



Morning Song

August 4, 2019

10:30am Fogartie Hall

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

Children's Time

"Lesson from a Yard Sale"

Ephesians 1:3-14

Dr. Kirk H. Neely

Communion

Offering

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14 (The Message)

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people - free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free - signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

Participating in Today's Service

Dr. Kirk H. Neely
Rev. Joanne R. Hull

*We welcome to the pulpit today, Dr. Kirk H. Neely.
Dr. Neely has served on staff at First Presbyterian
as Pastoral Counselor since September 2014.*

Summer Sunday School

9:30am

CHILDREN (All Classes are in the Clark Bldg)

Birth-age 2 – Room 105; Completed 3K-5K – Room 110

Completed 1st-4th Grade – Room 201 (Red Door)

Rising 6th graders will join the youth classes for Sunday School.

YOUTH

(Rising 6th-12th; all classes are on the 2nd Floor of the FLC)

There are two youth Sunday School classes this summer led by Robert, our youth interns, and other volunteer teachers. Rising 6th graders are invited to join the Middle School Sunday School class. Rising 9th graders are invited to join the High Schoolers. August: "Busting Myths".

ADULTS

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

August 11 and 25: Tom Evans: Experiencing the Holy

August 18: Experiencing God through Youth Mission

GOING TO THE GOOD BOOK (Room 2200) This summer open your Bible! Led by Ansley Page, Jason Loscuito, John Lefebvre

James: Faithful Living

August 11: James 2 & 3 Faith without Works / Words Matter

August 18: Joint Class with Youth Mission Report

August 25: James 4 & 5 Patience and Faith

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

PUERNELL 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

Poverty: Quarterly 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; Kairos Prison Ministry; MLK, Jr. Celebration

Education: Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); 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

Staff: **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; **Mrs. Carrie Coleman**, Youth Program Administrator; **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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