

## MorningSong May 14, 2017 8:45am

Welcome!

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

### Opening Music

Call to Worship

One: We've come to worship God,

All: who loved us before we were yet born,

One: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

All: whose presence never leaves us,

One: and whose love for us never ceases.

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship our loving God.

Opening Prayer and Welcome Moment for Mission: Mother's Day Offering

Children's Time

"Astounding Women"

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Christi Brown

Communion

Offering

Closing Prayer

Benediction

# Today's Scripture

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words. 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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# Participating in Today's Service:

### Today following MorningSong...

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45am

#### **CHILDREN**

Classes in the Clark Building Nursery (Birth-2); Preschool (3-5K); Elementary (1st-5th Gr)

To see your child's lesson for this week (Preschool and Elementary), visit www.Deepbluekids.com. Download the parent's lesson guide by selecting: Curriculum> This Sunday> Choose your child's age group> Choose "All Hands on Deck" with today's date.

You can also download a free App to follow weekly lessons, games, music, and videos.

**YOUTH** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Gr)
Meets in the Family Life Center

#### **ADULTS**

**BIBLE ALIVE** (Room 2210 ) A talented and experienced teaching team leads this class for those who want to study the Bible in-depth, book by book.

**CHOIR CLASS** (Room 2208) This class meets from 10:00 to 10:30am to accommodate choir members, but anyone can join.

**CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES** (Room C212) This class explores and studies contemporary issues from a variety of perspectives using the Bible, the Christian faith and life, the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, and World Christianity to form its conclusions.

**EMMAUS CLASS** (Room 2207) Join us on our journey as we welcome everyone, with eyes open towards Jesus. We are the loud class at the end of the hall, enjoying fellowship, coffee, and a fresh, new, scripture-based lesson each week.

**FAITH DRIVEN** (Room C210) This class is largely made up of parents of young children and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS** (Room 2212) Special, distinctive, and important: The host presents a scholarly and factual study of selected books of the Bible presented with a mature flair and wisdom. All ages feel at home with this loyal group.

**OPEN CLASS** (Room 2213) A small-group discussion of Christian themes in literature; open to all ages and points of view. They are currently studying "Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians".

**Purnell Class** (Purnell Room) For a hymn sing and an excellent Bible lesson, join this faithful group of men and women.

**SPARK** (Room 2216) This class is made up of young adults in their 20's and 30's, both single and married, with and without children, who are interested in connecting and building relationships with each other, while exploring Christianity and the Bible and their applications to life.

#### 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**

<u>Poverty</u>: Monthly Hunger Offering; Mobile Meals; Winter Warmth; TOTAL Ministries; Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN); Habitat for Humanity; The Haven; CAST Program; Neighborhood Meal Ministry

<u>Healing</u>: 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

<u>Education</u>: 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

<u>Dominican Republic</u>: Clinica Cristiana; Center for Christian Education & Development (CCED School); Sponsorship of CCED School Children; Infant Nutrition Program

<u>Cuba</u>: Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Santa Clara partnership

<u>Haiti</u>: Haiti Outreach Ministries; Haiti Reforestation Project (CODEP)

<u>Philippines</u>: Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children

India: Set Free Alliance
Witness Season

Bread for the World

<u>This week,</u> please pray for this PC(USA) Missionary: Nancy Collins (Zambia) and for Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).

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

MorningSong Musicians: Cooper Cecil, bass; Jeff Key, percussion; Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals; Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; 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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