



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 FEBRUARY 12, 2017 8:45AM - Chapel 11:00AM - Sanctuary

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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

Variations on St. Anne

Paul Manz

(11:00) ACOYTE

Will Manello

(11:00) INTROIT

With My Whole Heart
Cherub Choir

Kenny Wood / Billy Crockett

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, you are righteous

All: **Transform us by your Word!**

One: Your judgments are upright

All: **Transform us by your Word!**

One: Your precepts are unforgettable

All: **Transform us by your Word!**

One: Give us understanding and we will live

All: **Re-form us, reconcile us,
Transform us by your Word!**

One: Let us worship God.

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

Hymn 687

No matter our situation, no matter our struggles and fears, no matter doubts, we are told to have courage, for the Lord is our God (Isaiah 41:9-10). And as Isaac Watts writes so powerfully in this hymn, our God is everlasting, and will be our help through all of our years.

† HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy One,

we confess that we have been caught up
in the ways of the world.

Instead of looking to commandments and rules

as a way to guide our life,

we use them to punish and restrict others.

Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions.

Forgive us for not working on ourselves, on our own lives.

Call us back to Your way of life,

a way of love, commitment, respect, and forgiveness.

Call us back to a way of life that honors You and creation,

and guides us to better love our neighbors as ourselves.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

Your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ,

who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great!

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 744, VERSE 4

FESTAL SONG

*Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.*

At the 8:45

service.

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

At the 11:00

service.

children will be asked to stay with their parents during the baptism. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location:

Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

† 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: WITNESS SEASON

Dawn Bingham

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

*Charles William Clementson, Jr.
Son of Blair and Charles Clementson*

*Margaret Stuart Halligan
Daughter of Katherine and Andy Halligan*

Baptism enacts
and seals
what the Word
proclaims: God's
redeeming
grace offered
to all people.
The Baptism
of children
witnesses to the
truth that God's
love claims
people before
they are able to
respond in faith.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-37

Pew Bible Page 838

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

(8:45)

Stretching the Rules

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

(11:00)

Just Breathe and Walk

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Tolles West, UKirk Student

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

I'll Walk With God
Katie Jo O'Neal

Nicholas Brodsky

(11:00)

The Kingdom
Chancel Choir

André Thomas

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 485, VERSE 4

ENGELBERG

*A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!*

Hymn 693

Among the most prominent New Testament texts is the discourse on love found in I Corinthians 13. Hal H. Hopson has paraphrased part of this beautiful text in what has become one of the most popular late 20th-century hymns, appearing in many major hymnals published in the U.S. since 1980.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

(8:45) CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(11:00) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45am

Rev. Joanne R. Hull and Rev. L. Craig Foster

11:00am

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

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Doris S. Rudeen by Tommy Rudeen and 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. *For the Chapel service*, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit.

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-4K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (5Kst-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. 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.*

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

FEBRUARY 12, 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).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, immediately following the 11:00am worship service for the purpose of voting on the Terms of Call for Mr. Jason C. Moore as Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry.

TODAY! SAVE 3 LIVES - DONATE A PINT!

We will observe Blood Sunday with other local congregations today, 8:30am-1:30pm, in the Family Life Center Gym. Honor someone with a donation and the Health Committee will send a Valentine Card to your designated honoree!

COLLEGE LUNCH - AFTER THE 11:00 SERVICE

This afternoon, all college students are invited to join together for lunch at Mellow Mushroom, following the 11am service. Just bring \$7 and look for Penny Wright or Jessica Meggs.

Want more info? Contact Penny Wright; (864) 921-8809.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 15

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for Feb 15: Salad Bar, Beef Roast with Au Jus, Green Beans, Candied Yams, 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.

Evening Prayer Service: 5:15pm in the Chapel. A simple service to join in prayer and reflect on the Scriptures to be used in Worship the following Sunday.

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.

Missions Series, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. This Week, D.R. Mission Report: Learn about the recent FPC mission trip to the Dominican Republic from Kam Neely and Eric Nease.

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Chapel Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
11:59am Congregational Meeting
12:00pm College Lunch
3:30pm Youth-a-Palooza

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:30am Women's Circles 3, 5, and 11
2:00pm Women's Circle 2&4

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00am Officer Prayer Breakfast
9:15am Tickled Pink Bible Study
10:30am Women's Circle 7
11:30am Red Shoe Luncheon
12:00pm "Looking at Jesus..." Study
4:15pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00am Men's Bible Study
4:30pm Youth Winter Jam

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:00am Women's Circle 9

*A complete calendar, including Recreation
Classes and AA Meetings, is available on
the church website.*

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

FEBRUARY 19

*MorningSong - Rev. Christi Brown
Chapel & Sanctuary - Dr. Tom Evans*

FEBRUARY 21

*FPC Hosts
Foothills Presbytery Meeting*

FEBRUARY 26

*ONE Worship Service at 11:00am
Ordination and Installation of
Rev. Jason C. Moore, Associate Pastor*

WITNESS SEASON 2017

There is no real public education in Haiti; most schools in Haiti receive minimal government oversight and are too expensive to attend relative to average earnings. A U.S. Agency for International Development survey revealed that 75% of Haitian children at the end of first grade could not read a single word and 50% of the adult population is illiterate. First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg has been a long-standing partner with Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) for many years, and continues to support the amazing educational projects that are happening there! **Our Witness Season goal is to raise \$25,000 dollars towards the actual \$400,000 cost of building and outfitting a classroom to further the opportunities for higher grade levels of 10th, 11th, and 12th grade in Baryé Fè.** It is expected to open in 2019.

Baryé Fè is a community near the Terre Noire campus of HOM, and the site of a new secondary school. This new school allows students to continue their secondary school education under the same outstanding HOM leadership they received as primary school students, where many of us in the FPC congregation have been sponsoring students. The school is open to any qualified student who wishes to continue their education past the 6th grade. Currently many students have to travel a great distance to a secondary school, making it difficult to pursue a higher education. By helping to building the secondary school in the community, we hope many more students can realize their dream of getting an education. The first part of the building, completed and dedicated in September 2015, welcomed our 7th grade students with classrooms opened for 7th and 8th grades in 2016. Once complete, the secondary school will include classrooms for 7th through 13th grades. Longer range plans include a vocational school and a Bible College on the Baryé Fè campus.

Please give generously to this project, and be part of a gift that can never be taken away - Education! Checks can be made out to FPC and marked "Witness Season". For more information, please see the HOM website at: <http://www.haitiom.org/>

Our children will receive special Haiti/FPC pencils from Beth Burris and there is a yellow "pencil bank" on the 2nd Floor of the Clark Building for them to contribute to this project as well.

You're invited to join us at the first ever

SPARTANBURG UKIRK STAKEHOLDER'S DINNER!

Friday, March 24 at 6pm in Fogartie Hall

The dinner is FREE, but we need your RSVP.

*Please place this in the offering plate
or hand it to an usher on your way out of worship today.*

_____ Yes! We will attend, there will be _____ of us!

_____ No, I cannot attend but would like to donate

_____ Please contact me with more information

Name _____

email _____

phone _____

MISSION THAT SERVES OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR GOD

***Please pray for our Good Neighbor Team
and the family of five who arrived recently from the Congo.***

Pray for Mwamini, Fiston, Christina (4), Josephine (9 months), and Daniel (7) as they, with the help of the Good Neighbor Team, navigate through social services, public transportation, grocery shopping, learning English, opening bank accounts, starting school, finding employment, and all those things we take for granted.

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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