



WELCOME to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Spartanburg, SC

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

JANUARY 8, 2017

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:45 and 11:00AM - Sanctuary

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Salutation Carol

Robert Powell

Will Manello

ACOLYTE (11:00)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

All: **and in the temple God’s people say: Glory!**

One: Let us worship God.

(8:45) Brady Johnson
(11:00) Katelyn Anderson

† HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

Hymn 475

Robert Robinson, following the tradition of ministers of the time, wrote "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" as a hymn-poem for the conclusion of his sermon for Whitsunday, 1758. He was 23 years old at the time.

Please sign and
pass the Ministry
of Friendship
Pad, note the
names of those
around you,
and greet one
another after
worship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.

We have entered the season

in which Your Light has been given to the world,
your blessings have been poured out on the world,
and yet all we can think about is our own problems,
our own needs, our own desires.

Help us to desire you, Lord.

Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again,

cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.

Wash away our jealousy, greed,

and all negative thoughts and behaviors
that stand in the way of our truly being
the people you have called us to be.

Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation,

in the birth and baptism of Jesus,

and in the ministry of the saints of light.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,

so, in Christ, God speaks to us:

You are my child, my beloved;

with you I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE: HYMN 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Rejoicing in Christ's life among us,

let us share signs of welcome with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet each other as we share the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:45) Rev. Christi O. Brown

(11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible Page 837

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Claimed & Commissioned

Rev. Christi O. Brown

(11:00)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

Pew Bible Page 867

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

New Year's Resolution?

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary during The Word for Children.

At the 11:00 service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location:
Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (8:45)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

OFFERTORY

8:45

Out of Deep, Unordered Water
Genesis Choir

Hubert H. Parry

11:00

The Image of God
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

(11:00) Rev. Christi O. Brown

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn 801

8:45

Holy Manna

Kenneth Lowenberg

Genesis Choir

11:00

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

God Rest You Merry

Wilber Held

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" first appeared in print in the *Scottish Psalter* of 1650. This Psalter was assembled by the Westminster Assembly, which also gave us the *Westminster Confession* and the *Book of Common Prayer*. In it, portions from various sources were combined to create the beautiful hymn we know today.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Smith, Jr. by the family.

For the hearing impaired: *Our Sanctuary* is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. If your hearing aid or cochlear device is equipped with T-coil technology, please switch it to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position for improved hearing during the service. Hearing aid devices are also available in the Narthex and Tower Room. Please ask an usher and return these to the Usher Stands when you exit. Thank you.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

TODAY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN

Nursery (Birth-2K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)

2nd Floor Clark Building

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

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

2nd Floor 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 uses the Uniform Lesson Series to frame their study and application of Bible texts to daily living. They meet 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.*

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.*

NOTE: All rooms with a C in the room number are located on the 2nd floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2nd floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

LIFE @ FIRST

JANUARY 8, 2017

Complete details at www.fpcspartanburg.org.
Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! **Please sign the Fellowship Pad**, so that we may contact you.

For more information about First Presbyterian, check the church website or see one of the Worship Greeters, holding the baskets.

JOINING FIRST PRES...

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please come to the Church Library on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am. The Church Library is located on the first floor of the main building, on the hallway near the Chestnut Street Door. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Additionally, a Welcome Class is held twice a year, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA).

For more information, please contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125/jhull@fpcspartanburg.org or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

PASTORS ON-CALL

If you have a **Pastoral Emergency** after 5:00pm during the week or anytime over the weekend or on holidays, please call **208-2142**. The message will be sent to the pastoral care team member who is on-call and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For pastoral needs for our youth, contact Jason Moore (804-9244).

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Today, as we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers for canned goods and loose change are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK

Looking at Jesus with Jewish Eyes, will begin this week! This study, led by Nan and Tom McDaniel, will meet Tuesdays at noon in the Arthur Center and Thursdays at noon in the Church Library - pick the day of the week that suits you! The book, "The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus" by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is available in the church office at a cost of \$10. The study begins January 10/12 and will conclude February 28/March 2.

For more information, or to purchase a book, please contact Katie Resumovic; 208-2129/kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST RESUMES THIS WEEK

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu for 1/11:** Salad Bar, Pot Roast with Rice and Gravy, Squash Casserole, Rolls, and Dessert. The dinner cost is \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - with a limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more.

Children's Choirs meet at 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room

Fellowship: After a delicious WAF dinner, enjoy a time of fellowship with your FPC friends in Fogartie Hall.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children) starts at 6:15pm in the Gym.

Desserts and Devos for Youth - meets in the Middle School Class Room at 6:15pm.

Sit 'n Stitch: Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF dinner calories on the walking track.

***Dinner reservations** can be made by calling the church office (583-4531) or on our website (Grow/Registrations...) prior to noon on Monday.*

REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT BY JANUARY 15!

January 27-29 at The Cove in Asheville. The Rev. Katherine Smith will lead us in a time of learning, creativity, rejuvenation, and rest. Register today! The final deadline is January 15.

Register online (fpcspartanburg.org/events/wr) or pick up a form at the church.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD?

For more information on being a member of the Flower Guild, please contact LeAnne Thurmond Holcombe; 864/621-0213.

MLK 30TH ANNUAL UNITY WEEK CELEBRATION

This year marks the City of Spartanburg's 30th Annual Unity Week Celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gathering at the Flagpole: Monday, January 9, 5:00pm; City Hall. This event will begin the 30th Anniversary of the MLK Celebration.

Walk As One: Saturday, January 14, 10:00am; First Presbyterian. This year, in partnership with the City of Spartanburg, First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Walk As One. Walkers will leave the Family Life Center, walk a designated route, and return to Fogartie Hall for refreshments and a program.

Day of Service: Monday, January 16, 8:30am-2:00pm; Wofford Choose to celebrate MLK Day as a day on, rather than a day off. Volunteers can begin checking in at 8:00am in the Harley Room at Wofford College. For more information, contact Tash Hasan; thasan@uwpiedmont.org. *Please register for the opportunity that best works for you, your family, or group at www.uwpiedmont.org/volunteer.*

Unity Celebration: Monday, January 16, 6:30pm; Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. The Keynote Speaker will be The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Music provided by the Sounds of Diversity Choir and Orchestra.

If you are available to volunteer at the Walk As One, please contact Jennifer Parker; jparker@uscupstate.edu or Pat Tatham; pjtatham@charter.net.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - TRAINING CLASS BEGINS MONDAY

Over the last 23 years, we have offered 21 training courses and have trained 188 Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing life difficulties. To learn how to become or receive care from a Stephen Minister, talk to one of the pastors or our parish nurse. Applications can be found in the church office.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling, with Dr. Kirk Neely, is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members. There is no fee; a contribution may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is on Tuesdays, by appointment only.

To make an appointment, contact Didi Terry; 583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Online giving provides the flexibility to give how you want, regardless of day or time. You can give ① through the church website, ② through text message to 864/309-0816, or ③ using the ShelbyNEXT / Giving app. Copies of "Your Guide to eGiving" are available in the church office.

Questions? Contact Lynise Clarke; lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2130.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 29, immediately following the 11:00am worship service for the purpose of calling Mr. Jason Colin Moore as Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, upon the successful completion of his final examination before the Presbytery examinations committee.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Sanctuary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
5:00pm Youth Real Life

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

10:30am Women's Circles 3, 5, and 11
2:00pm Women's Circle 2&4
5:00pm MLK Gathering
at the Flagpole (City Hall)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:15am Tickled Pink Bible Study
10:30am Women's Circle 7
12:00pm "Looking at Jesus..." Study
4:15pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00am Christians in the Making
12:00pm Men's Bible Study
5:30pm WAF (see article)
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

12:00pm "Looking at Jesus..." Study
12:30pm SPARK Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00am Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00am MLK Walk As One

AA meets 3 times per week - Tues, Thurs, and Fri at 7am in the Scout Hut.

For the complete schedule of FLC Classes: www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/recreation.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

JANUARY 15

8:45 MorningSong - Jason Moore
8:45 & 11:00 Sanctuary -
Dr. Thomas E. Evans

JANUARY 16

Church Facilities Closed

JANUARY 18

Evensong Worship

FEBRUARY 21

FPC Hosts Foothills Presbytery
Meeting

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; **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; **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 4 missionaries - **Jo Ella Holman**, Cuba and Dominican Republic; **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; **Philippines:** Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; **Witness Season**; **Bread for the World**

***This week, please pray for this PC(USA) Missionary:
Sharon Bryant (Thailand).***

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2017: Cathy Bagwell, Colleen Ballance, De Calvert, Kyle Clelland, Celia Cogdell, Cliff Gaubert, Brandt Goodwin, Kim Keith, Whit Kennedy, Tom King, Sanders Lee, Sylvia Spears, Monica Threatt, Linda West, Elizabeth Young

Class of 2018: Fran Bagwell, David Beacham, Roy Berry, Leslie Calicutt, Mark Coleman, Mary Dixon, Ken Frick, Mark Hicklin, David Ike, Kay McClure, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Susan Oldham, Carter Smith, Pat Tatham

Class of 2019: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, Dick Carr, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, Lewis White

DIACONATE

Class of 2017: Will Adair, Vic Bailey, Gail Ballard, Dawn Bingham, Jason Blanton, Steven Blanton, Bill Cummings, Carroll Easterling, John Faris, Rob Hammett, Harriet Ike, Robby Kocisko, Laura Ringo, Mary Tygett, Mac White

Class of 2018: Marjorie Appiah, Randy Barre, Budge Bean, Margie Beckett, Randall Chambers, Erin Chastain, Max Hyde, Brenda James, Donna Kennedy, Andy Lancaster, Lisa Lefebvre, Melissa Morehead, Juli Robertson, Joy Shackelford, Brand Stille

Class of 2019: Katherine Burns, Harry Clayton, Molly Colbath, Mary Deller, John Donovan, Phillip Glover, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Eunice Knouse, Tommy Rudeen, Denise Stevens, John Tatham, Alan Workman

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Director of Music; **Marcia Andrews**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; **Jason Moore**, Director of Youth Ministry; **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



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