglected the things that belong to our peace.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves

or done to others as we would hope they would do to us.

Most gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son, Jesus Christ,

to save Thy people from their sins; forgive us, we beseech Thee;

cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us.

SILENT CONFESSION

Our prayer of confession is from The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland. Originally created with the leadership of the early Scottish reformer John Knox, versions of this book have been used to order liturgy and worship in the Church of Scotland since 1562.

✦ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

We Come to Worship in Praise of our Maker

Mary Jackson Cathey
August 31, 2006

for First Presbyterian Church - Spartanburg, SC
Kirkin' O' the Tartans - October 29, 2006

CANDLER



1. We come to wor-ship in praise of our Ma-ker with thanks for all
2. Give thanks for les-sons our anc-es-tors taught us who mod-eled the
3. For love of life and their own price-less free-dom, for strong, sur-dy
4. Go out re-joic-ing for gifts of the Spir-it, as var-ied as



bless-ings be-stowed by God's grace. The__ faith which is nur-tured in each gen-er-
virt-ues of cour-age and care, who were loy-al-ly stead-fast to coun-try and
souls who were will-ing to die, for the tri-une God and be-liefs that sus-
kilts of our her-i-tage signs. The__ fire__ of kin-dred still burn-ing with-



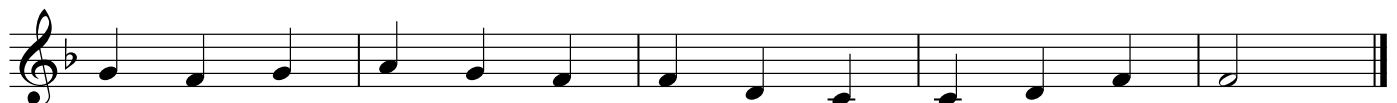
a-tion now brings us to-gether in this sac-red place. The__
loved ones, who gave us the heart and the vis-ion to share. Let us
tained them when faced with hard choic-es to stand firm and try. In the
in us holds fast as the weaves in our fam-ily de-signs. We a-



words of Scrip-ture have giv'n the mes-sage which leads us to do what we
live our days ask-ing for God's guid-ance that shows us the purp-ose which
long tra-di-tion that framed and shaped them, with fam-ily and faith still dir-
bide with God who will not de-sert us, whose care and pro-tec-tion and



say we be-lieve, lend-ing strength for chal-leng-es wait-ing be-
God has con-ceived, find-ing strength for days of the jour-ney be-
ect-ing their ways, we__ now go for-ward to live, work, and
guid-ance is ours. Fol-low faith-ful-ly in the path God has



fore us we search for the light God would have us re-ceive.
fore us and mind-ful of bless-ings that we have re-ceived...
wor-ship, to glor-i-fy God through the rest of our days.
cho-sen to live all our days as the Spir-it em-powers.

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The poetry for our Opening Hymn was written by Mary Cathey, a child of this church, in 2006 for the Kirkin' service that year and has remained a fixture ever since. Mary was Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian before becoming the first woman to attend Union Seminary. Three of her hymns are in our current hymnal.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be merciful unto you,
the Lord turn his countenance towards you,
and grant you his peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

✦ RESPONSE

HYMN 329, V. 1 & 3

WINCHESTER OLD

*God is our refuge and our strength,
our ever present aid,
And therefore, though the earth be moved,
we will not be afraid.
Where God abides a river flows;
the lost shall find their voice.
Where God abides a new wind blows;
the people will rejoice.*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 2026

Kristin Hamilton

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN (11:00)

Rev. L. Craig Foster

In the 11:00 Service, children 3K-1st grade may attend Children's Worship after The Word for Children; those 2nd grade and older will return to the pews.

After the service, families are asked to pick their children up from Room 202 of the Clark Building.

A Nursery is available for infants through age 3 in the Clark Bldg, Room 105.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

DUNDEE

FIRST READING

Psalm 84:1-7

SECOND READING

Luke 18: 9-14

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Written in 1560 when Scotland was declared a Protestant nation following the death of Mary, Queen of Scots, the Scots Confession affirmed an unconditional commitment to the triune God, to the Bible, and to the Church.

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been,
now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk,
that is to say, one company and multitude of those chosen by God,
who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ,
who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.
This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal,
because it contains the chosen of all ages,
of all realms, nations, and tongues,
be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles,
who have communion and society with God the Father,
and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

John Ferguson

Please scan the QR code or visit fpcspartanburg.org/offertory to view the text to *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want.*



✦ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 643, v. 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OUR OFFERING AND TARTANS

O God of all lands and seas for all generations,
your eternal presence weaves through the fabric of heaven and earth.

You clothe us in your mercy and cover us with your grace.

**Like the generations before us, we are sustained by your presence;
and in your hands, we find refuge and strength.**

Bless, we pray, our lives and these gifts that we offer in your service.

God of all creation and creativity, we praise you for the beauty of tartans
and for the families they represent, of every tongue and nation.

**We praise you, O God, for our rich traditions
and for the faith and wisdom given to us by generations past.**

God of all, every place and every time, we praise you for the heritage
of every land from which we or our ancestors came.

**We praise you, O God, for the blessings of love received: from mothers and fathers,
from friends and companions, from all who have drawn us close to your side.**

On this Commitment Sunday, we rededicate ourselves, our talents,
and our gifts to you for the mission of Christ in the church and world.

The covenant we make this day is about more than a card

**saying what we will give and do. It is our response to “love so amazing, so divine”
that demands the very best of who we are.**

Now bind us together as one family in Christ
as we pray the family prayer that Jesus taught us, saying . . .

**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.**

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✦ THE PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

Bring forth the Tartans! Raise the Tartans!
We raise them up to God.
We raise these Tartans before Almighty God
in appreciation of our heritage and ask God's blessings on all His servants.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Lower the Tartans. Recess the Tartans.

✦ HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ RECESSIONAL

MacRae Meadow

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH

✦ CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Immortal, Invisible

SCOTTISH TUNE

We go forth into the world to serve God in our daily lives as a continuation of our worship so that our work is our worship until such time as we gather again.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

*are given to the Glory of God, in honor of our Scottish heritage,
and in loving memory of*

*The Reverend Doctor William LaClair Arthur and
Mrs. Susanne Gabriel Arthur.*

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews, Chancel Choir

Piedmont Highlanders Pipe Band:

Lee McLeod, Madison McLeod, Kyle MacNaughton, Kit Rashid, and Raymond Swinton

THE PROCESSIONAL

Tartan and Pattern

Tartan Donor

THE TARTANS (as listed in the order below)

Aberdeen – Modern

Ann Marie and Jeff Edwards

American Bicentennial

Jennifer and Joe Biber

Anderson – Ancient

Hillary Brock

Anderson – Modern

Katherine and Andy Halligan

Baillie – Ancient

Ruthie and Vic Bailey, IV

Blair – Ancient

*Bonnie Elrod,
Tasha & Tony Hill, Jr., Blair & Jake*

Blanton – Dress

Anna and Steven Blanton

Boyd – Ancient

Wesley Stoddard

Boyd – Modern

Lori and Wallace Boyd

Brodie – Modern

E.L. Sanders

Buchanan – Ancient

Monica Ingraham Threatt

Buchanan – Hunting

Jennifer and Will Hoy

Cameron – Erracht Modern

JoAnne and Bruce Etheredge

Cameron – Erracht Modern

Ginger and Beau Shuler

Cameron – Modern

the late Jeanne and John MacPhail

Campbell – Ancient

the Richard B. Harris Family

Campbell of Argyll – Ancient

Hazel Morgan

Campbell of Cawdor – Modern

Sally and David Dover

Carmichael – Ancient

Sheila and Alasdair Carmichael

Clark – Ancient

Kara and Douglas Clark

Clergy – Ancient

Luke Harkey

Cockburn – Modern

Pat Tatham

Colquhoun – Modern

Linda Prince

Cooper – Modern

Emily and Bryan Pack

Craig – Ancient

Craig Foster and family

Cummings – Modern

Cindy and Bill Cummings

Currie

Suzy and Derham Cole

Cunningham

Rodger Beckett

Douglas – Ancient

Laura and Baker Boles

Douglas – Modern

*the family of the
late Susan Murphy*

Duncan – Ancient

Louisa and David Berry

Elliot – Modern

Andrea and Rob Elliott

Ferguson – Modern

Mary and Tommy Stokes

First Presbyterian Church

Gordon – Dress Ancient

Kathryn Bridges

Graham of Montrose

George Graham

Gunn

the late Martha Swann

Gunn – Ancient

Frazier and Jared Wilson

Hamilton

Anne and David Cecil

Hamilton – Red Modern

Kristen and Alex Hamilton

Hannay

Cecilia and Troy Hanna

Hay – Modern

the late Betty Walpole Weller

Henderson – Modern

Ashley and Marty Henderson

Heriot

*Susan Britt and
Ann Richards Crenshaw*

Humphries

Jenny and Mark Gresham

Johnston – Ancient

*the late Jane Johnston Tate
and family*

Johnston – Modern

*the late Jane Johnston Tate
and family*

Johnstone – Ancient

Anne-Marie and Phillip Glover

Johnstone – Modern

Phillip Bridges

Keith – Ancient

Kristi and Kim Keith

Kennedy – Ancient

Louisa and David Berry

Kennedy – Modern

Louisa and David Berry

Kennedy – Weathered

Donna and Whit Kennedy

LaMont – Modern

*Marianna Black Habisreutinger
and family, Paula Black Baker and
family, H. Walter Barre and family*

LaMont – Modern

Martha and Frank Waters

Lindsay

*Meredith and Wade Lindsey,
Hampton and Emma*

Lynch

Griffin and Jason Lynch

MacBain – Modern

Nancy Bain and Paul Coté

MacBean – Ancient

*Diane and Bill Bean, Martha and
Budge Bean, Betsy Burrell*

MacBean - Modern

Walker McBee Smith and family

MacCorquodale - Ancient

Beth and Andrew McCord

MacDonald

Marcia and Holt Andrews

MacDonald – Dress Modern

Alice Eberhardt

MacDonald of Clan Ranald
Gloria and Lee Close

MacDonald of Staffa
June and Bill Bond

MacDonald of the Isles – Hunting Modern
Joanne and Eddie Donald

MacDougall – Modern
Libba and James Glenn

MacDuff – Modern
Maxine Nash

MacFarlane – Hunting Ancient
*Ashley and Ashley Millinor,
Charlie and David*

MacFarlane – Modern
Patricia and Tom Webster

MacFie – Modern
Nancy MacFie

MacGregor - Ancient
Dianne and Wallace Gregory

MacGregor – Modern
Nancy MacFie

MacIntosh
Libby Adamson

MacIntosh - Clan Ancient
Libby and Bo Fant

MacIntosh – Hunting Modern
Shirley Wicker and family

MacKay – Ancient
Betsy and Paul McKee

MacKay – Blue Ancient
Margaret Harry and Tom Greene

MacKay – Modern
Winnie and Bill Walsh

MacLachan – Ancient
Rhonda and Tim Dickerson

MacLellan – Ancient
Thea and Cliff McLellan

MacLeod – Ancient
Kay and Don McClure

MacLeod – Dress Modern
Terri and Tom McLeod

MacLeod – Green
Christi Brown and Sally Owen

MacLeod – Hunting
Natalie and Steven Mullen

MacMillan
Linda Mullen

MacMillan – Hunting Modern
Bill Walter

MacNaughton – Ancient
Cecilia and Troy Hanna

MacNaughton – Weathered
Gloria and Lee Close

MacNeil of Barra – Ancient
Family of Clare and Kirk Neely

MacPhail – Modern Hunting
Allyson and Angus D. McPhaul

MacPherson – Clan Modern
Brandt Goodwin

MacRae – Ancient Hunting
Carrie and Mark Coleman

MacRae – Hunting Ancient
Jan and Mark Hicklin

MacRae – Hunting Ancient
Lanie and Jimmy Trout

MacThomas
Karol and Jim Tothill

MacWilliams – Modern
Kay and Bob Maddox

Marshall – Ancient
Marshall Calvert

Maxwell – Modern
Samantha Adair

McCall
*Susan Britt and
Ann Richards Crenshaw*

McFadden
Louise McFadden-Pritcher

McLean of Duart
Sharon and John Hill

Menzies – Black & White Modern
Lou Ann and John Harrill

Mitchell – Ancient
Emily and Geoff Mitchell

Moffat
Debbie and Craig Kocisko

Morrison – Green Ancient
Katie and James Morrison

Muir – Modern
Kate and Joe Moore

Murray – Modern
Mary Helen Dunn and Gregg Wade

Murray of Atholl
Jenny and Joe Dunn

Murray of Atholl
Tracy and Tom Hannah

Patterson
the late Anne Porcher Perrin

Ramsay – Ancient Blue
Susan and Ken Couch

Ramsay – Red Modern
Susan and Ken Couch

Robertson – Hunting
the late Isabel Robertson Park

Robertson – Hunting
Juli and Reel Robertson

Robertson – Red
Glen Robertson

Ross – Hunting Ancient
Libby, Samantha, and Will Pressley

Scott – Green Ancient
Nancy and Gene Lassiter

Scott – Green Ancient
Cathy and Garrett Scott

Scott – Red Modern
Bill Scott Family

Sinclair – Ancient
Family of Jean and William Croes

Smith – Ancient
June and Bill Bond

Stewart – Hunting
the late David Tate and family

Stewart – Hunting Ancient
*Rosemary Moody Roberts and
Lehman Rowell Moody*

Tennent
Anne and David Cecil

United States Marine Corps
Linda and Jerry Kiehl

Wallace – Ancient Hunting
Julie and Patrick Martin

Wallace – Modern
*Beth and Andy Lancaster,
Eve and Matt Panza,
Angie Wallace*

Watson – Ancient
Betty and Julian Williams

Wilson – Ancient
Jackie Beltram

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

TODAY - KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Each fall, First Presbyterian holds this powerful historic service, a remembrance of Presbyterianism's Scottish roots through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. In our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future. *Lemonade and cookies will be served in the courtyard following both services.*

TODAY - BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive is today, **October 26**, 8:00am-12:30pm. Visit the Bloodmobile at your registered appointment, or stop by to give if you didn't pre-register. All are welcome!

TODAY - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

As we enter into a season of vision and growth, we give thanks for those who came before us and look ahead with hope for what God will do next. Every pledge strengthens our shared ministry, helping us welcome, serve, and share Christ's love in Spartanburg and beyond. Pledge cards are available on tables throughout the church and in the pews. We encourage you to fill out a card with your estimate of giving for the coming year and return it to the church today, Stewardship Sunday. You can also make a pledge online by using the QR code provided or by visiting fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship. Thank you!



TOTAL MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

Next Sunday, **November 2**, drop off non-perishable donations for TOTAL Ministries in the marked bins in the Tower Room, Narthex, or the Family Life Center Lobby. For a list of items needed, visit fpcspartanburg.org/total-ministries.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

Wednesdays at First, our mid-week meal and programs, is in full swing. This week, all children are invited to visit **Trunk or Treat!**

WE NEED WAF VOLUNTEERS to help make these evenings possible. Sign up to serve, reserve your dinner, and view the full program schedule at fpcspartanburg.org/waf or by scanning the QR code.



TRUNK OR TREAT STILL NEEDS YOU!

First Presbyterian's annual Trunk or Treat will be held Wednesday, **October 29**, 6:15-7:30pm. If you or a few friends would like to decorate a trunk and give out candy, please sign up at fpcspartanburg.org/trunkortreat or scan the QR code. These can be easy and fun for both you and the children!



LAST CALL FOR BASKETBALL

Church basketball season is starting soon! Church basketball is open to boys and girls in grades 1-12 and the registration fee is \$90/player. We invite all First Presbyterian families to participate, as well as non-members. The deadline to register will be **Wednesday, October 29** so don't wait! Visit fpcspartanburg.org/basketball for details and registration.



NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for all those who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Join us next **Sunday, November 2**, in all morning worship services, as we remember and name those who died in the past year. As we recall their witness, let us also pray for comfort for all who love and miss them.

ALL SAINTS' EVENSONG SERVICE

Next Sunday evening, we will have a special Evensong Service at 5:00pm in the Columbarium. This service will feature scripture, prayer, meditation, and music accompanied by a string quartet. We will remember loved ones in prayer and thanksgiving.

HELP WITH A WAY HOME

Our third rotation for A Way Home is **November 16-23**. We need your help to welcome families into our facilities. Sign up at fpcspartanburg.org/awayhome or scan the QR code. If you did not receive training, contact Rhonda Dickerson (rhonda032856@gmail.com or 843-407-8065).



VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

In honor of Veterans Day, in the Worship Bulletin on Sunday, **November 9**, we will recognize current church members who have served OR are currently serving in the military. Please fill out the form at fpcspartanburg.org/veteransday by Monday, **November 3**. You may also contact Kerri Bell at kbell@fpcspartanburg.org to submit names.



YOUNG ADULT FALL SOCIAL

All adults, age 21-40ish, are invited to join us at Breeden Farm for great food, fun, and fellowship on Sunday, **November 9**, 3:30-5:30pm! This event is kid-friendly. RSVP by Monday, November 3 at fpcspartanburg.org/fallsocial or scan the QR code.



READY TO JOIN FPC?

We would love to have you add your gifts, energy, and love to the body of Christ at First Presbyterian. The next opportunity to join the church is Sunday, **November 9** at 10:30am in the Parlor. Contact Cathy Bagwell, Visitor and New Member Coordinator, at cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org with any questions.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister? First Presbyterian Church will be training another class of Stephen Ministers on **January 12, 2026**. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this enriching ministry. If you think you might be interested, please contact Dana Halliday, danahalliday1@charter.net, 864-237-0330 today!

IF YOU ARE NEW HERE We are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please speak with a pastor before or after today's worship or fill out the friendship register. We would love to get to know you!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME! Activity Bags 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.

TO AID IN WORSHIP Advanced listening technology, large-print hymnals, and large-print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

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.*



ShelbyNext

(No log in required)



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TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*Deep peace of the running wave to you;
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
And the peace of the Son of Peace to you.
Amen.*

- Traditional Celtic Prayer

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

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

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