



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 15, 2017

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

Lobe Den Herren

Max Drischner

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be silent, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world.
All: **The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**
One: Let us worship God.

† HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

Hymn 35

The last psalm in the Bible, Psalm 150, ends with this invitation: “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” German composer Joachim Neander gave us words to do just that when he wrote his most well-known hymn, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.”

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)

Holy God,
in the daily round from sunrise to sunset,
remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us.
Free us from shame and self-doubt.
Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly,
to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.
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.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Matthew 3:17

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 152, VERSE 4

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.*

† 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

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

Pew Bible Page 922

SERMON

The Rabbit Ears of Faith

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

(8:45) PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

(11:00) COMMISSION MISSION TEAMS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:45

King of Glory, King of Peace
Holt Andrews

K. Lee Scott

11:00

O Holy Jesus
Chancel Choir

Jonathan Willcocks

† 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.*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During the 11:00 worship service today, we will commission our mission teams that will be traveling to Haiti and the Dominican Republic during the coming weeks.

In the life of the Christian community God calls people to particular acts of discipleship to use their personal gifts for service in the Church and in the world. These specific acts may be strengthened and confirmed by formal recognition in worship. Book of Order, W-4.3000

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 459

The prevalent
image in this
hymn is light:
God is the Light;
his Word is a light
for our path; and
we, the church,
must be a light
for the nations.

The author,
William W. How,
first published it
with a subhead
quotation
from Proverbs
6:23: "For the
commandment
is a lamp: and
the law is light;
and reproofs of
instruction are
the way of life"
(KJV).

† HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty

J.G. Walther

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Rev. Joanne R. Hull

11:00am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. Christi O. Brown,
Rev. L. Craig Foster, Rev. Joanne R. Hull, Mr. Jason C. Moore

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Max Deller by Mary Deller and in loving memory of Dr. Joe R. Utley and Benjamin
Utley by the Utley 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 15, 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).

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - JANUARY 18

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for 1/11: Salad Bar, Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, 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.

Evensong: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This is a contemplative service of song, prayer, and communion.

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

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.

Health Series, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Health Committee's Annual Health Series featuring: Dr. Greg Colbath "Knee and Shoulder Pain"; Dr. John Lucas "Hip and Back Pain"; Dr. Jennifer Becker "Arthritis".

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!

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 last day to Register is Today!

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

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. This week's events include:

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.

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 C. Moore as Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, upon the successful completion of his final examination before the Presbytery examinations committee.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY - JANUARY 24

Thanks to your generosity, we fed and clothed 100 people in November. Thank you for helping us help those in need.

The following donations are needed for the Jan 24 Neighborhood Meal Ministry:

Food: Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread, and Dessert

Other Items: Clothes, Socks, Hand Warmers, Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Bookbags, Toilet tissue, and Individually-wrapped Food Items.

To make donations, please contact Will DeLaney, Beth DeLaney, and Tina Hamilton; 908-8753/4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.

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.

CHURCH SECURITY CARD

Do you have a Church Member Picture ID? If not, apply for one now. You can get an application form and have your picture taken at the reception desk in the main building or the recreation office area in the Family Life Center. There is a fee of \$20. Church staff will call you when your ID is ready. Carry the ID with you at all times so that you can enter church buildings if the doors are locked. If you lose it, a replacement will cost \$20.

CAMP ARCADIA NEEDS YOUR HELP

This coming year, Camp Arcadia will be taking on a revitalization and is looking for a Chairperson. You'll want to get in on the ground floor and learn the ropes in June 2017!

If you are interested in leading this vibrant and vital mission beginning in 2018, or simply have some questions, please contact Chris Curtis; Curtis1120@gmail.com or Penny Wright; pwright@fpcspartanburg.org.

FOR PARENTS

Nursery care is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you.

Nursing Mothers: Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15am through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers.

Rainbow worship bags are provided at the doors for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

Games for your children are available at: www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com. Enter the secret code found printed at the bottom right of each Child's Bulletin in the Rainbow Worship Bags. This code is unique to our church and the games will reinforce today's sermon message.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Beth Burris; 208-2131 / bburris@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Sanctuary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

MLK Day

All Church Facilities Closed

8:30am Day of Service
5:30pm Women's Circle 12
6:30pm Unity Celebration

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:15am Tickled Pink Bible Study
12:00pm "Looking at Jesus..." Study
4:15pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Haiti Mission Team Departs
10:00am Women's Circle 9

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 22

8:45 Sanctuary - Rev. Christi Brown
8:45 MorningSong & 11:00 Sanctuary -
Rev. Craig Foster

FEBRUARY 21

FPC Hosts
Foothills Presbytery Meeting

MARCH 1

Ash Wednesday
Worship at 6:30pm

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: Carlos Cardenas (Nicaragua).

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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