



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 26, 2017

FOURTH 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

Azmon

Austin Lovelace

(11:00) ACOLYTE

Katie Reynolds

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come like your Apostles;

All: **following the angels,
waiting for a word from the Spirit.**

One: So breathe your Word into us, O God,
that we might have boldness

† 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.

All: to speak to the stranger on the road,
to proclaim the good news about Jesus,
to love one another.

One: Let us dwell within your deep love for us.

All: Let us live within the truth of Scripture:
Perfect love casts out all fear.

† INVOCATION

† HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

At the 11:00 service, during "Life of the Church," children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

{Christi / Tom}

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gage Sims Fairey
Son of Manning and John Fairey

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-5

Pew Bible Page 9

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ordinary Saints... in Faith

Rev. Christi O. Brown

(11:00)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:1-35

Pew Bible Page 956

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ordinary Saints... in Prayer

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

I'll Walk With God

Katie Jo O'Neal

Nicholas Brodsky

Translation of
Cantique de
Jean Racine:

(11:00)

Cantique de Jean Racine

Chancel Choir

Gabriel Faure

Word, equal to
the Almighty,
our sole hope,

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 675, v4

*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.*

TALLIS' CANON

Eternal day of
the earth and
the heavens,

We break
the silence of
the peaceful
night.

Divine savior,
cast your eyes
upon us.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

Pour on us
the fire of
your powerful
grace

So that all hell
flees at the
sound of your
voice.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dispel the
sleep of a
languishing
soul

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Who lives
forgetful of
your laws.

O Christ, look
kindly on your
faithful people

Assembled
now to glorify
you.

Receive the
songs that we
offer to your
immortal glory

And let us
depart,
crowned with
your gifts.

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45am

Rev. Christi O. Brown, Rev. Joanne R. Hull
and Miss Addie Usry (Reader)

11:00am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. L. Craig Foster, Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Miss Katie Reynolds (Acolyte)

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby Freeman by his family.

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 for improved hearing. Hearing aid devices are also available from an usher in the Narthex and Tower Room. 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 teaching team leads this class for those who want an in-depth study of the Bible.

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 26, 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).

MISSION MADNESS – TODAY!

Are you ready to find your calling at FPC? Discover it **today** 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!

See the back page of this bulletin for the setup locations of each ministry.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 29

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu for March 29:** *Salad Bar, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw, Yeast Rolls, 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 the Social Hall.

Evensong Service: 5:15pm in the Chapel. A brief service of prayer, scripture and singing.

Children's Choir Performance: God Is In My Voice! 6:30pm in the Social Hall

The First Presbyterian Children's Choirs (5K-Grade 5) will be presenting a 30 minute program of choral music to share with our congregation. The children have been having fun this new year learning lots of new songs and are excited to share them with their own families and our church family. Following the program, there will be an **Ice Cream Sundae Party** in Fogartie Hall for everyone. Come join the fun!

***No CRC (Christian Recreation for Children) on March 29**

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 26

8:45am Mission Madness
8:45am Chapel Worship
8:45am MorningSong Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
5:00pm Youth Real Life
5:45am Chamber Singers

MONDAY, MARCH 27

5:30pm Diaconate & Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

9:15am Tickled Pink Bible Study
12:00pm Church History 101
4:15pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbells

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

10:00am Christians in the Making
12:00pm Men's Bible Study
5:30pm WAF (see article)
6:30pm Children's Choir Performance
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

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 . . .

APRIL 2

Communion
MorningSong & Sanctuary
- Rev. Joanne Hull
Chapel - Rev. Craig Foster

APRIL 9

Palm Sunday
Intergenerational Brunch
Palm Procession

APRIL 13

Maundy Thursday
7:30pm Worship in the Sanctuary

APRIL 14

Good Friday
12:10pm Worship in the Sanctuary

EASTER FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Honor and remember family members this Easter with a flower arrangement. Arrangements will be made with a variety of cut flowers and lilies. The Sanctuary Guild provides an opportunity for you to honor loved ones and friends in a commemorative booklet which will be available on Easter, April 16. Your contribution of \$15 will provide flowers and lilies in the sanctuary on Easter and help endow a special flower fund for floral arrangements throughout the year.

To purchase a flower arrangement pick-up a form in the church office or order online at fpcspartanburg.org/grow/event-registrations. Arrangement orders due by Friday, April 7. Please contact Lynise Clarke with any questions at lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org.

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

Join the Sanctuary Guild in Fogartie Hall on Thursday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. to make crosses out of palm fronds for each person who will worship with us on Palm Sunday. Bring your clippers or scissors. Come at your convenience and stay as long as you can. A potluck lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Bring sandwiches, salads or dessert or just be our guest. Older children are also welcome to help. Contact LeAnne Thurmond Holcombe with any questions (leanne.thurmond@gmail.com).

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH, APRIL 9

Enjoy brunch with us on Palm Sunday - after the 8:45 Worship Services in the Social Hall! Bring your favorite breakfast food to share - coffee cake, fruit, breakfast casserole, muffins, biscuits, etc. After a delicious brunch, head out to Montgomery Commons for the Palm Procession (there will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday).

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 April 8 (insulation) and/or April 11, 13 and 14 (siding) by contacting Carrie Vaughn (carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.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.

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*

MISSION MADNESS SETUP LOCATIONS

ARE YOU READY TO FIND YOUR CALLING?

March 26, 2017

SANCTUARY HALL

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ushering and Greeting • Worship • Music • Health • Communications • Sanctuary Guild | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archives • Communion to the Farthest Pew • Stephen Ministry • Support Partners • Member Assimilation • Joy Fellowship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Class • Visitation • Meal Ministry • Bereavement • Flower Guild |
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- » I just want to help: Receptionist Office
- » Emmaus Coffee Station: Parlor Entry
- » Refreshments and Music: Courtyard

SOCIAL HALL

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Arcadia • St Luke's Free Medical Clinic • World Relief/Good Neighbor Team • CAST • Mobile Meals • Habitat for Humanity • United Way of the Piedmont/SC Thrive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys & Girls Club of the Upstate • The Shepherd's Center • Thornwell Home • SAFE Homes - Rape Crisis Coalition • Children's Advocacy Center • Adult Learning Center • Christmas in Action • Hope Center for Children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presbyterian Communities • New Day Clubhouse • Neighborhood Meal Ministry • SPIHN • Pine Street Tutoring • Winter Warmth • SRMC Hospice • Angel Tree - Prison Fellowship • TOTAL |
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- » Refreshments in Social Hall

FOGARTIE LOBBY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAF • Fellowship • Recreation • Youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UKirk • Children • Adult Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Shawl • Prayer • SPARK |
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