



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

APRIL 30, 2017

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

Foundation

Wilber Held

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

One: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

All: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.

All: **Let us worship God.**

(adapted from Psalm 96)

† HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

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

Hymn 39

Unlike many
hymns that have
heart-wrenching
stories behind
them, today's
opening hymn is
inspired by the
simple realization
that God is at
work in our lives
on a daily basis.

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, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

A Covenant Prayer was inspired by and adapted from the central prayer in John Wesley's *Covenant Service* of 1780. Wesley created the service as an opportunity for believers to renew their commitment to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,
 we are quick to adopt the attitudes of the world around us.
 Instead of imitating Christ, we imitate the world.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Through the power of your Holy Spirit transform us,
 so that our lives will bring glory to you.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is how God shows his love for us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 245, VERSE 3

LLANFAIR

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
 Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
 Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

† 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-2 (RSV)

Pew Bible Page 986

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Crawling off the Altar

Rev. Jason C. Moore

ANTHEM

(8:45)

A Covenant Prayer
 Holt Andrews

Allen Pote

(11:00)

God of Grace and God of Glory
 Chancel Choir

Paul Langston

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.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Leader: We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
who like to be tickled who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
who sneak Popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

People: **And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
who've never squeaked across the floor in new sneakers,
who never "counted potatoes,"
who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
who never go to the circus, who live in an X-rated world.**

Leader: We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,
who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup.

People: **And we pray for those who never get dessert,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind,
who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser, whose monsters are real.**

Leader: We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food
who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed
and never rinse out the tub, who get visits from the tooth fairy,
who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool,
who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

People: **And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime,
who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist,
who aren't spoiled by anybody,
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
who live and move, but have no being.**

Leader: We pray for children who want to be carried,
People: **and for those who must.**

Today is Blue
Sunday - a day
to increase
awareness
among churches
and their
members of
the impact of
Child Abuse in
their community
with a focus
on prevention.
For more
information,
please visit
bluesunday.org.

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Today, during the 11:00am worship service, our 9th graders who have been examined by the Session will reaffirm the vows taken at Baptism and will be confirmed for full participation in the mission and governance of the church.

The Confirmands are receiving stoles as a sign of "ordination" for Christ's service as new members of the church. This "ordination" is not to be seen in the same light as an ordained minister or elder, but to exemplify the symbolism of Christ's invitation to bear His yoke and be God's servants in His Church and for His Kingdom.

After the 11:00 worship service today, the Confirmands will be on the front lawn. We invite you to greet them and welcome them into full membership in the church.

Leader: For those we never give up on,

People: and for those who don't get a chance.

Leader: For those we smother,

People: and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer.

All: We pray for children.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Adapted from *A Prayer for Children* by Ina Hughes
(William Morrow publishers, 1995, pp.xiv-xv)

(11:00)

CONFIRMATION

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

CONFIRMANDS

Taylor Davison Ball
Ian Phillip Glover
William Martin Henderson
Kate Elizabeth Johnson
Taylor Lynne Parker
Caleb Fowler Thompson
Andrew Patrick Youngblood

Asa James Davis
Lillian Grace Groke
David Jeter Hrubala
Grace Elizabeth Kleman
Rachel Ann Summers
Abigail Louise Threatt

COVENANT FAMILY LEADERS

Martha McNeely
Stan Lummus

Cliff Gaubert
Scottie Lummus

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

All: Defend, O Lord, these your children with your heavenly grace that they may always love, know, and serve you, growing each day in wisdom and grace until at last they come to your eternal kingdom.

One: And may the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory, confirm you to the end that you shall be found faithful on the day of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

All: And may we as your people, continue to nurture, support, encourage, and strengthen them, Striving side by side for the advancement of your kingdom and the reconciliation of this world. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupre

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 245, VERSE 4

LLANFAIR

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation" is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope.

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

You are invited to stay and listen to the Closing Voluntary but you are welcome to leave following the Benediction.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Foundation"

Claude Murphree

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45am

Rev. Jason C. Moore, Rev. L. Craig Foster

11:00am

Rev. Jason C. Moore , Rev. L. Craig Foster, Dr. Thomas E. Evans,
Eleanor Coleman (acolyte), Nan McDaniel (Associate Clerk of Session)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Chapman Quantz McMeekin by Sarah, Tom, and Thomas McMeekin.

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.

LIFE @ FIRST

APRIL 30, 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 second Sunday of the 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). **The next Welcome Class will be held April 23-May 14.**

*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).

JOY FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON - MAY 2

Join us for fellowship and a delicious meal at the Joy Fellowship Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. in Fogartie Hall. During the meal, enjoy musical entertainment by Converse College Voice Majors.

To make a reservation, contact Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

BBC WITH KIRK NEELY MEETS THIS WEEK

The BBC with Kirk Neely will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 10:30am and 7:00pm in the Arthur Center (on Kennedy St) - pick which time suits you. The selection for May is **Capitol Dames: the Civil War and the Women of Washington** by Cokie Roberts. The BBC with Kirk Neely is open to all interested persons, even those who haven't read this book.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - THURSDAY, MAY 4

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance, held on the first Thursday in May, inviting people of all faiths to pray. The Chapel will be open all day; you are welcome to stop by for a quiet time of prayer at your convenience.

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Next Sunday, May 7, please bring canned goods and loose change to Worship to benefit Total Ministries of Spartanburg. As we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong). **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** Some suggestions: Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Soup, and Family-Size Beans and Rice (not 20*lb bags).

NEXT SUNDAY - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** and a meeting of the members of the Corporation (First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, SC) for Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 11:00am worship for the following purposes:

Electing the Class of 2020 elders and the chair of the Diaconate to the Board of Trustees of the Corporation.

Electing at-large members to the 2017-2018 Congregational Nominating Committee.

We will also celebrate the **Ordination and Installation** of the Class of 2020 Officers during the 11:00 worship service.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Grab your tee shirt and your water bottle! Join us at Hero Central on June 5-8, to discover your strength in God and earn your super hero cape. You may register through; Space fills up quickly so don't forget and do not wait!

Register at fpcspartanburg.org/events/vbs or pick up a form in the church office.

HELP AT HABITAT!

Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg is looking for some volunteers to help us in our ReStore, located at 2270 S. Pine Street, and on our construction site. Volunteers are needed in the ReStore every Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to help on the construction site each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Individuals and group volunteers are welcome.

*For more information about how you can get involved,
please contact Carrie Vaughn, Volunteer Coordinator;
864-591-2221 ext. 105 / carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org*

HABITAT: WOMEN BUILD - MAY 13

Women Build is an exciting Habitat for Humanity Program that challenges women from all walks of life to learn construction skills and put them to use building Hope and Homes. Join other First Presbyterian Church women for Women Build on Saturday, May 13. If you don't have any construction skills, don't worry, on-site training is provided!

*Interested? Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Carrie Vaughn;
864-591-2221 ext. 105 / carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org*

GOLF CART DRIVERS NEEDED

A golf cart has recently been donated to the church so that we can shuttle people to and from the parking lots. If you would like to be one of our hospitable drivers on Sunday mornings ...

... please contact John Donovan; John.Donovan@med.ge.com.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER BASKETS

The Troop 2 Boy Scouts of First Presbyterian Church are selling Mother's Day flower baskets again this year. The baskets are a Spring blooming mix and are \$20 each or \$35 for two. The deadline to order is Wednesday, May 3. Please contact Melissa Pickens at 497-2363 with any questions.

Place your order by contacting one of the Boy Scouts or stop by their sales table this Wednesdays at First, 5:00-6:30pm.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS

Salkahatchie Summer Service: June 17-24 (14 yrs+)

Mission Crawl Camp: July 11-13 (11-14 yrs)

Montreat Youth Conference: July 15-22 (14yrs+)

Sign up online today!

Questions? Contact Shannon Stewart; 208-2133 / ssewart@fpcspartanburg.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.

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:45am Chapel Worship
8:45am MorningSong Worship
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am Welcome Class
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
2:00pm Presbytery Meeting
(Nicholtown Presbyterian)
5:30pm Youth Mission Project

MONDAY, MAY 1

12:00pm Officer Prayer Lunch

TUESDAY, MAY 2

10:30am BBC with Kirk Neely
11:30am JOY Fellowship Luncheon
12:00pm Study: *Church History*
6:15pm Handbells
7:00pm BBC with Kirk Neely

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

12:00pm Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 4

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00pm Study: *Church History*
12:30pm Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, MAY 5

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

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

MAY 7

MorningSong & Sanctuary:
Dr. Tom Evans

Chapel: Rev. Jason C. Moore
Officer Ordination and Installation
Congregational Meeting

MAY 10

Healing and Wholeness

MAY 14

Communion

JUNE 4

*Pentecost: One Worship Service in the
Sanctuary at 11:00am*

FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget \$2,828,008

Needed weekly: \$54,385

Received 4/23: \$30,005

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 these PC(USA) Missionaries:
Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez (Philippines).***

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
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