

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SPARTANBURG, SC



NOVEMBER 16, 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-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, 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  
(No log in required)



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

*Thaxted*

arr. Charles Callahan

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Savannah Pinilla

God's steadfast love is new every morning.

**So we lift our hearts in a new song of praise.**

The Lord is coming to make all things right.

**Let us worship the Lord with joy and hope.**

### ✦ HYMN 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

**God of new creation,**

**you promise a world where joy replaces sorrow and peace overcomes pain.**

**Yet we confess how easily we settle for less.**

**You call us to plant seeds of hope and to live in peace with one another,**

**but we too often sow fear and division.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Renew our hearts by your Spirit,**

**that we may once more delight in the promise of your coming world,**

**where every tear will be dried, every voice heard,**

**and all of creation will dwell in peace.**

SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ✦ RESPONSE: HYMN 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

### ✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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.*

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

SERMON

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

The sermon is grounded in the written Word of Scripture and proclaims the living Word of God. Through the preaching of the gospel, we trust that the Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ present among the gathered people - speaking grace to our hearts, renewing our faith, and calling us to lives of obedience and service.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

**We do not know when the final day will come.**

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs  
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

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**But we see Jesus as Lord.**

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**He will judge all people and nations.**

**Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation.**

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**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

K. Lee Scott

✠DOXOLOGY: HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 755

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

WEISSE FLAGGEN

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Ein feste Burg*

Michael Praetorius

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM  
FOGARTIE HALL

INTRUMENTAL PRAYER

WELCOME

Landon Hammett

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

✦SONG OF PRAISE

*As it is in Heaven*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Ansley B. Page

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*O Come to the Altar*

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: STEPHEN MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

*God of Wonders*

FIRST READING

Psalm 98

Ella Jane Brown

SECOND READING

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✦CLOSING SONG

*A Thousand Tongues (Awake My Soul)*

✦BENEDICTION

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11:00AM  
SANCTUARY

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ACOLYTE

Hope Hamilton

### INTROIT

*New Songs of Celebration Render*

RENDEZ A DIEU

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: STEPHEN MINISTRY

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*Children ages three years to first grade are invited to dismiss to Children's Worship;  
those second grade and older will return to the pews.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*As the Wind Song*

WAIKUA TAPU

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**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.**

In gratitude for  
God's grace,  
we offer our lives  
and our gifts for  
the sake of the  
gospel.

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OFFERTORY

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

Dan Forrest

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*The Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Alli Hoy  
by her family.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

## THIS WEEK - A WAY HOME

There is still room for you to help welcome families into our facilities this week, **Nov 16-23**.

Scan the QR code for more information.

For training, contact Rhonda Dickerson (rhonda032856@gmail.com / 843-407-8065).



## THIRD THING: YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults are invited to “Third Thing”, a monthly gathering in a third space (not work, not home, but somewhere else), where we will focus on a “third thing” (a question, article, scripture, etc.) for discussion each month. We meet the third Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:30, at Fretwell. The first half hour is for getting food/drinks and fellowship; we will start the discussion around 5:30pm. Mark your calendars for this **Tuesday, November 18**.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST- NOV. 19

- 5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
- 5:00pm Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
- 6:15pm Recreation for Children (Gym)
- 6:30pm Spartanburg NOW (Social Hall)
- 6:30pm Youth Fellowship
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. Join us in the Social Hall to hear Dr. Russell Booker to hear about Movement 2030. Visit [fpcspartanburg.org/waf](http://fpcspartanburg.org/waf) or scan the QR code.



**No WAF on Wednesday, November 26.**

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

In partnership with the Spartanburg County Foundation, the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance will hold its Community Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 25**, at 6:30pm at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. The offering taken during the service will benefit Hand in Hand. Visit [fpcspartanburg.org](http://fpcspartanburg.org) to learn more.

## ADVENT FLUFF DAYS

Join the Sanctuary Guild to get wreaths looking presentable for Advent! Fluff Days will be taking place on **Tuesday, November 18**, 10:00am-noon, and **Thursday, November, 20**, 2:00pm-4:00pm. Meet in Room 2200. Interested? Contact LeAnne Thurmond (leanne.thurmond@gmail.com / 864-621-0213).

## HELP DECORATE FOR ADVENT

Meet in the Tower Room at 10:00am on **November 24, November 25**, and/or **November 26** to help bring in the Advent Season at FPC Spartanburg! Come one day or all three days - whatever suits your schedule. Questions? Contact LeAnne Thurmond (leanne.thurmond@gmail.com / 864-621-0213).

## ADVENT WORKSHOP - DECEMBER 3

Following WAF dinner on **December 3**, join us in the Gym for our annual Advent Family Workshop. With different crafts and lots of holiday cheer, there is something for everyone! Crafting will start around 6:15pm and wrap up around 7:30pm.

## A CELEBRATION OF GIVING - DEC. 10

Come to the Sanctuary on **Wednesday, December 10, 6:30pm**, to experience a fresh adaptation of our annual White Gifts Service. We will celebrate all the ways that our congregation gives generously during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

## HONOR & REMEMBER THIS ADVENT

There are several opportunities to honor and remember your loved ones this Advent season by contributing to the beautiful decorations at First Presbyterian and purchasing Columbarium wreaths. Learn more at [fpcspartanburg.org/advent](http://fpcspartanburg.org/advent) or scan the QR code.



## WINTER WARMTH - THANK YOU!

The annual Winter Warmth Project of First Presbyterian Church was held on October 25. Over 640 coats were distributed to children in Spartanburg County and more will be given out in the coming weeks. Thank you to the nearly 100 volunteers who helped provide warmth for these children. There are still opportunities for you to help! For a gift of \$35, you can be a part of providing a new warm coat for a child in need. Use this QR Code and choose “Winter Warmth” from the drop-down box or visit [fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth](http://fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth). Gift Acknowledgement Cards are available upon request.



## STEWARDSHIP 2026 UPDATE

Thank you to the more than 388 individuals and families who have already responded to this year's call to generosity by submitting a pledge for 2026. You all have brought us to 76% of our goal! Your participation strengthens FPC's ministry and allows us to plan faithfully for the year ahead. If you have not yet made your pledge, will you join us? Every commitment helps us live more fully into our mission. Pledge cards are available throughout the church, or you can pledge easily online by using the QR code or visiting [fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship](http://fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship).



## HAND IN HAND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hand in Hand is a local nonprofit that works in collaboration with Spartanburg County School District social workers, who identify children and families in need. By providing basic essentials, Hand in Hand hopes to relieve daily concerns, improve self-esteem and allow children to concentrate on their education. This Christmas, give a gift to this ministry in honor of a loved one. Holiday cards are available upon request. Online gifts may be made through [fpcspartanburg.org/give](http://fpcspartanburg.org/give) or by scanning the QR code. Please contact Lynn Long ([handinhandspartanburg@gmail.com](mailto:handinhandspartanburg@gmail.com) / 864-913-2179) to receive your special Christmas cards.



## GIVING TUESDAY - DECEMBER 2

Giving Tuesday began in 2012 with a simple but powerful idea — a day dedicated to encouraging people to do good. What started as a small movement has grown into a global celebration of generosity, inspiring hundreds of millions to give, collaborate, and make a difference in their communities.

This year, First Presbyterian Church is celebrating Giving Tuesday by recognizing our Community Impact Ministries. We invite you to support the work of A Way Home, CAST, Hand in Hand, and our Neighborhood Meal Ministry. You may choose to direct your gift to a specific ministry or have it divided equally among these vital programs. Use this QR Code for more information or see the homepage of our website.



## SERVICE OF COMFORT AND LIGHT

For so many reasons, not every holiday season is one of peace and joy. You are invited to a contemplative service of tender hope and abiding love, including candle lighting and the opportunity to pray with one of our pastors on **Thursday, December 4, 5:30pm in the Chapel.**

## CHAMBER SINGERS' CONCERT

Our Chamber Singers Choir will be joined by strings and percussion in celebrating the gift of Christmas on **Sunday, December 7, 5:00pm in the Sanctuary.**

## JOY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Save the Date! The annual Just Older Youth (J.O.Y.) Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will be held **Thursday, December 11** at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. Stay tuned for more details and RSVP information.

## CHAPEL OPEN

The Chapel is open for prayer Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. You may place prayer needs in the designated box and our staff will pray over your requests.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery – Room C105 (Clark Building)  
Preschool (3K-5K) – Room C110 (Clark Building)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Room C202  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room C203  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room C206  
Youth - Second Floor of the Family Life Center

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Bible Alive – Room 2215 & Zoom

An extensive book-by-book study of the Bible

#### Emmaus – Purnell Room

A journey with eyes open towards Jesus, with fellowship and a fresh new scripture-based lesson each week.

#### Faith Forum - Social Hall

All ages are welcome to the Faith Forum!

#### November

Dr. Courtney Kealy, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Wofford, will lead a four-part series on “Listening Well: Paying Attention to God, Others, and Our Surroundings.” Dr. Kealy teaches ethnography classes at Wofford, where she guides students on how to be careful observers of their cultures and environments.

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## TODAY’S MUSICIANS

### Early Worship

Marcia Andrews  
Jared Rosen

### Contemporary Worship

Kolby Carrouth, drums  
Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals  
Landon Hammett, vocals  
Anna Harkey, violin  
Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals  
Jeff Key, electric guitar  
Corey McDaniels, bass guitar

### Traditional Worship

Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews,  
Chancel Choir

*Front Cover:  
“Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives”  
by David Roberts*

## OFFERTORY

*O God, Beyond All Praising*  
Dan Forrest

*O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,  
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept our love that we  
who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we’ll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless You still;  
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 16-23

Host Church for A Way Home

### NOVEMBER 25

Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service

### NOVEMBER 27-28

Church Facilities Closed

### NOVEMBER 30

First Sunday of Advent

## LOOKING AHEAD

### DECEMBER 3

Advent Family Workshop

### DECEMBER 4

Service of Comfort and Light

### DECEMBER 7

Chamber Singers Concert /  
Young Adult Christmas Party

### DECEMBER 10

A Celebration of Giving

### DECEMBER 14

*Lessons and Carols* (9:00am)  
*Messiah* (8:30am and 11am)

*Keep up with all Life of the Church events at  
[fpcspartanburg.org](http://fpcspartanburg.org).*

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“Be joyful though you have considered all the facts.”*

- Wendell Berry

### MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

We are a community of believers committed to “Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”

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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

**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**  
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