



# 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

AUGUST 13, 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 *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

arr. Robert Powell

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name;  
make His deeds known to all the people!

All: **For He is the Lord, our God,  
faithful to a thousand generations!**

One: Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name!  
Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: **For He is the Lord, our God,  
faithful to a thousand generations!**

One: Search for God, and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

All: **For He is the Lord, our God,  
faithful to a thousand generations!**

One: Let us worship God.

(based on Psalm 105)

† *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.

Hymn 667

Several of the  
Psalms begin  
and end  
with fervent  
declarations of  
praise. Likewise,  
from the  
opening lines of  
early morning  
praise to the  
final couplet  
about eternal  
praise before the  
throne of God  
in heaven, this  
hymn has the  
constant refrain,  
"May Jesus Christ  
be praised."

† HYMN 667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God,

you promised to do great things for us,  
yet we do not trust you.

You extend your mercy to us,  
yet we do not trust you.

You lift up the humble,  
you fill the hungry with good things,  
and yet we still do not trust you.

Forgive us,  
and help us to trust in the promises you have given us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is slow to anger and full of compassion.  
He forgives all who humbly repent  
and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord.  
There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 263

CORONATION

*O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

† 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

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 13-16 (selected verses)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:30) SOLO

*Wilt Thou Forgive?*

John Hilton

(10:30) ANTHEM

*O Love, That Will Not Let me Go*

Susan Borwick

SERMON

*The (Not So) Heroes of the Old Testament:  
Samson*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

### After the Word for Children,

all children will  
return to the  
pews.

Nursery is  
available for  
infants through  
age 3.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(8:30) † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

(10:30) COMMISSION STEPHEN MINISTERS

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*As the Deer*

arr. Douglas Wagner

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The following  
Stephen Ministers  
are being  
commissioned  
today:  
Mary Berry  
Margaret Blanton  
Eleanor Cox  
Alice Eberhardt  
Debra Gecan  
Denise Heeren  
Nancy Lassiter  
Jack Lawrence  
Thea McLellan  
Mary Lorick  
Thompson

These individuals  
have completed  
50 hours of  
training in  
preparation to  
provide Christian  
caregiving to  
those in our  
congregation or  
community who  
are experiencing  
a life crisis.

Hymn 438

There is a legend  
that Augustus  
Toplady was  
inspired to  
write this hymn  
after finding  
shelter from a  
thunderstorm in a  
cleft in a rock at  
Burrington Combe  
in Somerset,  
England in 1776.  
While evidence  
to support that  
story is lacking,  
it does provide  
a vivid image  
through which to  
understand the  
hymn. Christ and  
His redemptive  
work on the cross  
are like that cleft  
in the rock, where  
we can find  
shelter from the  
deluge of sin's guilt  
and power.

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

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 438

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

TOPLADY

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune*

David German

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Mr. Holt Andrews  
Mrs. Marcia Andrews

10:30am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. Jason C. Moore  
Mr. Craig Kocisko  
Summer Choir  
Mrs. Marcia Andrews

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Willard, Jr. by their 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.

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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

AUGUST 13, 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).

## TUES/THURSDAY STUDY GROUP RESUMES THIS WEEK

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](mailto:208-2129/kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## ONLY 2 MORE WEEKS OF 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 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.*

## SUMMER SIZZLE: END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

On Sunday, August 27, we will have: Food Trucks, Family Games and Inflatables, and Celebrate the Kick-off our Capital Campaign "**The Time Has Come**". Bring a chair, choose your favorite food-truck fare, and learn more about our new building campaign.

## 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>.

## 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).



## "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](mailto:winwalsh@charter.net)/864-579-1002.*

## COMING TO SPARTANBURG (AND FPC)...

The Clean of Heart Opportunity Center is coming to Spartanburg and aims to be a solution to the lack of available resources, at one central location, for the homeless or nearly homeless community. *Clean of Heart's* goal is to empower homeless men, women, and children to build a positive future by providing the resources and assistance critical to growth and stability. The centers services will include comprehensive case management, health, and dental care, job development and training, job placement, permanent housing assistance, transition and other support from a variety of social service agencies under one roof.

*For further information, come on Sunday, August 27 to Room 2207 at 9:30am or contact Karl Rogozenski; 864-331-2626 / [krogozenski@catholic-doc.org](mailto:krogozenski@catholic-doc.org).*

## THE FLOWER GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Interested in joining the Flower Guild? ...

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

## 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](mailto:s_polson_wando@yahoo.com) / 843.345.1363.*

## HAITI AND DR MISSION TRIPS...

Now is the time to sign up for next year's Haiti (January 24-31, 2018) and Dominican Republic (February 3-10, 2018) Mission trips. There are lots of different kinds of jobs on each of these trips and either is sure to be a life-changing experience.

*For more information:*

Haiti: <https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/care/a-world-in-need/haiti>

DR: <https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/care/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic>

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30am Chapel Worship  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:45am Summer Choir  
10:00am Receiving New Members  
10:30am MorningSong Worship  
10:30am Sanctuary Worship  
2:00pm Presbytery Meeting

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00am Officer Prayer Breakfast  
12:00pm Tuesday/Thursday Study  
5:30pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

12:00pm Tuesday/Thursday Study  
12:30pm Men's Small Group

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

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.*

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## LOOKING FORWARD . . .

### AUGUST 20

Chapel - Dr. Tom Evans  
Sunday School

MorningSong - Rev. Craig Foster  
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  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget: \$2,828,008  
Needed weekly: \$54,385  
Received 8/6: \$46,725

## 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: Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell (Brazil) 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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