

# The Time Has Come...



## Morning Song

August 27, 2017

10:30am

### Welcome!

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

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Opening Music

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Moment for Mission: The Time Has Come

Children's Time

"The (Not So) Heroes of the Old Testament:  
From Sarai to Sarah"

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

1 Peter 2:9-10

Affirmation of Faith (see next page)

Song

Litany of Commitment (see inside)

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

# Today's Scripture

## 1 Peter 2:9-10 (NRSV)

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

# 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.

# Participating in Today's Service:

Rev. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Jason C. Moore

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Mrs. Mary Helen Wade, Miss Abby Edwards, Mr. Garrett Jones

Miss Reagan Collins

Mrs. Cathy Bagwell

# Litany of Commitment

One: God called the people wandering in the wilderness to build a Tabernacle. And the people gave what they had – jewelry, fabrics, leather, and wood so that the Tabernacle could be built.

**All: And God was glorified and the people were led through the Tabernacle!**

One: A century and a half ago, God called the people of this fledgling congregation to build a church in downtown Spartanburg.

**All: And God was glorified and the people were led through our first church building!**

One: Over 90 years ago, God gave this congregation the foresight to build our current Sanctuary to serve God's people in Spartanburg for many years to come.

**All: And God continues to be glorified and the people continue to be led in our Sanctuary to this day!**

One: Eight years ago, God called our congregation to bring a new form of worship to our congregation through MorningSong.

**All: And God continues to be glorified and the people continue to be led in MorningSong to this day!**

One: The time has come. Today, God is calling us as well to renovate our Sanctuary, to enhance Fogartie Hall for MorningSong, and to create a space for God's people to gather together,

**All: So that God will be glorified and the people will be led here for many years to come!**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious and loving God,  
we thank you for the blessings you have given to this  
church and for our long history of worship and service.  
Our one wish is to continue to glorify you  
through worship and service  
to our members, our community,  
our nation, and our world.**

**We ask that you bless our endeavors  
as we raise funds for these improvements  
in our worship and gathering spaces.**

One: Here we pray as Christ taught us:

**All: 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.**

## 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 the Church's Capital Campaign.*

**Staff**: **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 Evangelism and Church Growth; **Rev. Christi Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Penny Wright**, Director of Young Adults; **Beth Burris**, Children's Ministries Director; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen McCullough**, 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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