



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

AUGUST 6, 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 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Healey Willan

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to church hungry, Lord!

All: **We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love,**

One: hungry for a new way of living, hungry for your word.

All: **Thank you for giving us this place and this time to worship.**

One: We are eager to taste your goodness and dwell in your grace

All: **in community with our brothers and sisters.**

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.

In this hymn by
William Williams,
we are given the
words to express
our prayer that
God would
guide us as we
walk through a
life of unknowns.
Let us pray that
we are always
ready to go with
God wherever
He takes us,
songs of praises
ever on our lips.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy,

forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even when our cups run dry,

God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty,

God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren,

God's love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed

by the abundance of God's grace and by the power of God's love.

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: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us;

let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ.

Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:30)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 13:25-14:4

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Obstacles or Opportunities?

Rev. Jason C. Moore

(10:30)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 2

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rahab: Unlikely Grace

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Genesis Choir

Hal H. Hopson

(10:30)

All Earth With a Gladsome Voice
Summer Choir

Antonio Vivaldi

† 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!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

After the Word for Children,

all children will
return to the
pews.

Nursery is
available for
infants through
age 3.

The Lord's
Supper is the
sign and seal
of eating and
drinking in
communion with
the crucified
and risen Lord.
During his earthly
ministry Jesus
shared meals
with his followers
as a sign of
community and
acceptance
and as an
occasion for his
own ministry.

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

Hymn 441

Hymn author,
John Baptiste
Renville was
born in 1830 at
Lacquiparle,
Minnesota
Territory. In 1864,
he published
a Dakota
translation
of *Precept
upon Precept*,
a popular
collection of Old
Testament stories
written by Favel
Lee Mortimer.
In 1865, Renville
became the
first Dakota
minister to be
ordained by
the Presbyterian
Church.

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

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY *O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High*

arr. David N. Johnson

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30am

Rev. Jason C. Moore

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

10:30am

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Mrs. Debbie Kocisko

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby Freeman by his family.

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)

LIFE @ FIRST

AUGUST 6, 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).

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN 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).

TODAY: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

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.*

REGISTER FOR FIRST STEPS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Our amazing program for infants, toddlers, and their parents, *First Steps in Music*, will start in mid-September and run for an 8-week session. Spaces are limited!

Children's Choirs will resume on Wednesday, September 13 for ages 4K-Grade 5.

Registration for both music programs are open online at ...

... <https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/worship/music>.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY STUDY GROUP RESUMES

The Tuesday/Thursday Study Group will begin the second week of August. This study, led by Nan and Tom McDaniel, will meet Tuesdays at noon in the Arthur Center and Thursdays at noon in the Church Library - pick the day of the week that suits you! In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the start of the Reformation, we will examine the Creeds and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church using our denominational *Book of Confessions*, downloadable as a PDF file if you don't already have a paperback copy, or check with the church for a "loaner". The study begins August 15/17 and will conclude September 19/21.

*For more information, please contact Katie Resumovic;
208-2129/kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org.*

"SORTING THE SOCK DRAWER"

People with Parkinson's have lots of stories to tell as they live with this incurable degenerative neurological disease. Welsh storyteller Eirwen Malin will share her story, "Sorting the Sock Drawer," on **Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00pm in the Chapel**. Eirwen, who has Parkinson's Disease, encourages patient education about this disease which afflicts more than one million people in the United States alone. People with Parkinson's, caregivers, families, friends, and anyone who has an interest in learning more about Parkinson's are invited to attend. The presentation is free of charge. The FPC Health Committee is a co-sponsor.

For more information: Winnie Walsh, winwalsh@charter.net/864-579-1002.

THE FLOWER GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Interested in joining the Flower Guild? ...

... please contact LeAnne Thurmond Holcombe; 864-621-0213.

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.

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.*

HELP AT HABITAT!

Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg is looking for volunteers **at their Britton Street and Cottonwood Drive sites**. Individuals and groups are welcome. All day (8:30am-4:00pm) and half-day (8:30am-12:00pm / 12:30pm-4:00pm) shifts available. Must be at least 16 years of age.

*For more information, please contact Carrie Vaughn, Volunteer Coordinator;
864-591-2221 ext. 105 / carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org.*

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, AUGUST 6

8:00am Genesis Choir
8:30am Chapel Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:45am Summer Choir
10:30am Morningsong Worship
10:30am Sanctuary Worship
11:30am Summer Sizzle

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

12:00pm Officer Prayer Lunch

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:00pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

12:30pm Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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 13

Chapel - Dr. Tom Evans
Sunday School
Morningsong - Holt Andrews
Sanctuary - Dr. Tom Evans

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 7/30: \$24,175

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: Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch (Malawi) 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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