

MorningSong December 31, 2017 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

Children's Time

"Seeing Christ"

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Luke 2:22-40

Affirmation of Faith (see next page)

Song

Prayers

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Sermon Notes

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 Services

Come to Sunday School on January 7 at 9:45am!

Sunday School
9:45-10:45am

CHILDREN

Classes in the Clark Building

Nursery (Birth-2K); Preschool (3-5K); Elementary (1st-5th Gr)

YOUTH (6th-12th Gr) 2nd Floor of 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.

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

<u>Missionaries</u>: 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

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

<u>This week</u>, please pray for these PC(USA) Missionaries: Jenny and Jed Koball (Peru) 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. Christi Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Beth Burris**, Children's Ministries Director; **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.

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



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