



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

MARCH 5, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:45AM - Chapel

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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
Janet Kuntz, flute

arr. Robert Powell

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**

One: In the name of Christ, be reconciled to God.

All: **This is the day of our salvation.**

One: Let us worship God.

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days – like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness.

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

Hymn 166

Hymn author, Claudia Frances Hernaman, was born in 1838. She has composed more than 150 hymns, a great proportion of which are for children.

† HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CONFESSION

HYMN 423, VERSE 1

SARADAY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: cre -
ate in me a clean heart, O God, — and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(Romans 5:5)

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 370, VERSE 2

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus,
let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:4

Pew Bible Page 868

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ordinary Saints ... in Friendship

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Let Us Love One Another
Genesis Choir

Arnold B. Sherman

(11:00)

Set Me As a Seal
Chancel Choir

René Clausen

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 675, v4

TALLIS' CANON

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

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.

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.

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.

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

(11:00)

Lonesome Valley

Gilbert Martin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 732

The name of
the Rev. F. Pratt
Green is one
of the best-
known of the
contemporary
school of
hymnwriters
in the British
Isles. His name
and writings
appear in
practically every
new hymnal
and "hymn
supplement"
wherever English
is spoken and
sung. And
now they are
appearing
in American
hymnals, poetry
magazines, and
anthologies.

† HYMN 732

Rejoice in God's Saints

LYONS

Please Note: This Hymn will be Sung to the Tune Lyons.

The Music can be found with Hymn 41, "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above".

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J. S. Bach

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Mr. Andy Pulliam, 8:45 Reader

Mr. Foster Neely, 11:00 Reader

Mr. Alex Googer, 11:00 Acolyte

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Jacob Emmanuel Kuntz by Jeff, Janet, and John Kuntz

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

MARCH 5, 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, the Tower Room, and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong).

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The 2017 Lenten Devotional Booklet, *Ordinary Saints: A Lenten Devotional*, will be available this week. This year's booklet is a collaborative effort of Covenant, First Spartanburg, First Woodruff, Landrum, Nazareth, Second, Tyger River, and Unity Presbyterian Churches. You may register to receive the Lent Devotions by email at <http://eepurl.com/bqtMS9> or scan this QR code:



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK

Church History 101: How Did We Get Here From There? begins 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, "Church History 101: An Introduction for Presbyterians" by William M. Ramsey is available in the church office at a cost of \$11. The study begins March 7/9 and will conclude May 23/25.

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

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 8

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for March 8: Salad Bar, Turkey and Dressing with Gravy, Green Beans, Bread, 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.

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

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

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.

AIM Mental Health Series, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. March 8: Mental Health America, Spartanburg with Kathy Murphy, MHA-S board member and licensed therapist.

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6

10:00am Circle Bible Leaders
11:30am Women's Ministries Council

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

9:15am Tickled Pink Bible Study
10:30am BBC with Kirk Neely
12:00pm Church History 101
7:00pm BBC with Kirk Neely

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

12:00pm Church History 101
12:30pm SPARK Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

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

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

MARCH 12

Chapel - Rev. Craig Foster
MorningSong - Dr. Tom Evans
Sanctuary - Rev. Christi Brown

MARCH 26

Mission Madness:
Music, Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

APRIL 9

Palm Sunday
All Services in the Sanctuary

APRIL 13

Maundy Thursday
7:30pm Worship in the Sanctuary

JUNE 5-8

Vacation Bible School

HELP - - - NEEDED AT SPIHN!

Our next SPIHN week is Sun, Mar 19 - Sun, Mar 26. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction. If you have an interest, please contact:

Meals: Katherine Burns (marchk2b@yahoo.com)

Evening Host: Hannah Lane (hannahlanedc@gmail.com)

Overnight Host/Supplies: Crystal Workman (workman06@charter.net)

Overall Questions: Alan Workman (aworkman@aromacreation.com)

SPARTANBURG UKIRK STAKEHOLDER'S DINNER!

Join for a delicious, free dinner and hear about this dynamic ministry! Please consider being a table captain and filling a table with 7 more of your favorite people!

RSVP by Friday, March 17 to Shannon Stewart; sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org.

CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT – APRIL 21-23

This year's retreat will be an intergenerational exploration of Jesus' "I Am" statements from the Gospel of John using the beautifully illustrated St. John's Bible. Our retreat leader will be the Dr. Ann Laird Jones, Montreat's arts ministry director. Each day's programs are designed to be shared by the whole family, though there will be a separate early childhood program Saturday morning. Accommodations, meals, and programming will all be in the newly renovated Assembly Inn in beautiful Montreat, North Carolina. Register by Monday, March 20!

To register: Pick up a form in the church office or

Register online (www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/event-registrations).

RECOMMENDATION FOR 2017-2018 CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our church's Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for a slate of nine members of the congregation-at-large to replace the elected congregational members who will rotate off the CNC at the end of May 2017. The current members will endeavor to nominate a balanced and representative slate to the congregation for your approval and election. The 2017-2018 Congregational Nominating Committee will be charged with the nomination of Church officers.

I suggest the following person to serve on the 2017-2018 Congregational Nominating Committee: _____

I believe that this person would be helpful to the important work of this committee for the following reasons: _____

Your name and phone number: _____

You may submit your suggestion by:

☐ **Returning** this form to the church office;

☐ **Mailing** this form to: **Cathy Bagwell, CNC Chair,**

First Presbyterian Church, 393 E Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29302; or

☐ **Emailing:** cathybagwell@att.net

Please use one form for each person that you suggest.

Deadline for submittal is Sunday, March 19, 2017.

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: César Carhuachín (Colombia).

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. Jason Moore**, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Director of Music; **Marcia Andrews**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; **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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