

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SPARTANBURG, SC



DECEMBER 14, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD 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.

**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

(No log in required)

## **FRONT COVER: "Untitled (Music)" by Unknown, 1948**

Music is one of God's greatest gifts, a language of praise that carries us through every season. During Advent, this gift becomes especially vivid as notes and melodies rise in joyful preparation for Christmas. In this abstract painting, the flowing lines and scattered musical forms evoke the movement of song itself, reminding us that joy often begins as a single resonant note. As we ready our hearts for Christ's birth, these rhythms invite us into the greater symphony of hope and celebration.

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:00AM  
FOGARTIE HALL

INTRUMENTAL PRAYER

WELCOME

Landon Hammett

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY  
ADVENT SONG

The Barnet Family  
*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

*O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. L. Craig Foster

SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Ansley B. Page

CAROL

*Shepherd Boy*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 1:18-24

CAROL

*Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)*

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:39-56

CAROL

*When Love Was Born*

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

CAROL

*A Christmas Alleluia*

FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-15

CAROL

*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✦ CLOSING SONG

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

✦ BENEDICTION

Lessons and Carols is a worship tradition that tells the story of Christ's coming through Scripture and song. As the readings unfold the promise of salvation and the music gives voice to our praise, we are all invited to prepare our hearts to welcome anew the light of Christ into the world.

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8:30AM AND 11:00AM  
SANCTUARY

## 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

*“Overture” from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY

(8:30) The Harrelson Family

(11:00) The Moore 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 joy and gladness when all around us would lead us to sorrow. Grant us joy 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

*Carol of the Word*

(see next page)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rachel N. Klompmaker

**Gracious God,  
you call us to rejoice,  
yet we confess how easily our joy is overtaken by fear, worry, and control.  
We cling to what feels safe instead of trusting your promises.  
We close our hearts when you call us to make room for love.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Straighten what is bent within us, loosen our grip on what we cannot control,  
and tune our hearts once more to the melody of your coming joy.**

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.*

Advent is a season of hope and joy, anticipating the fulfillment of the rule of God in Christ's coming in the future. The Scriptures read, the liturgical texts used, the music sung all convey this sense of expectant, joyful longing for the fulfillment of God's promised reign.

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.

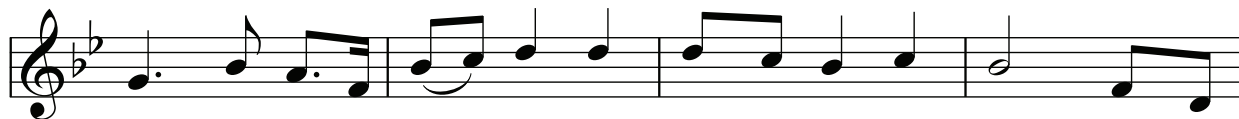
# Carol of the Word

William Craft

Gustav Holst



1. Through the deep un bound-ed dark-ness, Love's quick' ning spir - it came, cal-ling  
2. Did we dream that bright cre - a - tion, that world in - vok-ing word? Did love  
3. In this cold and ang - ry sea - son, this win - ter of our sin, from the



light and day and night-time, who ans- wered at their name. Sing - ing  
wear - y of our blind-ness, and turn a - way un - heard, from the  
rude, un-love - ly man - ger, Love calls to us a - gain. Speak - ing



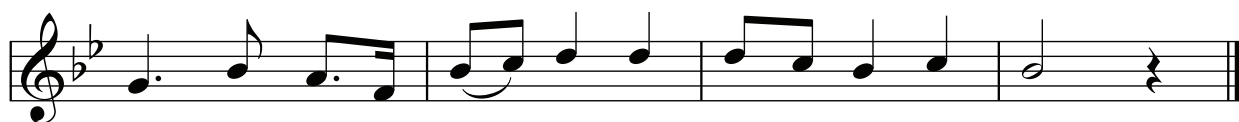
stars, and speak - ing plan - ets, spin - ning gal - ax - ies un - told, roll - ing  
bat - tle rav - aged gar - den, from the ri - vers dark with blood, from the  
jus - tice o - ver em - pire, lift - ing hat - red's mor - tal curse, mak - ing



o - ceans from the land's rise, that moon and sun be - hold. And -  
fran - tic mean ad - dic - tions that numb our minds to good? Lost to  
whole our bro - ken spir - its, with news of peace on earth. So with



with earth's new - formed gar - den, beasts leap and birds take flight, as love  
us the day - light's pro - mise, the night-time's heal - ing rest; lost to  
sta - bled beasts and an - gels, with stars and moon and sun, we de -



breathed in us God's like - ness, de - clar - ing deep de - light.  
us the deep com - mun - ion, by which we once were blest.  
clare Love's new cre - a - tion, God's life in us be - gun!

✠ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

*At the 11:00 service, after the Life of the Church,  
children three years to first grade are welcome to dismiss to Children's Worship.*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Today, we  
proclaim the  
good news  
through  
selections from  
Messiah by  
George Frideric  
Handel. Every  
word of this  
beloved work is  
drawn directly  
from Scripture,  
tracing God's  
redemptive  
story from the  
promises of the  
prophets, to the  
birth of Christ,  
and ultimately  
to the victory  
of God's reign.  
Through choir,  
soloists, and  
orchestra, we  
are invited to  
listen with open  
hearts, receiving  
once more the  
promise that  
"the Lord is  
come."

**Messiah**

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

**GOD'S COMFORTING PROMISE**

***Comfort ye my people***

(Isaiah 40:1-3)

*Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned:*

*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

***Ev'ry valley shall be exalted***

(Isaiah 40:4)

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:  
the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.*

***And the glory of the Lord***

(Isaiah 40:5)

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

**GOD'S GLORY COMES THROUGH A VIRGIN**

***Behold, a virgin shall conceive***

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall call his name Emmanuel, "God with us."*

***O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion***

(Isaiah 40:9)

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain!*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,  
lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid!*

*Say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

## FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth*

(Isaiah 60:2-3)

*For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:  
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

*The people that walked in darkness*

(Isaiah 9:2)

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:  
they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*

*For unto us a Child is born*

(Isaiah 9:6)

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.*

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

*There were shepherds abiding in the field*

(Luke 2:8)

*And there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

*And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them*

(Luke 2:9)

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.*

*And the angel said unto them*

(Luke 2:10-11)

*And the angel said unto them,  
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

*And suddenly there was with the angel*

(Luke 2:13)

*And suddenly there was with the angel  
a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

*Glory to God*

(Luke 2:14)

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

## CHRIST THE KING

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion*

(Zechariah 9:9-10)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem;  
behold, thy King cometh unto thee.  
He is the righteous Savior and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.*

"I did think I did  
see all heaven  
before me and  
the great God  
himself"  
- Handel,  
emerging from  
his room after  
penning the  
Hallelujah Chorus

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Leslie L. Denny

## OFFERTORY

*"Pastoral Symphony" from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

## ✦ DOXOLOGY

HYMN 143, VERSE 4

REGENT SQUARE

*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!*

## ✦ 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:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

## ✦ HYMN 145

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

## ✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

## ✦ CLOSING VOLUNTARY *"Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

The concluding movement of the worship service is a threshold movement, preparing the congregation to disperse into the world. Having assembled in God's name, we now prepare to go out in God's name. All that has happened in the assembly by way of praise, confession, proclamation, prayer, and thanksgiving becomes directed in the final moments of worship toward daily praise and dedicated service in those places in which we live out our lives. ~ The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

*The Advent Greens in the Sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Lehman C. and Juliette Hollis Moody, John Porter and Mary Walker Hollis,  
and John Lee and Henrietta Cooper Moody  
by Rosemary Moody Roberts.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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.

## STEWARDSHIP 2026 UPDATE

Thank you to the more than 433 individuals and families who have already pledged for 2026, bringing us to 82% of our goal! Your generosity strengthens FPC's ministry and helps us plan faithfully for the year ahead. If you haven't yet pledged, please join us. Pledge cards are available throughout the church, or you can pledge online by using the QR code or visiting [fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship](http://fpcspartanburg.org/stewardship).



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CNC

The Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking nine members to replace those who will rotate off the CNC in June of 2026. Members will serve for one year and will be charged with the nomination of Church Officers. Use the QR code to submit a name - you may submit multiple forms and may even nominate yourself. The deadline for submittal is Wednesday, December 31, 2025.



## ANGEL TREE

As part of Angel Tree Ministry, First Presbyterian is providing gifts to local children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Only a few Angel Tree tags remain on Christmas trees in the Tower Room and FLC Lobby. The return date is Friday, December 19. If you have questions, or if you would like to deliver gifts on Christmas Eve morning, please contact Brandt Goodwin at [brandtgoodwin@gmail.com](mailto:brandtgoodwin@gmail.com).

## JOIN THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

Anyone high-school age and older is invited to sing for both Candlelight Services. Rehearsals are December 21 at 12:15pm and December 23 at 6:00pm. Interested? Contact Holt Andrews ([rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org)).

## 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.

*\* A Nursery will be available at the 6:00pm service for children 6 months - 3 years of age.*

## ONE-STOP SHOPPING

Spread warmth and joy this winter with custom FPC merchandise. We have **ties** and **scarves** with our church's tartan pattern on them, as well as new **aprons** in our familiar "Presbyterian Blue!"

Additionally, there are special gift cards available for donations to **Hand in Hand** or our **Winter Warmth** ministry! Click this QR Code to browse the Holiday Shoppe!



## PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson will begin seeing clients January. Please email her at [hcrobinson@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:hcrobinson@fpcspartanburg.org) to set up an appointment.

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## MEMORIAL WREATHS

Advent Wreaths in the Columbarium have been placed in memory of the following individuals:

**Elizabeth Calvert Andrews**  
by Marsha and De Calvert

**Suzanne Bagwell**  
by her family

**Suzanne Bagwell**  
by Suzette, Shelton, and  
Wells Laney

**Suzanne Bagwell**  
by Joyce and Bobby Turner

**Adam Carlisle Bean**  
by Diane and Bill Bean

**Carlisle and Liz Bean**  
by Diane and Bill Bean

**Leland Bomar**  
by Stirling, Martha, Ann,  
John, and Elizabeth

**Louis M. Cannarella**  
by Norman, Corey,  
Mattison, and Flynn Mayfield

**Bess and Bill Cecil**  
by the David Cecil family

**Rob Chapman**  
by his family

**Robert Hett Chapman III**  
by Sadie Chapman

**Jerry Cogdell**  
by Celia Cogdell

**Jerry and Elton Crenshaw**  
by Carol and Wally Barre

**Carol and George Dunn**  
by Mary Helen and Gregg Wade

**James Grier**  
by Cha, William,  
Alex, Lucy, and Grier Gee

**Lucy Grier**  
by Cha, William,  
Alex, Lucy, and Grier Gee

**Mark Henderson**  
by Kelsey and Jacob Henderson

**Alli Hoy**  
by Maisie and Dorothy Hoy

**Roberto Mark Inclan**  
by Charlene, Molly, Katie,  
Paul and Charlie

**Clarence Roland Jones, Jr.**  
by Charlene Jones and family

**David Long**  
by the Long family

**Miguel Martinez**  
by Cathy Martinez

**Bazil Mathes**  
by Mary Mathes

**Joe Mattison**  
by Margaret Mattison

**Matthew McLeskey**  
by Mike, Holly,  
Parker, and Graham Hoenig

**Chapman Quantz McMeekin**  
by Thomas McMeekin

**Lynda Moore**  
by Carol and Wally Barre

**Lynda Moore**  
by Janice Pack

**Lynda Moore**  
by Joyce and Bobby Turner

**Jim Mullen**  
by the Mullen family

**Larry Mumpower**  
by his family

**Don Oldham**  
by Susan and Bill Oldham

**Genevieve Oldham**  
by Susan and Bill Oldham

**John Reagan**  
by his loving family

**John Reagan**  
by Carol and Wally Barre

**Henry Sanders**  
by Lindy Sanders

**Sam B. Shackelford Jr.**  
by Joy Shackelford

**Sammy Shackelford**  
by Nori and Wiley Bourne

**Christie and Clifford Smith**  
by Carter and Christie Smith

**Ned Sydnor**  
by his family

**David Tate**  
by Carol and Wally Barre

**John Tatham**  
by Pat Tatham and Pam Tatham

**Bunny and Ed Tennent**  
by the David Cecil family

**Ed Walpole**  
by Beth and Peter Neidenbach

**Betty Walpole Weller**  
by Beth and Peter Neidenbach

**Jimmy Weller**  
by Beth and Peter Neidenbach

**Michael (Mike) Williams**  
by Jan, Michael,  
Adrienne, and Alden Williams

**Tommy Young**  
by Elizabeth Young

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## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

### Contemporary Worship

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals  
Kolby Carrouth, drums; Landon Hammett, vocals;  
Anna Harkey, violin; Matt Kelly, guitar/vocals;  
Jeff Key, electric guitar; Corey McDaniels, bass guitar  
Vocalists: Sadie Brock, Ella Jane Brown,  
Addyson Hammett, Catherine Jenkins,  
Caroline Lyerly, Sadie Moore, Savannah Pinilla

### Traditional Worship

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir  
Holt Andrews, director  
Marcia Andrews, accompanist

#### Soprano I

Katherine Burns, Cindy Cummings, Patricia Foy,  
Susan Gallagher, Sarye Glenn\*, Valerie MacPhail\*,  
Kay Maddox, Kellie Pifer, Ginger Shuler

#### Soprano II

Martha Bean, Shana Egge, Debbie Keiser,  
Debbie Kocisko, Janet Kuntz, Cathy Martinez,  
Diane O'Connell, Darlene Smith,  
Mary Lorick Thompson

#### Alto

Claire Bass, Tweetie Bowman\*, Vickie Corbitt,  
Anne Craft, Lisa Cunningham#, Mary Dixon,  
Elaine Freeman, LeAnne Holcombe, Cesily King,  
March Moody, Hazel Morgan, Inaya Rivas,  
Alex Wicker, Julia Wicker

#### Tenor

Vic Bailey, Hubert Huang, Tom King,  
Matias Mariani\*, John Moody, Jerry Palmer,  
Christian Ruth, Reel Robertson#

#### Bass

Scott Berry, Koger Bradford, Bill Burns,  
Charlie Burns, Bruce Campbell, Bill Craft,  
Craig Kocisko, Paul MacPhail#, Jared Rosen\*, Bill Scott

#### Orchestra

Violin I: Mary Irwin, concertmaster,  
Helen Tipton, Tim McMurray, Ann Buttimer  
Violin II: Stacy Wiley, Allsion Key,  
Tina Pulley, March Moody  
Viola: Foster Neely, Devin Bennett, Jeff Kuntz  
Cello: Cathy Foster, Abby Sullivan  
Bass: Ian Bracchitta  
Oboe: Sam Van Hying  
Bassoon: Frank Watson  
Trumpet: Matthew Gill  
Timpani: Matt McDaniel

\* denotes 8:30am service soloists

# denotes 11:00am soloists

## 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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## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 17

Church Facilities Close at 12:30pm

## LOOKING AHEAD

### DECEMBER 24

Angel Tree Delivery  
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

### JANUARY 1

Church Facilities Closed

### JANUARY 7

Wednesdays at First Resumes

### JANUARY 25

Celebration of 100 Years at 393 East Main!

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

*Parts of today's liturgy are from the work of  
Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett.*

## TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

*“When a friend complimented Handel on the “fine entertainment”  
provided by Messiah, he replied,  
‘I should be sorry if I only entertained them;  
I wished to make them better.’ ”*

- G.S. Elvey, 1854  
Messiah; a Sacred Oratoria

### 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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