



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

MAY 21, 2017

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

Immortal, Invisible

arr. Michael Burkhardt

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

All: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not his benefits -**

One: who forgives all our iniquity, and heals our diseases,

All: **who rescues us from the Pit, and crowns us with love and mercy,**

One: who satisfies us with good and renews our strength.

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me praise his holy name!**

One: Let us worship God.

(adapted from Psalm 103)

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

Hymn 12

This hymn was originally published under this Scripture: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Timothy 1:17 KJV). After paraphrasing this verse in the first stanza, the author goes on to elaborate on the themes of light, immortality, and glory in the following stanzas.

† HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Everlasting God,
You have made us for eternity,
but we live like this is all there is.
We fritter away our lives;
we wander aimlessly,
failing to grasp your purpose and plan.
Forgive us we pray.
Help us to live our days focused on your glory
so that we might be filled with joy,
and leave a legacy for those who follow.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
For he does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities,
but removes all our transgressions from us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 245, v3

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

Psalm 90

Pew Bible Page 516

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

You Only Live Once ...

Rev. Jason C. Moore

ANTHEM

The Size of Your Heart
Chancel Choir

Eleanor Daley

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 (Unison)

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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

A PRAYER FOR AND COMMISSIONING OF GRADUATES

Congregation: Lord, we thank you for our graduates, and ask that you would continue to nurture their dreams. Help them to seek your will in all that they do, and give them the grace to hold fast to their faith through all the days ahead. Give them courage and strength to persevere. Amen.

Leader: Now, on behalf of this congregation, we send you out as Christ's witnesses into the world. Go forth, knowing that you are missionaries to the world, representing God and this congregation wherever you go. Go with God's power and wisdom, God's discipline and love, God's grace and peace and abundant joy.

Graduates: *May God grant us strength to be His witnesses wherever we go.*

During the 11:00 service today, we will recognize our high school graduates. Please remember them in your prayers as they take this next step in life.

Hymn 250

Natalie A. Sleeth wrote this selection in February 1985 as a choral anthem and later adapted it as a hymn. She wrote that she was: ...pondering the death of a friend, pondering winter and spring, and a T. S. Eliot poem which had the phrase, 'In our end is our beginning.' These seemingly contradictory 'pairs' led to the thesis of the song and the hopeful message that out of one will come the other whenever God chooses to bring that about.

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

After the 11:00 worship service today, the Graduates will be on the front lawn. We invite you to greet them and congratulate them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

arr. Dale Wood

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 245, v4

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!*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

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 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Jason C. Moore
Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Robert Bannan (Candidate for Ministry)
Caroline Colbath (Acolyte)

2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Kendal Gilmour Agnew
Price James Agnew
Caroline Rhea Baehr
Mary Elaine Beckey
Elizabeth DesChamps Blackford
Benjamin Michael Brooks
Rebecca Lauren Caldwell
Catherine Lundy Camp
Robert Calum Cecil
Catherine Hinman Chapman
Sarah Ann Elaine Coomes
Zachery Ewing Cowan

Henry Chambers Easterling
Robert Field Goodlett II
Natalie Kathryn Googer
Kathryn Almeade Groke
Blair Grace Hill
Tia Michelle Hrubala
Michael Andrew Hrubala Jr.
Jared William Hull
Shelton Sterling Laney IV
Robert Maxwell Lefebvre
Madison Amanda Lyon
John Elliott Madsen

Sydney Ann Nease
Madeleine Smith Ouzts
William Christopher Patterson
James Christian Robertson
Daniel Alexander Rosser
Hammond Elizabeth Scott
Edward Mason Shugart
Hannah Elizabeth Stathakis
Carson Webb
Margaret Cooper Young

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lucille Bergeret Bowling by her daughter, Julia Burnett.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K) and Preschool (3K-5K) 1st Floor Clark Bldg

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

Youth (6th-12th Grade) 2nd Floor FLC

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210); **CHOIR CLASS** (Room 2208);
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Room C212); **EMMAUS CLASS** (Room 2207);
FAITH DRIVEN (Room C210); **FELLOWSHIP CLASS** (Room 2212);
OPEN CLASS (Room 2213); **PURNELL CLASS** (Purnell Room);
SPARK (Room 2216)

LIFE @ FIRST

MAY 21, 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).

*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).

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, TODAY, MAY 21

Join us as we support our high school seniors as they begin a new chapter in their lives. We will have a special portion of the 11:00am worship service to recognize our seniors.

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING ABOUT RENOVATIONS

On Wednesday, May 24, the Renovation Leadership Team is hosting a meeting at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. This meeting is to present the architectural renderings of the plans for the Sanctuary, the MorningSong stage, and the gathering space off the Parlor, and to receive feedback from the Congregation. Additionally on June 4, these architectural renderings will be displayed on the front lawn during Summer Sizzle and members of the Renovation Leadership Team will be present to answer questions.

REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Next Sunday, May 28, the church will honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have now passed on. We will print the information in the worship bulletin.

*Please contact Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org/208-2132 **prior to May 22** with the name of the person, their rank, branch of service, and dates of service.*

SECURITY CHANGES FOR SUNDAYS - STARTING JUNE 1

Starting in June, the following exterior doors will require a keycard to enter:

- Doors on either side of the connector between the Clark and Main Buildings
- Clark Building door closest to Kennedy Street
- Upper level door to the Family Life Center, near the Youth Offices

Each of these doors will still open with a keycard on Sunday mornings. In addition to these, the exterior door to the Sacristy area will be locked from the outside, though exit through that door is always possible. All of the other doors that are usually open on Sundays without need of a key or keycard will remain open to welcome members and visitors.

CUBA MISSION TRIP – SEPTEMBER 22-26

The International Mission Committee has plans for a trip to visit our sister church in Santa Clara, Cuba. The trip is expected to take place Friday, September 22 - Tuesday, September 26. There is room for additional team members, however we need to start the visa application process now.

*If you are interested or have questions,
please contact Pat Tatham as soon as possible; pjtatham@charter.net.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

PENTECOST - ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 - WEAR RED!

Celebrating the birthday of the Christian Church and the power of the Holy Spirit, is a time to open ourselves to God's creative new future. Come ready for the excitement!

Worship together at 10:30 in the Sanctuary.

Missions will be a featured aspect of worship, with special guest speakers.

Music will be provided by the MorningSong Music Team.

SUMMER SIZZLE - BARBECUE AND BLUEGRASS

After Worship..... Bring your own lunch OR pick up BBQ in the Gym (Cost is \$10 per plate; Tickets available: ⁽¹⁾ Before and After worship today in the Receptionist Office and FLC Lobby; ⁽²⁾ In the Church Office during the week; and ⁽³⁾ At the Door on Sunday, June 4), then Picnic on the FLC Lawn (bring chairs/blankets) and enjoy the Bluegrass band, "Off Duty".

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS IN JUNE

We will begin the Summer Worship Schedule on June 4 – Pentecost – with Sunday School at 9:30am and ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Our first Summer Sizzle of the season “Barbecue and Bluegrass” will immediately follow the worship service.

On the weeks that follow through June, July, and August, we will use the following Sunday schedule:

8:30am Chapel Worship Service*

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) and Sanctuary Worship

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle - Jun 4, Jun 25, Jul 16, Aug 6, and Aug 27

*There will be One Combined Worship Service on Sunday, June 4 and on Sunday, September 3 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 10.

VOLUNTEER FOR CAMP ARCADIA

Camp Arcadia will be held June 12-16, 1:00-4:00pm each afternoon at Arcadia Elementary. New changes this year mean smaller groups of children and more flexibility in commitment, so please volunteer and become a part of this amazing ministry! You may come on one afternoon - or all five! If you are interested in being a part of the leadership team next year, now is the time to get on board.

For more information, contact Chris Curtis; curtis1120@gmail.com.

DRIVE A GOLF CART!

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.

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00am Genesis Choir

8:45am Chapel Worship

8:45am MorningSong Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Sanctuary Worship

5:00pm Youth E.O.Y. Celebration

TUESDAY, MAY 23

12:00pm Study: *Church History*

6:00pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

5:30pm Congregational Gathering:
Renovations

THURSDAY, MAY 25

12:00pm Study: *Church History*

12:30pm Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, MAY 26

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.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

MAY 28

MorningSong: Holt Andrews

Chapel & Sanctuary:

Rev. L. Craig Foster

JUNE 4

Pentecost: One Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30am

JUNE 6-9

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 11

Communion

OCTOBER 22

Celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartans and 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget: \$2,828,008

Needed weekly: \$54,385

Received 05/14: \$28,993

Mother's Day Offering: \$2,966

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; Neighborhood Meal Ministry; **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; Mental Health Advocacy; **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 missionaries - **Jo Ella Holman**, PCUSA liaison for the Caribbean; **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; Haiti Reforestation Project (CODEP); **Philippines:** Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; **India:** Set Free Alliance; **Witness Season**; **Bread for the World**

***This week, please pray for this PC(USA) Missionary: Elisabeth Cook (Costa Rica)
and for Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).***

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

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

Class of 2020: Lee Close, Celia Cogdell, Suzy Cole, Andrew Darr, Melissa France, Laura Henthorn, Whit Kennedy, Craig Long, Jason Lynch, Ashley Millinor, Bert Moore, Steven Richards, Jessalyn Story, Monica Threalt, Linda West

DIACONATE

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

Class of 2020: Will Adair, Vic Bailey, Steven Blanton, Bill Cummings, Chris Curtis, Carroll Easterling, Rob Elliot, John Faris, Dana Halliday, Andy Halligan, Catherine Johnson, Bryan Pack, Kristen Raynor, Leah Rigsby, Marsh Rogers

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 C. Moore**, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **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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