



Morning Song

2018: A Year in the Life of Jesus

February 25

8:45 and 11:00am

Welcome!

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

Opening Music

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Moment for Mission: Witness Season

Prayer of Confession (see next page)

Children's Time

"Good News?"

Mark 8:31-38

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Affirmation of Faith (see next page)

Song

Prayers

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer,
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
You call us to be a blessing in the world,
but we only seek our own benefit.
You call us to give our lives for others,
but we only seek to save ourselves.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set our minds on divine things -
the good news of the gospel
and the promise of new life in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ ...

Silent Confession

Today's Scripture

Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Participating in Today's Services

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Christi O. Brown

Affirmation of 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.

Sunday School

9:45am

CHILDREN (Birth-5th Gr): Classes in the Clark Building

YOUTH (6th-12th Gr): Meets in Family Life Center (2nd Floor)

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE	Room 2210
CHOIR CLASS	Room 2208
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES	Room C212
EMMAUS CLASS	Room 2207
FAITH DRIVEN	Room C210
FELLOWSHIP CLASS	Room 2201
OPEN CLASS	Room 2213
PURNELL CLASS	Purnell Room

Read the Bible Through This Year

This week's readings:

Sunday, February 25	Leviticus 25, 26 / Psalm 25
Monday, February 26	Leviticus 27 / Numbers 1 / Acts 13
Tuesday, February 27	Numbers 2, 3 / Acts 14
Wednesday, February 28	Numbers 4, 5 / Acts 15
Thursday, March 1	Number 6, 7 / Psalms 26, 27
Friday, March 2	Numbers 8, 9 / Acts 16
Saturday, March 3	Numbers 10, 11 / Acts 17

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:
James and Jodi McGill (Malawi) and for
Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).*

Staff: **Dr. Tom Evans**, Senior Pastor; **Rev. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Rev. Joanne Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Beth Burris**, Children's Ministries Director; **Ginger Shuler**, Intern for Adult Discipleship and Pastoral Care; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Recreation Director; **Jane Mullins**, Hospitality Director

MorningSong Musicians: Lisa Cunningham, *piano/vocals*; Kolby Carrouth, *drums*; Cooper Cecil, *bass*; Landon Hammett, *keyboard/vocals*; Jeff Key, *acoustic guitar/bass*; Leigha Pace, *vocals*.

Need to Step Out During the Service? If possible, please use the door in the back of Fogartie Hall.

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