

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.”

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 30, 2017

8:30AM - Chapel

10:30AM - Sanctuary

† *Please rise in  
body or spirit.*

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

*With Joy I Greet Thee*

Johannes Brahms

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
All: **The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.**  
One: The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world.  
All: **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,**  
One: and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.  
All: **The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.**  
One: Let us worship God.

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

Hymn 267

The original opening line of the hymn was "Come, children, join to sing." Though changed in the Presbyterian hymnal to include all age groups, Hymn Author, Christian Henry Bateman's text contains direct, uncomplicated language suited for children; the hymn is easy for everyone to learn and sing.

† HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
and one another  
in both our actions and our inactions.

We recognize that in Jesus our light has come,  
yet often we choose to walk in the shadows  
and ignore the light.

Gracious God,  
forgive our sins  
and remove from us the veil of darkness  
which shrouds our lives.

Illumine us by your Word  
so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is light, and in whom there is no darkness at all.  
If we walk in the light as He is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 447

*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.*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

† 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

(8:30)

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

John 8:12

#### DUET

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*  
Valerie and Paul MacPhail

Henry Smart

#### SERMON

*I AM ... Confused*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

(10:30)

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Smith Andrew Richards*  
*Son of Caroline and Steve Richards*  
*William Warren Summers*  
*Son of Laura and Josh Summers*

#### † 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 1:1-5 and John 8:12

#### ANTHEM

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*  
Summer Choir

Dodd Lamberton

#### SERMON

*I AM ... Confused*

Rev. L. Craig Foster

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.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see column)

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#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## † 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!*

## Hymn 418

This hymn invites us to come and accept God's mercy together.

The first stanza and refrain give the picture that Jesus is gently calling, like a mother after her small children.

The second stanza reminds us that there is nothing to be gained by delay, especially when the third warns that death is coming sooner or later. The final stanza entices us with a promise of love, pardon, and mercy that is wonderfully available for those who wish to accept it.

## † PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

## † HYMN 418

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*In Thee Is Gladness*

J. S. Bach

## PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

10:30am

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Christi O. Brown

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Florence and Henry Bell and Henry Bell, Jr. by Sherron Bell Langley.

Many thanks to Lynn Ritchie (organist) and Kay Maddox (conductor) for their musical leadership while Marcia and Holt Andrews are away.

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.

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

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

Elementary (5K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

# LIFE @ FIRST

JULY 30, 2017

Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://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](mailto:jhull@fpcspartanburg.org)  
or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/  
[jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto: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).

## HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Next Sunday, August 6, please bring canned goods and loose change to Worship to benefit Total Ministries of Spartanburg. As we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong). **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** Some suggestions: Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Soup, and Family-Size Beans and Rice (not 20\*lb bags).

## NEXT SUNDAY - 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.).

## 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](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/back-to-school-event) or contact Cookie Fleming, Event Director; [coquitta01@charter.net](mailto:coquitta01@charter.net) / 864-310-3791.*

## DRIVE A GOLF CART!

A golf cart has recently been donated to the church so that we can shuttle people to and from the parking lots. If you would like to be one of our hospitable drivers on Sunday mornings ...

*... please contact John Donovan; [John.Donovan@med.ge.com](mailto:John.Donovan@med.ge.com).*



## 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. 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.*

## 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.

**Games for your children** are available at: [www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com](http://www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com). Enter the secret code found printed at the bottom right of each Child's Bulletin in the Rainbow Worship Bags. This code is unique to our church.

*If you have questions or comments, please contact Beth Burris;  
208-2131 / bburris@fpcspartanburg.org.*

## SUMMER CHOIR

Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome in the Summer Choir, which meets every Sunday from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The group is designed for maximum flexibility...show up any summer Sunday at 9:45am. We prepare the music for that day's 10:30am Sanctuary service only, so you will not be behind if you are a one-time visitor or have been away on vacation, etc. Anyone high-school age and above is welcome, and there are strong singers there to lean on if you're feeling a bit insecure. Summer Choir is perfect for those who like to sing but can't be a part of one of our regular ensembles, for students home for the summer, for out of town guests, etc.

*For more information contact Holt Andrews; rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org.*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling, with Dr. Kirk Neely, is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members. There is no fee; a contribution may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is by appointment on Tuesdays.

*To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry;  
583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org.*

## WIRELESS AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian has a Wireless Network that you are welcome to use. Find the Network: "FPC-Guest". No password required; just agree to the terms.

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

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

### MONDAY-THURSDAY

C.A.S.T. Camp

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

12:00pm High School Youth to  
Carowinds and Lock In

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

12:00pm Men's Bible Study  
2:00pm Middle School Youth to  
Climb Upstate

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
12:30pm Men's Small Group

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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 . . .

### AUGUST 6

Chapel - Rev. Jason C. Moore  
Sunday School

MorningSong - Rev. Jason C. Moore  
Sanctuary - Rev. Joanne R. Hull

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  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

## FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget: \$2,828,008  
Needed weekly: \$54,385  
Received 7/23: \$45,743

## ***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 this PC(USA) Missionary: Amy Davisson Galetzka (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 Threatt, 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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