



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 19, 2017

THIRD 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

(8:45)

*Land of Rest*

Wilbur Held

(11:00)

*Reflections from Iona*  
Handbell Choir

John Bell

(11:00) ACOLYTE

Caroline Colbath

INTROIT (11:00)

*Jesus, Shepherd Us*  
Cherub Choir

Wayne Wold

† 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 697

Written by  
Frances Ridley  
Havergal in 1874,  
this hymn is a  
beautiful prayer  
that God would  
both draw us  
closer to Himself,  
and use us to  
bring others to  
Him. God calls  
us to a life of  
discipleship,  
and our only  
response should  
be, "Here am I.  
Send me."

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Return to the Lord your God,  
**All: for God is gracious.**  
One: Confess to the Lord your God,  
**All: for God is merciful.**  
One: Repent to the Lord your God,  
**All: for God is slow to anger.**  
One: Praise the Lord your God,  
**All: for God abounds in steadfast love.**  
One: Worship the Lord your God.  
**All: Together, let us worship God!**

## † HYMN 697

*Take My Life*  
(verses 1, 4, 5 & 6)

HENDON

## 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.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 16:1-2

Pew Bible Page 989

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*Ordinary Saints... In Generosity*

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-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
are welcome to  
attend Children's  
Worship.

Pick-up Location:  
Stepping Stones  
hallway, Clark  
Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

(8:45)

## 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

#### 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)

## A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

### INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE ELDER

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you, in your own life, seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- i. Will you be a faithful elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Nan McDaniel

- a. Do we, the members of the Church, accept Holt Andrews as our Pastoral Musician, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
- b. Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**
- c. Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and to share his joys? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

## PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

## PRESENTATION OF SYMBOL OF MINISTRY

## CHARGE TO THE ELDER

Susanne Arthur

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Feed My Lambs*  
Genesis Choir

Natalie Sleeth

(11:00)

*How Lovely Are the Messengers*  
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

† 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.*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 641

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

(8:45)

*Rockingham*

Healey Willan

(11:00)

*Rondeau*

Henry Purcell

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*You are cordially invited to a  
Celebration Reception in Honor of Holt Andrews  
In the Social Hall immediately following today's worship service.*

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. L. Craig Foster and Mr. Bruce Campbell (Organist)

11:00am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. L. Craig Foster, Rev. Joanne R. Hull,  
Mrs. Nan McDaniel, Mrs. Susanne Arthur and Miss. Caroline Colbath (Acolyte)

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**The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary** *The Lenten greens in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Raphael Holt Andrews, Jr. as Commissioned Ruling Elder and Director of Music. The Lenten greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Linford Lee Shaw by Janet and Jim Shaw.*

**For the hearing impaired: Our Sanctuary** *is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. If your hearing aid is equipped with T-coil technology, please switch it to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position. Hearing aid devices are available from an usher. Return these to the Usher Stands when you exit. **In the Chapel**, ask an usher for a hearing aid device.*

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

# LIFE @ FIRST

MARCH 19, 2017

Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

## TODAY – RECEPTION FOR HOLT ANDREWS

At the last meeting of Foothills Presbytery, Holt Andrews was examined and approved to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder for our congregation. He will be commissioned today during the Sanctuary worship service. There will also be a celebratory congregational reception after the service in the Social Hall.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE TOMORROW

### 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](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/event-registrations)).*

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 22

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for March 22: Salad Bar, Chicken Tenders, Mac-N-Cheese, 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 22: Behavioral Health Task Force from United Way of the Piedmont with Heather Witt, Vice President of Community Impact and Tom Barnet, Chair of the Taskforce.

**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 19

SPIHN (3/19 - 3/26)

8:45am Chapel Worship

8:45am MorningSong Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Sanctuary Worship

12:00pm Reception for Holt Andrews

5:00pm Youth Real Life

### MONDAY, MARCH 20

10:00am Prayer Shawl

10:30am Sanctuary Guild

5:30pm Women's Ministry Circle 12

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

9:15am Tickled Pink Bible Study

12:00pm Church History 101

4:15pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Neighborhood  
Meal Ministry

6:15pm Handbells

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

10:00am Christians in the Making

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

5:30pm WAF (see article)

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

12:00pm Church History 101

12:30pm Men's Bible Study

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

6:30am Men's Bible Study

7:00am Men's Bible Study

6:00pm UKirk Stake Holder's Dinner

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

## LOOKING FORWARD . . .

### MARCH 26

*Mission Madness*

*MorningSong & Sanctuary*

*- Dr. Tom Evans*

*Chapel - Rev. Christi Brown*

### APRIL 9

*Palm Sunday*

*All Services in the Sanctuary*

### APRIL 13

*Maundy Thursday*

*7:30pm Worship in the Sanctuary*

### APRIL 14

*Good Friday*

*12:10pm Worship in the Sanctuary*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERFAITH ALLIANCE

FPC is excited to be participating in the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Alliance New Home Build with other congregations from the area. Volunteers of all skill levels (at least 16 years old) are welcome! Volunteer for March 25 (framing) or April 8 (insulation) by contacting Carrie Vaughn (carrie.vaughn@habitatpartanburg.org).

## FLOWER GUILD WORKSHOP

On Saturday, March 25 the Flower Guild will lead a class on how to arrange greenery for Lent and Advent. The workshop will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel. For more information about this event contact LeAnne Thurmond at leanne.thurmond@gmail.com.

## MISSION MADNESS – MARCH 26

Are you ready to find your calling at FPC? Discover it next Sunday at Mission Madness! This All In Mission Event will be held church wide from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Enjoy music, refreshments, and fellowship as you learn more about all the different service opportunities available at First Presbyterian. Committee members will be on hand to answer any questions and encourage you to find your ministry.

Featured ministries include: Sanctuary Guild, Support Partners, Sunday School Teachers, Flower Guild, Neighborhood Meal Ministry, CAST, SPIHN, First Friends, WAF, Ushers, Winter Warmth, Children's Ministry, Prayer Committee, Communion, Facilities, and many more!

## 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;

☐ **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**

## **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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