

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

Children's Time

"Soaring on the Winds of the Spirit"

Isaíah 40:27-31

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Communion

Offering

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Today's Scripture

Isaíah 40:27-31 (NRSV)

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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Participating in Today's Service

Dr. Thomas. E. Evans Rev. Joanne R. Hull Rev. Ansley B. Page

Summer Sunday School

9:30am

CHILDREN (Birth-Rising 5th Grade): Classes in the Clark Building **YOUTH** (Rising 6th-12th Grades): 2nd Floor of Family Life Center

ADULTS

EXPERIENCING GOD (Room 2201) Through the lens of Tom Evans' sabbatical work and through the work of several of our local mission partners, this Summer Series will explore the ways that we experience God.

May 26 & June 2: Tom Evans: Experiencing the Holy June 9: Paige Stephenson: United Way of the Piedmont June 16, 23 & 30: Tom Evans: Experiencing the Holy July 7, 14, 21 & 28: Local Mission Partners August 4, 11, 18, 25: Tom Evans: Experiencing the Holy

ENCOUNTERING JESUS (Room 2200) This summer open your Bible! Starting on June 2 and throughout the month of June, this Summer Series will explore five passages from John's Gospel, using Encounters with Jesus by Francis Taylor Gench as a guide. She writes about John, "when we read it, the person and promises of Jesus Christ seem more immediate and available. Jesus seems up close and personal in John and we find ourselves in direct encounter with him." Additional chapters of this summer series for July and August are in the works, and may include one of the minor prophets and one of the New Testament epistles. Led by Ansley Page, Jason Loscuito, and John Lefebyre.

OPEN CLASS (Room 2213) A small-group discussion of Christian themes in literature; open to all ages and points of view.

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

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

Cuba: Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Santa Clara partnership

<u>Haiti</u>: 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

<u>Staff</u>: Dr. Tom Evans, Senior Pastor; Rev. Craig Foster, Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications; Rev. Joanne Hull, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; Rev. Leslie Lang, Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions; Mr. Robert Bannan, Director of Youth and Campus Ministries; Rev. Ansley Page, Pastoral Associate; Mr. Holt Andrews, Pastoral Musician; Mrs. Marcia Andrews, Associate Director of Music and Organist; Mrs. Holly Bannan, Director of Children's Ministries; Ms. Beth Cecil, Parish Nurse; Mrs. Colleen Darrall, Recreation Director; Mrs. Jane Mullins, Hospitality Director

MorningSong Musicians: Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals; Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, bass; Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violinist; 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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