



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

JUNE 18, 2017

8:30AM - Chapel

10:30AM - 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

God Himself Is Present

Michael Burkhardt

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

One: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

All: **The Lord sends us out into the harvest.**

One: Let us worship God.

† *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 611

Henry Van Dyke's brilliant hymn of praise has many layers that add to the beauty of his text. As hymnologist Albert Bailey writes, within Van Dyke's text, "creation itself cannot conceal its joy, and that joy is appreciated by God the center of it all; likewise, all nature fills us with joy, caused fundamentally by our recognition of God as the giver".

† HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our redeemer,
we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
We fail in our love for you,
forgetting your gracious acts.
We fail in our love for one another,
forsaking our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: If we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.
Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us also forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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 (10:30)

Stirling Leland Caudle
Daughter of Ann and Lawrence Caudle
Mary Wilson Ringo
Daughter of Laura and Will Ringo
Henry Reed Swofford
Son of Meghann and David Swofford

Baptism enacts
and seals
what the Word
proclaims: God's
redeeming
grace offered
to all people.
The Baptism
of children
witnesses to the
truth that God's
love claims
people before
they are able to
respond in faith.

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 18:1-15

SOLO (8:30am)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Justin Boazman

arr. Dan Forrest

ANTHEM (10:30am)

If God Be For Us
Summer Choir

Clifford McCormick

SERMON

Don't Go Gently

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

Ode to Joy
James Bunde

Beethoven

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

† 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.

Hymn 848

Psalm 125 is one of the songs that would have been sung by Jewish pilgrims going to Jerusalem. As the imagery of this paraphrase suggests, it was probably reserved for use during the final ascent to the city, closing with a prayer for peace wherever God's faithful people dwell.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 848

Trust in God

SONG 13

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

Gilbert Martin

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

8:30am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Joanne R. Hull

10:30am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Rev. L. Craig Foster

Many thanks to Bruce Campbell (organist) and Justin Boazman (conductor) for their musical leadership while Marcia and Holt Andrews are away.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Arthur Reagan III and in honor of David Edward Tate by their families.

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27 at 9:30AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K) and Preschool (3K-4K) 1st Floor Clark Bldg

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

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

ADULTS

Special SUMMER CLASS (Room 2201)

The Story of the Bible, Part 2: Reading the Bible from the Middle Ages to Today

A Video Lecture Series by Luke Timothy Johnson

*We will be exploring how the Bible came to us,
looking particularly at the renewed interest in biblical languages in the Renaissance,
the efforts to translate the Bible into English and other common languages,
and how the interpretation of the Bible has changed over the last several centuries up to today.*

FAITH DRIVEN and **SPARK** (Combined Classes in Room C210)

Meets Periodically Throughout the Summer

OPEN CLASS (Room 2213)

PURNELL CLASS (Purnell Room)

LIFE @ FIRST

JUNE 18, 2017

Complete details at www.fpcspartanburg.org.
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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 10:00am. 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).

*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.

TODAY IS FATHER'S DAY

Today is a day when we honor fathers and celebrate fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. Father's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day. As we remember our earthly fathers, let us also give thanks to our Heavenly Father - for we are all children of God! Happy Father's Day!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

THIRD TUESDAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

On Tuesday, June 20, we will serve pizza, salad, and dessert to our less fortunate friends at 5:30pm in the Arthur Center. You are invited to bring any of the above, to serve, or to meet and speak with the recipients. As Tom charged us on Pentecost, we should seek out those we describe as "other" and embrace them inasmuch as we are all one family.

Let us know what you will bring to the table: rbarre63@gmail.com.

FOURTH TUESDAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

On Tuesday, June 27, volunteers and donations are needed for a "Patriotic Back Yard Bash" themed dinner celebrating the 4th of July! Dinner will be served at 5:15pm in the Arthur Center. Thank you for helping us serve those in need.

Food Need: ready to serve hamburgers (plain) with hamburger buns (fast food restaurant or homemade), potato salad, pasta salad, chips, baked beans, fresh fruit, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, and tea.

Other Items: individually wrapped food items, canned foods, bottles of water, toilet paper, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, men's and women's summer clothes, tennis shoes, ball caps, book bags, and sleeping bags.

*Humbled and blessed to serve, Tina Hamilton, Will DeLaney, Beth Perry:
4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com; 864-908-8753.*

SPIHN: JUNE 25-JULY 2!

Our next SPIHN week is Sunday, June 25 - Sunday, July 2. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction. We need Evening Hosts. If you can help, please contact:

Hannah Lane; hannahlanedc@gmail.com.

SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED

We need a few volunteers to cover the receptionist's desk at the church over the next couple of weeks while Didi is on vacation.

Interested? Please contact Didi Terry; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-583-4531.

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:30am Chapel Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:45am Summer Choir
10:30am MorningSong Worship
10:30am Sanctuary Worship

MONDAY - THURSDAY

CAST Camp

MONDAY, JUNE 19

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

5:30pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

12:30pm Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

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 . . .

JUNE 25

Chapel - Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Sunday School

MorningSong - Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Sanctuary - Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

Summer Sizzle:

Lemonade on the Lawn

JUNE 25-JULY 2

SPIHN Guests

JUNE 26-29

CAST Camp Week 2

JULY 16

Summer Sizzle: Sundae Sunday

JULY 28

Last Day to Order Tartans

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 6/11: \$36,223

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am Chapel Worship Service*

9:30am Sunday School

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

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle - June 25, July 16, August 6, August 27

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

FOR PARENTS

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 after worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Your Congregational Nominating Committee needs the help of our members in nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons. Please return this form with your suggestion of one name. You may submit additional copies of this form with additional suggestions for Elder or Deacon. You may suggest any member of First Presbyterian Church, including yourself.

I suggest the following person(s) to serve as ☐ Elder or ☐ Deacon:

I believe that this person(s) should be considered because:

Your name: _____

Your telephone number: _____

You may submit your suggestion(s) by:

☐ **Returning** this form to the church office.

☐ **Mailing** this form to:

Kay McClure, CNC Chair

First Presbyterian Church

393 E. Main St Spartanburg, SC 29302-1917

☐ **Emailing:** kaymcclure58@gmail.com

Deadline for submittal is noon, Sunday, June 25, 2017.

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 these PC(USA) Missionaries:
Barry and Shelly Dawson (Thailand) 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 Threath, 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 Rigby, 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**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Penny Wright**, 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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