

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

*Hosanna!*  
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*Hosanna! Hosanna!*  
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WELCOME!

First Presbyterian Church  
is a community of believers committed to  
“Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together  
through Word and Deed.”

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

Passion /  
Palm Sunday  
begins Holy  
Week, a time  
in the church  
year when we  
remember how  
Christ gave his  
life in love for the  
world.

**Today's Palm  
Procession**

8:45 Chapel

You will receive  
palms as you  
enter the  
Chapel.

11:00 Sanctuary

Today, we  
join with the  
Episcopal  
Church of the  
Advent for a  
brief service in  
Montgomery  
Commons at  
10:40am. If  
you did not  
receive palms  
there, you will  
receive palms  
as you enter the  
Sanctuary.

If you would  
like to join the  
procession,  
please make  
your way to the  
Narthex during  
the Opening  
Voluntary.

Feel free to take  
the palms with  
you when you  
leave.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 9, 2017

8:45AM Chapel and 11:00AM SANCTUARY

## PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY     Fantasia on *Valet will ich dir geben*

J. S. Bach

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Foster Neely

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-9

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: If the people keep quiet, even the stones will cry out.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

The lips that sing, "Hosanna!" are the same that shout, "Crucify!"

The hands that wave palm branches are the same that prepare your cross.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Look upon us with mercy - our lives are in your hands.

Save us, by your steadfast love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Listen, so that you may live: The steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

† RESPONSE TO PARDON

HYMN 197, V 3

ELLACOMBE

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

† 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 one another in the name of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## PASSION SUNDAY

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

#### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:41-44; 13:3-9

Pew Bible Page 881

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Ordinary Saints... in Extraordinary Times*

Mr. Holt Andrews

(11:00)

#### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15:21-22

Pew Bible Page 885

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Ordinary Saints... in Sacrifice*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

All children are invited to the front of the chapel or 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.

## † RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: Our Redeemer suffered death,  
was buried and rose again for our sake.  
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.  
Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

**All: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.**

One: Christ our life,  
by dying on the cross  
you destroyed the power of evil and death:

**All: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.**

One: Christ our strength,  
you were despised,  
and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

**All: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.**

One: Christ our salvation,  
you gave your life out of love for us:

**All: Help us to love one another.**

One: Christ our Savior,  
on the cross you embraced all time  
with your outstretched arms:

**All: Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.**

One: Jesus, Lamb of God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**All: grant us peace.**

One: Eternal God,  
as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,  
so give us the grace of repentance  
that we may pass through the grave with him  
and be born again to eternal life.  
For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried,  
and rose again for us,  
Jesus our Savior, who taught us boldly to pray together,

**All: Our Father... Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Come Unto Him*  
Valerie MacPhail

G. F. Handel

(11:00)

*Caritas et amor*  
Chancel Choir

G. Randall Stroope

## † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 215, V3

WONDROUS LOVE

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

## † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

## † HYMN 223

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Gravement* from Fantasia in G

J.S. Bach

Translation of  
Caritas et amor:

Where charity and love are found, God is there.

The joy is immense and good;

World without end. Amen

The Closing Voluntary is a musical expression of the soul's exultation for God. It is a few moments of rest for personal contemplation of all the majesty, wonder and glory of God that has been revealed during our worship service. Use this time to listen, for private prayer, and to determine how this worship will empower you for service in Christ's name.

## PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45am

Mr. Holt Andrews, Rev. Joanne R. Hull, Rev. Jason C. Moore & Rev. L. Craig Foster

11:00am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. Joanne R. Hull, Rev. Jason C. Moore,  
Rev. Christi O. Brown, Rev. L. Craig Foster and Mr. Foster Neely (Acolyte)

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*The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Phillip F. Foster and Phillip F. (Flip) Foster, Jr. by their 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.*

# LIFE @ FIRST

APRIL 9, 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 today at 10:00am. 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<sup>rd</sup>-May 14<sup>th</sup>.

*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).

## HOLY WEEK

### Today, Palm Sunday, April 9

#### Palm Procession During Each Worship Service

*Palms provided by the Sanctuary Guild.*

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

8:45am Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:45am Brunch (Social Hall) \*No Sunday School\*

10:00am Join First Presbyterian (Library)

10:40am Palm Sunday with the Advent

*We will join with the Episcopal Church of the Advent for a "Blessing of the Palms". Come to Montgomery Commons at 10:40am for a brief service (Montgomery Commons is bordered by the Advent, the Mary Black Foundation, First Presbyterian, and the Piedmont Club).*

### Maundy Thursday, April 13

7:30pm Communion Service (Sanctuary)

### Good Friday, April 14

12:10pm Worship Service (Sanctuary) \*Nursery Provided\*

### Easter, April 16

#### Morning Cross of Flowers

*Each Easter, a rough-hewn cross is erected by the Sanctuary Guild on the lawn of the church. Members and guests are invited to bring flowers, or use those provided, to place on the cross as they come to worship. This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.*

6:45am Sunrise Service (Chapel)

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

*Overflow seating will be in the Chapel, if needed.*

9:45am Sunday School and Coffee Hour (Front Lawn / FLC Lobby)

*All are invited to enjoy Hot Cross Buns and Fellowship on the Front Lawn.*

10:45am Butterfly Release (Front Lawn)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

*Overflow seating will be in the Chapel and Fogartie Hall, if needed.*

## EASTER FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ORDERS DUE TOMORROW

The deadline to order an arrangement has been extended. 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](http://fpcspartanburg.org/grow/event-registrations) by tomorrow, Monday, April 10.



## ARE WE GOING TO HAVE BUTTERFLIES ON EASTER?

This year, due to some supplier problems, we have been unable to do a large butterfly release. However, we will still have butterflies! We have been able to get enough Monarch butterflies to do a smaller and different kind of release at 10:45am on Easter Sunday, immediately after Sunday School. We will not be taking individual orders for butterflies, but instead release them all at once from a single enclosure. Come to the front lawn to be a part of this fun celebration of the resurrection!

## \*\* NO WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 12 \*\*

Please enjoy time with your family and friends  
and reflect on what this week truly means.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 19

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for April 19: *Salad Bar, Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Sticks, 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.

**How To Take A Vacation,** 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Research on stress indicates that the family vacation is a significant source of stress for many Americans. How can we do this better? This two-part seminar led by Dr. Kirk Neely is designed to help us make better use of our vacation time.

**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.

## VBS REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 18

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. Register from April 18 to May 19, at [fpcspartanburg.org/events/vbs](http://fpcspartanburg.org/events/vbs) or pick up a form in the church office. Space fills up quickly so don't forget and do not wait!

## 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.

**Games for your children** are available at: [www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com](http://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.

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:45am MorningSong Worship  
8:45am Chapel Worship  
9:45am Palm Sunday Brunch  
10:00am Join First Presbyterian  
10:40am Blessing of the Palms  
in Montgomery Commons  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
5:00pm Youth Real Life  
6:00pm Chamber Singers

### MONDAY, APRIL 10

10:30am Women's Circles 3, 5 & 11  
2:00pm Women's Circle 2 & 4  
10:00pm Stephen Ministry

### TUESDAY, APRIL 11

10:30am Women's Circle 7  
12:00pm Adult Study: *Church History*  
4:15pm Tuesday Soup Kitchen  
6:15pm Handbells

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

10:00am Study: *Christians in the Making*  
12:00pm Men's Bible Study  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

12:00pm Adult Study: *Church History*  
12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group  
7:30pm Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

6:30am Men's Study Group  
7:00am Men's Study Group  
12:10pm Good Friday Service

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

## LOOKING FORWARD . . .

### APRIL 16

Sanctuary - Dr. Tom Evans  
MorningSong - Rev. Jason Moore

### APRIL 21-23

Church-Wide Retreat

### APRIL 30

Confirmation Sunday

### JUNE 4

Pentecost

8:45 and 11:00 Worship in the  
Sanctuary

### JUNE 6-9

Vacation Bible School

## 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  
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### 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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## STAFF

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