



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 23, 2017

8:45AM - Chapel

11:00AM - Sanctuary

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

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

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Robert Powell

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

All: **God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

One: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

All: **In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

One: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

All: **For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

One: Let us worship God.

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

Hymn 246

Hymn author,
Brian A. Wren
writes: It was
written for Easter
Sunday, two
weeks after the
assassination of
Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. I could
not let Easter
go by without
speaking of this
tragic event
which was on
all our minds. ...
The hymn tries to
see God's love
winning over
tragedy and
suffering in the
world. ... There
is tension and
tragedy in these
words, not just
Easter rejoicing.

† HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Living God,

we confess that we look for the living among the dead.

We want to receive forgiveness,

but we are not ready to forgive.

We want to see Jesus' wounds,

but we ignore the woundedness of others.

Forgive us; give us new life!

Embrace us in Christ's body

so that we may embody for the world

the life that death cannot destroy.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

Your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ,

who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great!

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Carter Dean Jackson
Son of Maggie and Dustin Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:22-36

Pew Bible Page 948

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

(8:45)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Genesis Choir

Dale Wood

(11:00)

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

SERMON

Impossible?

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter

James Biery

† 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 254
This was one of the earliest hymns written for a particular season of the church year. The growth of such time-related hymnody has been an important factor in strengthening ecumenical connections through the many shared hymns that transcend denominational boundaries.

† PRAYER OF 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 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Blessed Christ is Risen Today

J.S. Bach

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Holt Andrews

11:00am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Holt Andrews, Rev. Joanne R. Hull, Anna Beeson (acolyte)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Smith by their family.

The arrangements in the Tower Room are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Molly Mahony White and William Stephen Jones, Jr. and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Belton White, Mrs. Mary Horne Mahony, and Mr. Oren Oscar Jones.

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.

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)
1st Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)
1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)
2nd Floor Clark Building

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.*

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.*

SPIRITUAL LIFE CLASS (Room 2201) *This class is for adults who seek to apply the Bible to life and grow spiritually.*

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

APRIL 23, 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).

TODAY - COLLEGE LUNCH AT WILLY TACO

Enjoy delicious tacos after the 11:00 worship service with UKirk.

Contact Penny Wright for more details; pwright@fpcspartanburg.org.

CHAMBER SINGERS' SPRING CONCERT - TONIGHT!

The Chamber Singers Spring Concert, *All Nature Sings*, will be next Sunday, April 23 at 7:00pm. The program, accompanied by orchestra, includes music by Handel, Haydn, Eric Whitacre... and Dolly Parton! There will be something for everyone; please join us.

MONDAY - SANCTUARY GUILD MEETING

Join the Sanctuary Guild on Monday, April 24 at 10:45 in the Purnell Room for Refreshments and Fellowship. Meeting begins at 11:00am with Dr. Kirk H. Neely presenting "Finding Sanctuary".

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 26 - THE LAST ONE!

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu for April 26:** *Salad Bar, Sweet 'n Sour Chicken, Rice, 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.

Evensong: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This is a contemplative service of song, prayer, and communion.

How To Take A Vacation, 6:30pm in the Chapel. 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 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.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER HOSTS REV. MATT MATTHEWS

The Shepherd's Center will host author of "Mercy Creek" and Presbyterian Minister, Rev. Matt Matthews on Wednesday, April 26 at 11:45 a.m. in Room 2200. Rev. Matthews will do a reading from and lead a discussion of his award-winning book, "Mercy Creek." This event is free and open to the public.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Tysinger at jennifer.tysinger@att.net.

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 Katie Jo O'Neal and Caroline Bosworth, Converse College Voice Majors.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY - APRIL 25

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner at the 4th Tuesday Neighborhood Meal Ministry on Tuesday, April 25, in the Arthur Center. We arrive at 4:15 to prepare and serve the meal at 5:15.

The following donations are needed:

Food: Chicken, Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Desserts

Other Items: Clothes, Socks, Shoes, Sleeping Bags, Bookbags, Toilet Tissue, Canned Food, and Individually-wrapped Food Items.

To make donations, please contact Will DeLaney, Beth DeLaney Perry, Tina Hamilton; 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com / 864-908-8753.

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.

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. 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.

*If you have questions or comments, please contact Beth Burris;
208-2131 / bburris@fpcspartanburg.org.*

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Chapel Worship
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am Welcome Class
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
12:15pm UKirk College Lunch
5:30pm Youth Real Life
7:00pm Chamber Singers' Concert

MONDAY, APRIL 24

10:45am Sanctuary Guild Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

12:00pm Study: *Church History*
4:15pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbells

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

12:00pm Study: *Church History*
12:30pm Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

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

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

For the complete schedule of FLC Classes: www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/recreation.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

APRIL 30

MorningSong - Rev. Christi O. Brown
Chapel & Sanctuary -
Rev. Jason C. Moore
Confirmation Sunday

MAY 7

Officer Ordination and Installation
Congregational Meeting

MAY 14

Communion

JUNE 4

Pentecost

One Worship Service in the Sanctuary
at 11:00am

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**

***This week, please pray for these PC(USA) Missionaries:
Omar Chan and Amanda Craft (Guatemala and Mexico).***

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

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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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