



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 19, 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

Sonata No. 1 in E Flat

W.A. Mozart

(11:00) ACOLYTE

Caroline Colbath

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Holy One is our sovereign.

All: **Let us praise God's great and awesome name!**

One: Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

All: **you have established fairness among us.**

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 32

In this hymn,
we extol the
power, wisdom,
and goodness
of God as seen
in the created
order. We
recognize that
it is God who
has made all
these beautiful
wonders, and
that it is He who
keeps the world
in order through
His ever-present
care.

† HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

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: 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.*

† 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

Greg Colbath

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God Delivered Us

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

All children are invited to the front of the Chapel/ 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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Page 35

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

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)

All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice

Antonio Vivaldi

Genesis Choir

(11:00)

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Alice Parker

Chancel Choir

Hymn 263

This hymn is a declaration of praise, but it's also much more than that. The words both declare the majesty of Christ and task us with making that majesty known to all. Like many hymns describing the glory of God and the hope that one day all people will see that glory, this hymn alludes to Philippians 2:9-11: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

† 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!*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

March

G.F. Handel

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Paula Irene Binovec and Tomas Binovec by their family, and in honor of the ministry of the Foothills Presbytery.

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 19, 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).

YOU ARE INVITED - SANCTUARY GUILD MEETING

On Monday, February 20, all church members are invited to come to the Purnell Room at 10:45am for refreshments and fellowship with the Sanctuary Guild! The Meeting will start at 11:00am. The Guild would love for you to come and see what they are all about!

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 22

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for Feb 22: *Cajun Night! With Gumbo, French Bread, Salad, Dessert, and other recipes from church members, we will have something everyone will enjoy.* 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.

Missions Series, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. This Week, Witness Season 2017: Hear more about our 2017 Witness Season project from Mallory Edwards and Brian Tolbert.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY - FEBRUARY 28

The following donations are needed for the Feb 28 Neighborhood Meal Ministry:

Food: Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, Green Beans or Peas, Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Desserts.

Other Items: Clothes, Socks, Shoes, Sleeping Bags, Bookbags, Canned Food, and Individually-wrapped Food Items.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - WORSHIP AND LUNCH

On Friday, March 3, all are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service in the Chapel from 12:00-12:30 p.m. Come pray for our church, community, nation and the world. A light lunch will follow in the Large Private Dining Room (cost is \$5).

RSVP for the lunch by Wednesday, March 1 to Joanie Shackleton (208-2132).

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.*

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:45am Sanctuary Guild Meeting
5:30pm Women's Circle 12

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00am Foothills Presbytery Meeting
12:00pm "Looking at Jesus..." Study
4:15pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

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

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

FEBRUARY 26

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

MARCH 1

Ash Wednesday
Worship at 6:30pm

MARCH 24

UKirk Stakeholder's Dinner
Contact Penny for more information
(pwright@fpcspartanburg.org).

APRIL 9

Palm Sunday
All Services in the Sanctuary

APRIL 21-23

Church-wide Retreat

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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