

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SPARTANBURG, SC



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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)



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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

*People Look East*

arr. Dale Wood

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

The Cann Family

*Come and fill our hearts with your hope. You alone, O Lord, are holy.*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

*Come and fill our hearts with your joy. You alone, O Lord, are holy.*

*Come and fill our hearts with your love. Alleluia!*

### UNISON PRAYER

**God of past, present, and future, grant us peace when all around us would lead us to fear. Grant us peace that not only comforts but that also emboldens your people to live as citizens of your promised and coming kingdom even here and now. Amen.**

### ✦HYMN 88

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1, 2, 6)*

VENI EMMANUEL

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,**

**you speak comfort to your people, yet we confess how easily we lose heart.**

**You call us to prepare the way, to make straight the paths for your coming,**

**but our lives are marked by crooked places:**

**by impatience, fear, and habits that turn us from you.**

**You promise peace to those who turn to you, yet we cling to old hurts and divisions.**

**You draw near in steadfast love, but we have not always walked in your truth.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Level the rough places within, and speak again your word of comfort and renewal,**

**that we may walk in the way of your peace.**

SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ✦RESPONSE: HYMN 88, VERSE 7

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON

*Prepare the Way: Yesterday*

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Come Thou, Dear Redeemer*

Johann Franck

✠ DOXOLOGY: HYMN 143, VERSE 4

OLD HUNDREDTH

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,*

*evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:*

*come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the coming king!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Jacob B. Weber

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# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM  
FOGARTIE HALL

INTRUMENTAL PRAYER

WELCOME

Landon Hammett

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE  
ADVENT SONG

The Easterling and Shirley Families  
*Come and Fill Our Hearts - Hope*

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. L. Craig Foster

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

*Hope Was Born This Night*

SCRIPTURE READING

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✦ CLOSING SONG

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

✦ BENEDICTION

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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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SANCTUARY

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*People Look East*

arr. Dale Wood

### INTROIT

*People, Look East*

BESANCON

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

The Ringo Family

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Elizabeth Charles Crocker*  
*Daughter of Carrie Boyce and Nick Crocker*

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

The water of baptism is a symbol of our new birth into life with Christ and a visible sign of God's love pouring out for the person being baptized and the congregation as a whole.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Savior of the Nations, Come* NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

FIRST READING Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

SECOND READING Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON *Prepare the Way: Yesterday* Rev. Alan F. Dyer

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Rev. Rachel N. Klompaker

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the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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.**

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*The Advent Greens in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Willard, Jr. and  
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sims Willard  
by their family.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

## ADVENT SERMON SERIES

This Advent, we follow the ancient cry to *prepare the way of the Lord* by looking back, looking ahead, and grounding ourselves in God's presence today. The prophets remind us of God's faithfulness in our yesterdays; the gospel calls us to hope for the promise of tomorrow; and the incarnation assures us that Christ meets us here and now. As we journey toward Christmas, we open our hearts to the ways God is still shaping a path of comfort, courage and renewal.

## HELP DECORATE FOR ADVENT

This week's schedule: **Monday at 2:00pm** (add ribbon garland to the trees in the Tower Room and Social Hall); **Tuesday at 10:00am** (Decorate the Chrismon Trees and Fogartie Hall Tables). Questions? Contact LeAnne Thurmond (leanne.thurmond@gmail.com / 864-621-0213).

## ANGEL TREE

As part of Angel Tree Ministry, First Presbyterian is providing gifts to local children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Angel Tree tags are available on small Christmas trees in the Tower Room and in the Family Life Center. If you have questions, or if you would like to deliver gifts on Christmas Eve morning, please contact Brandt Goodwin at brandtgoodwin@gmail.com.

## GIVING TUESDAY - DECEMBER 2

Giving Tuesday began in 2012 as a simple idea - a day to encourage people to do good. It has since grown into a global celebration of generosity.

This year, on **Tuesday, December 2**, First Presbyterian Church is celebrating Giving Tuesday by supporting our Community Impact Ministries: A Way Home, CAST, Hand in Hand, and the Neighborhood Meal Ministry. You can direct your gift to a specific ministry or split it among all four. Use the QR code or visit our church website for details.



## STEWARDSHIP 2026 UPDATE

Thank you to the more than 419 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 80% 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? Pledge cards are available throughout the church, or you can pledge easily online by using the QR code or visiting [fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship](https://fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship).



## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST- DEC 3

- 5:00pm Dinner Line Opens (Fogartie Hall)
- 5:00pm Children's Choirs (Clark Building)
- 6:15pm **Advent Workshop** (Gym)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pre-register for dinner by 4:00pm each Monday. Visit [fpcspartanburg.org/waf](https://fpcspartanburg.org/waf) or scan the QR code.



## 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.

**Volunteers Needed!** Interested? Contact Kara Clark (text 404-754-8435 or [kclark@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:kclark@fpcspartanburg.org)). If you have any advent candles and/or candle holders from past years, you may bring them that night to make your live advent wreaths!

## 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.**

## 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. Join in on this joyful service as we FILL the Sanctuary with Christmas carols, children's choirs, and gifts that will bless our friends at Hope Center for Children, Mobile Meals, Thornwell, and TOTAL Ministries. Specific gift requests from each organization can be found on the church website or scan the QR code. Wrapping your gift is optional this year.



## 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.**

## YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Young Adult Christmas party will be held on **Sunday, December 7, 5:30pm** at the home of Manning and John Fairey. Please bring an appetizer to share. Use this QR code to RSVP.



## JOY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual Just Older Youth (J.O.Y.) Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will be held **Thursday, December 11** at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. Please RSVP by using this QR Code or by contacting Kerri Bell in the church office.



## MUSIC SUNDAY

On **Sunday, December 14**, we will worship through music. In 9:00am Contemporary Service, the music team will offer their distinct take on carols of the season. And at 8:30am and 11:00am, the Traditional Services will meet in the Sanctuary and will feature Handel's *Messiah* with the Chancel Choir, soloists, and a 20-piece orchestra.

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS EVE

On **Wednesday, December 24**, First Presbyterian will hold three services in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The Family Service and 6:00pm Candlelight Service will be livestreamed at [fpcspartanburg.org/worship](http://fpcspartanburg.org/worship).

### Family Service - 4:00pm

Come all you angels, shepherds, and kings, and join us on Christmas Eve for our children's nativity pageant. Any child may come dressed as the part he or she wants to play.

### Candlelight Services - 6:00 and 9:00pm

A tradition in our church, these services feature music by the Christmas Eve Choir. A special message will be delivered and the services will conclude with the Sanctuary bathed in candlelight.

## READY TO JOIN FPC?

Come to the Parlor on **Sunday, December 14**, at 10:30am for a brief meeting. Please contact Cathy Bagwell at [cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cbagwell@fpcspartanburg.org) for details.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF A COAT

Our annual Winter Warmth Project was held on October 25. More than 640 coats were distributed to children in Spartanburg County, with more to come. Thank you to the nearly 100 volunteers who made this possible! You can still help - \$35 provides a new warm coat for a child in need. Use the QR code and select "Winter Warmth," or visit [fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth](http://fpcspartanburg.org/winterwarmth). Gift acknowledgment cards are available upon request.



## HAND IN HAND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hand in Hand is a local nonprofit that partners with Spartanburg County School District social workers to support children and families in need. By providing basic essentials, they help relieve daily concerns, boost self-esteem, and allow children to focus on learning. This Christmas, consider giving a gift to this ministry in honor of a loved one. Holiday cards are available upon request. Give online at [fpcspartanburg.org/give](http://fpcspartanburg.org/give) or by scanning the QR code. To receive Christmas Cards, contact Lynn Long ([handinhandspartanburg@gmail.com](mailto:handinhandspartanburg@gmail.com) / 864-913-2179).



## 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!

#### Advent

This Advent our Associate Pastors will explore the riches of the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

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## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

### Early Worship

Marcia Andrews  
Leigha Keller

### Contemporary Worship

Rafe Andrews, guitar/vocals  
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

## OFFERTORY

*Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*  
Hal H. Hopson

*Thou shalt know Him when He comes,  
Not by any din of drums,  
Nor the manner of His airs,  
Nor by anything He wears.*

*Thou shalt Know Him when he comes,  
Not by His crown or His gown,  
But His coming known shall be by the holy harmony  
which His coming makes in thee.*

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2

Giving Tuesday

### DECEMBER 3

Advent Workshop

### DECEMBER 4

Service of Comfort and Light

## LOOKING AHEAD

### DECEMBER 7

Chamber Singers Concert  
Young Adult Christmas Party

### DECEMBER 10

Celebration of Giving

### DECEMBER 11

JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

### DECEMBER 14

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

### DECEMBER 24

Angel Tree  
Family Worship Service 4:00pm  
Candlelight Worship Services 6:00pm and 9:00pm

### DECEMBER 25-26

Church Facilities Closed

### DECEMBER 28

*No Sunday School*  
Worship Together at 11:00am

Front Cover: "A Road Runs Through It" by Jan Richardson

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

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“If you find hope in the ground of history, you are united with the great prophets who were able to look into the depth of their times, who tried to escape it, because they could not stand the horror of their visions, and who yet had the strength to look to an even deeper level and there to discover hope.”*

- Paul Tillich

### 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. Klompaker**  
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  
Executive Assistant 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**  
Custodians



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