

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to
“Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 23, 2017

8:30AM - Chapel

10:30AM - Sanctuary

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Andante religioso from "Sonata IV"*

Felix Mendelssohn

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled

All: **Trust in God; Trust in Jesus.**

One: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.

All: **Christ will lead us to be with Him.**

One: We know the way to the place where Jesus is.

All: **Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

One: Come, let us join together on the journey of faith.

All: **Come, let us follow Jesus, who is the Way.**

One: Let us worship God.

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

Please sign and
pass the Ministry
of Friendship
Pad, note the
names of those
around you,
and greet one
another after
worship.

The last psalm in the Bible, Psalm 150, ends with this invitation: "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." German composer Joachim Neander gave us words to do just that when he wrote this well-known hymn.

† HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God,
 we come to You
 confessing that we have looked the other way,
 ignored our neighbor in need,
 and have given in to selfish gain.
 We confess we have put our own lives
 above the lives of others,
 basing our needs on our desires
 instead of seeing the needs of the world around us.
 Forgive us.
 Call us to live as You lived,
 to lay down our lives for one another,
 to seek forgiveness from one another
 and to reach out to one another
 in mutual love and concern.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
 who continues to show us the Way ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
 And we can never lose The Way.
 We can always turn back and find forgiveness, healing, and restoration,
 because Jesus laid down his life for us.
 May we know the truth of God's love, and love one another.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
 Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
 We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
 Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
 let us also forgive one another.
 The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet each other as we share the peace of Christ.

After the Word
for Children.

all children will
 return to the
 pews.

Nursery is
 available for
 infants through
 age 3.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR MISSION (8:30)

(8:30)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

John 14:6

ANTHEM

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Genesis Choir

Jody Lindh

SERMON

I AM ... Lost; Jesus is ... the Way

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

(10:30)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Grayson Anthony Pinilla
Son of Tara and Joe Pinilla

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see column)

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SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

John 13:36-14:7

ANTHEM

Write Your Blessed Name
Summer Choir

K. Lee Scott

SERMON

When the Elephant Speaks

Rev. Jason C. Moore

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see column)

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Max Drischner

Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in 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.

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.

You are invited
to stay and listen
to the Closing
Voluntary
but you are
welcome to
leave following
the Benediction.

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN

Thou Art the Way

1. Thou art the Way: to thee a - lone from
2. Thou art the Truth: thy Word a - lone true
3. Thou art the Life: the rend - ing tomb pro -
4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life; grant

sin and death we flee; and he who would the
wis - dom can im - part; thou on - ly canst in -
claims thy con - quering arm, and those who put their
us that Way to know, that Truth to keep, that

Fa - ther seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.
form the mind and pur - i - fy the heart.
trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
Life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue from "Sonata II"

Felix Mendelssohn

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Rev. L. Craig Foster
Dr. Jo Ella Holman, Missionary in the Caribbean

10:30am

Rev. Jason C. Moore and Rev. Joanne R. Hull

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marc H. Henderson.

For the hearing impaired: Our Sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. If your hearing aid or cochlear device is equipped with T-coil technology, please switch it to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position for improved hearing during the service. Hearing aid devices are also available in the Narthex and Tower Room. Please ask an usher and return these to the Usher Stands when you exit. Thank you. For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

SUMMER SCHEDULE SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27 at 9:30AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K) and Preschool (3K-4K) 1st Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (5K-5th Grade) 2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6th-12th Grade) 2nd Floor FLC

ADULTS

Special SUMMER CLASS (Room 2201)

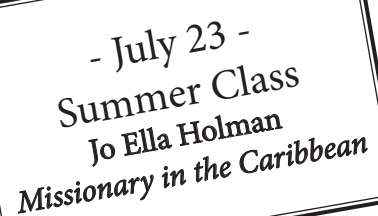
*The Story of the Bible, Part 2: Reading the Bible from the
Middle Ages to Today*

A Video Lecture Series by Luke Timothy Johnson

FAITH DRIVEN and **SPARK** (Combined Classes in Room C210)
Meets Periodically Throughout the Summer

OPEN CLASS (Room 2213)

PURNELL CLASS (Purnell Room)



- July 23 -
Summer Class
Jo Ella Holman
Missionary in the Caribbean

LIFE @ FIRST

JULY 23, 2017

Complete details at www.fpcspartanburg.org.
Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! **Please sign the Fellowship Pad**, so that we may contact you.

For more information about First Presbyterian, check the church website or see one of the Worship Greeters, holding the baskets.

JOINING FIRST PRES...

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please come to the Church Library on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00am. The Church Library is located on the first floor of the main building, on the hallway near the Chestnut Street Door. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you.

Additionally, a Welcome Class is held twice a year, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA).

*For more information, please contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125/
jhull@fpcspartanburg.org
or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/
jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.*

PASTORS ON-CALL

If you have a Pastoral Emergency after 5:00pm during the week or anytime over the weekend or on holidays, please call **208-2142**. The message will be sent to the pastoral care team member who is on-call and your call will be returned as soon as possible. For pastoral needs for our youth, contact Rev. Jason Moore (804-9244).

TODAY - BLOOD DRIVE

Today is Blood (donation) Sunday with two large buses in the parking lot adjacent to the Family Life Center waiting for you to make your donation. If you have not scheduled a time to donate, don't worry, Beth Cecil, located in the gym of the Family Life Center, will be happy to 'work you in' with as minimal wait time as possible. Your donation can make the difference in life of 3 people. During summer vacations the demand for blood is at its peak, so please consider taking 30 minutes of your time today to give the gift of life.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am Chapel Worship Service*

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) and Sanctuary Worship

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle (August 6 and August 27)

**There will be One Combined Worship Service on Sunday, September 3 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 10.*

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT – AUGUST 1

The Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance is sponsoring "Back to School - Spartanburg!" on Tuesday, August 1, 3:00-6:30pm in Barnet Park. Because many of the city's children and their parents are unable to purchase school supplies, they are asking for donations of school supplies. Please review the information in the link below and consider donating or volunteering for this event.

For more information: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/back-to-school-event or contact Cookie Fleming, Event Director; coquitta01@charter.net / 864-310-3791.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER - AUGUST 6

The Summer Sizzle "The Dog Days of Summer" is planned for after the 10:30am Worship Services on Sunday, August 6, in the Social Hall. Menu will be hot dogs with all the trimmings, corn dogs, chips, and cookies. Decorations will be dog-related, music will be "dog" songs (like "Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog", etc.).

FOR PARENTS

Nursery care is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old.

Rainbow worship bags are provided at the doors for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00am Genesis Choir
8:30am Chapel Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:45am Summer Choir
10:30am MorningSong Worship
10:30am Sanctuary Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 25

6:00pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, JULY 27

12:30pm Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, JULY 28

6:30am Men's Study Group
7:00am Men's Study Group

A complete calendar, including Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available on the church website.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

JULY 30

Chapel - Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Sunday School

MorningSong - Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Sanctuary - Rev. L. Craig Foster

JULY 31 - AUGUST 3

CAST Camp Week 3

AUGUST 6

Summer Sizzle: Dog Days of Summer

AUGUST 27

Summer Sizzle:
End of Summer Celebration

SEPTEMBER 3

ONE Worship Service
10:30am Sanctuary

SEPTEMBER 10

Rally Day
Return to Regular Schedule

SEPTEMBER 13

WAF Resumes

OCTOBER 22

Celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartans and
500th Anniversary of the Reformation

FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget: \$2,828,008
Needed weekly: \$54,385
Received 7/16: \$26,092

TWO MORNINGSONG SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 10

MorningSong has been a great success in the seven years that it has existed and starting September 10, you may choose between two MorningSong worship times each Sunday - 8:45am or 11:00am! Invite your friends, and let's fill up both services each Sunday!

Note: with two services we will have many more volunteer opportunities to set the communion table each week, put out donut holes, greet people, run sound, projections or broadcast, collect offering, turn over the room, etc. So if you attend the MorningSong service, find your way to help out!

*For more information, contact Susan Polson;
s_polson_wando@yahoo.com / 843.345.1363.*

2017 KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

BANNER SPONSORSHIP FORM - DUE FRIDAY!

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on October 22, 2017. At 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 through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans.

The construction of the staffs and stands as well as the sewing of the banners will be performed by volunteers, but we need sponsors to help with the cost of purchasing the tartan fabric and staff materials. The cost of a banner is \$115.

The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland, so we need your payment no later than Friday, July 28.

- Some clans have multiple patterns available. If you want a particular pattern, please indicate below. Otherwise, we will order the most common pattern for that clan.
- You will receive an acknowledgment of your order and payment.
- At the conclusion of the service, the tartan banners will be given to the sponsor for storage or display until the next Kirkin'. Only the staffs and banner stands will remain at the church.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Clan Tartan: _____

Pattern: _____

Please send this form and check for \$115.00 to:

First Presbyterian Church ~ Kirkin' Fund

393 East Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29302,

Attn: Lynise Clarke

*If you have any questions or wish to confirm which tartans
have already been purchased,*

please contact Paul McKee; paulmckee202@gmail.com / 864-621-6939.

MISSION THAT SERVES OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR GOD

Our congregation serves God and our neighbors at home and abroad with these local and international missions.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Poverty: Monthly Hunger Offering; Mobile Meals; Winter Warmth; TOTAL Ministries; Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN); Habitat for Humanity; The Haven; CAST Program; Neighborhood Meal Ministry; **Healing:** Angel Tree; St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic; Children's Advocacy Center; HOPE Center for Children; SAFE Homes/Rape Crisis Network; Thornwell Home for Children; Presbyterian Communities of SC; Disaster Relief: One Great Hour of Sharing, Disaster Response Action Team; Kairos Prison Ministry; MLK, Jr. Celebration; Refugee Relief; Mental Health Advocacy; **Education:** Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); Arcadia Outreach Ministry; Presbytery Unified Funds; The Shepherd's Center; Adult Learning Center

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Missionaries: Support for missionaries - **Jo Ella Holman**, PCUSA liaison for the Caribbean; **Mark Hare and Jenny Bent**, mission co-workers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic; **Mission Workers Serving with Kurds**; **Mission Workers Serving in the Middle East**; **Dominican Republic:** Clinica Cristiana; Center for Christian Education & Development (CCED School); Sponsorship of CCED School Children; Infant Nutrition Program; **Cuba:** Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Santa Clara partnership; **Haiti:** Haiti Outreach Ministries; Haiti Reforestation Project (CODEP); **Philippines:** Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; **India:** Set Free Alliance; **Witness Season; Bread for the World**

***This week, please pray for these PC(USA) Missionaries:
Leith and Carol Fujii (Thailand) and for
Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).***

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2018: Fran Bagwell, David Beacham, Roy Berry, Leslie Calicutt, Mark Coleman, Mary Dixon, Ken Frick, Mark Hicklin, David Ike, Kay McClure, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Susan Oldham, Carter Smith, Pat Tatham

Class of 2019: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, Dick Carr, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, Lewis White

Class of 2020: Lee Close, Celia Cogdell, Suzy Cole, Andrew Darr, Melissa France, Laura Henthorn, Whit Kennedy, Craig Long, Jason Lynch, Ashley Millinor, Bert Moore, Steven Richards, Jessalyn Story, Monica Threath, Linda West

DIACONATE

Class of 2018: Marjorie Appiah, Randy Barre, Budge Bean, Margie Beckett, Randall Chambers, Erin Chastain, Max Hyde, Brenda James, Donna Kennedy, Andy Lancaster, Lisa Lefebvre, Melissa Morehead, Juli Robertson, Joy Shackelford, Brand Stille

Class of 2019: Katherine Burns, Harry Clayton, Molly Colbath, Mary Deller, John Donovan, Phillip Glover, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Eunice Knouse, Tommy Rudeen, Denise Stevens, John Tatham, Alan Workman

Class of 2020: Will Adair, Vic Bailey, Steven Blanton, Bill Cummings, Chris Curtis, Carroll Easterling, Rob Elliot, John Faris, Dana Halliday, Andy Halligan, Catherine Johnson, Bryan Pack, Kristen Raynor, Leah Rigsby, Marsh Rogers

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Jason C. Moore**, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Penny Wright**, Director of Youth; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen McCullough**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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