

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

July 3, 2016

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.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 3, 2016

8:30AM - Chapel

10:30AM - Sanctuary

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### HYMN SING

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

(10:30) Holt Andrews

One: Call upon the Lord.  
All: **We asked for help and were heard.**  
One: We asked for freedom,  
All: **And were given liberty beyond measure. Praise God!**

#### † HYMN 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, we come to you with the hope of your restoration.  
We walk with our heads held high,  
without noticing others and their burdens.  
We are even blinded to our own!  
We keep our mouths silenced  
when we are full of stories to share  
about the good things that you have done for us.  
We even keep our actions silenced  
as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world  
that we do nothing to overcome them.  
Fill us with your peace and with your mercy.  
Free us from the destruction of sin  
and restore us to a life lived in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and even crowns us with honor and glory.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

#### Hymn 338

Each stanza  
of this hymn  
combines  
appreciation  
of America's  
beauty with  
prayers to God  
for His blessings  
on and aid  
for the nation.  
In petitioning  
God to "mend  
[America's]  
every flaw," we  
acknowledge  
our imperfection  
as a country.  
In praying for  
the unity of  
brotherhood  
"from sea to  
shining sea," we  
acknowledge  
that the disunity  
that exists is  
undesirable.



† RESPONSE

HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us,  
let us now share that peace with each other. Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Christi O. Brown

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 30

Pew Bible Page 479

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

All children are  
invited to the  
front of the  
sanctuary during  
The Word for  
Children.

SERMON

*Faithful Perseverance*

Rev. Christi O. Brown

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

### Offering

The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God to be shaped, empowered, directed, and changed by God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ. We are claimed by Christ and set free. In response to God's love in Jesus Christ we offer God our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods, for God's service.

- from *the Book of Common Worship*

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.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*Let the Praise Go 'Round*  
Genesis Choir

William Boyce

(10:30)

*If God Be For Us*  
Summer Choir

Clifford McCormick

### † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### † HYMN 805

*Come Sing to God*

ELLACOMBE

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Charles W. Ore

**One:** The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ go with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

### Hymn 805

*Come Sing to God* was written by Fred R. Anderson in 1986. It is set to the tune of ELLACOMBE, which was originally published in a chapel hymnal for the Duke of Württemberg in 1784.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of all those who served in the United States of America military.

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. For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit. Thank you.

Large-print bulletins and large-print Bibles are available from the ushers upon request.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

### 9:30-10:30AM

#### CHILDREN and YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Bldg

Preschool (3K-5K)

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor FLC

#### ADULTS

**FAITH DRIVEN CLASS AND SPARK (Room C210)** *This combined class is made up of young adults, both single and married, with and without children, and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.*

**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.*

**NEW SUMMER ADULT CLASS (Room 2201)** *will meet May 29 - Aug 28. "The Story of the Bible, Part I: From its Origins to the Middle Ages" is a Lecture Series by Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor at Emory University and mentor of our own Dr. Kyle Keefer. Dr. Johnson is an engaging speaker who explains in this series how the Bible came to be written and assembled, as well as how various versions were developed, circulated, and preserved over hundreds of years. Each lecture is 30 minutes. Kyle Keefer, Tom & Nan McDaniel, and other First Presbyterian teachers will lead discussion before and after the lectures. There will be special Mission presentation on August 14.*

# LIFE @ FIRST

JULY 3, 2016

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 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each 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.

For pastoral needs for our youth, contact Jason Moore (804-9244).

## HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

On Sunday, July 10, 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).

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

On Monday, July 11, our middle school students will be meeting at the church to bag supplies for our 4th Tuesday meal ministry. We need your help! We are asking for donations of the following items to be dropped off in the main office of the church: gallon size baggies, sandwich size baggies, small bottled waters, jerky, dried fruit, nuts, granola bars, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, wet wipes, bars of soap, small packages of tissues, and band-aids. Thank you for your contributions that will allow our middle schoolers to put their faith into action in a very tangible way! For questions, contact Kellie Foster at (864) 381-8581.

## SUMMER SIZZLE

Our next Summer Sizzle is on Sunday, July 17, after the 10:30 worship services. Enjoy a delicious ice cream treat with your church family at the "Sundae Sunday Summer Sizzle."

## 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. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you.

**Nursing Mothers:** Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15am through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers.

**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 and the games will reinforce today's sermon message.

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

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:00am Genesis Choir  
8:30am Chapel Worship  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:45am Summer Choir  
10:30am MorningSong Worship  
10:30am Sanctuary Worship

### MONDAY, JULY 4

Church Facilities Closed

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

### THURSDAY, JULY 7

10:00am Prayer Shawl  
12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group

### FRIDAY, JULY 8

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

*AA meets 3 times per week - Tues, Thurs,  
and Fri at 7am in the Scout Hut.*

*For the complete schedule of FLC Classes:  
[www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/recreation](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/recreation).*

## LOOKING FORWARD . . .

### JULY 4

*Independence Day  
Church Facilities Closed*

### JULY 10

*Communion  
8:30am Chapel Worship Service  
Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
10:30am MorningSong Worship  
Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
10:30am Sanctuary Worship  
Jason Moore*

### JULY 17

*Sundae Sunday Summer Sizzle*

### SEPTEMBER 4

*One Worship Service (10:30am)*

### SEPTEMBER 14

*WAF Begins*

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Budget

Needed weekly: \$52,786  
Received 6/26: \$22,287

## 2016 KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS BANNER SPONSORSHIP FORM

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on Sunday, October 30, 2016. At our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans.

The construction of the staffs and stands as well as the sewing of the banners will be performed by volunteers, but we need sponsors to help with the cost of purchasing the tartan fabric and staff materials. The cost of a banner is \$115.

The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland, so we need your order and payment by Friday, July 29, 2016.

- Some clans have multiple patterns available. If you want a particular pattern, please indicate below. Otherwise, we will order the most common pattern for that clan.
- You will receive an acknowledgement of your order and payment.
- At the conclusion of the service, the tartan banners will be given to the sponsor for storage or display until the next Kirkin'. Only the staffs and banner stands will remain at the church.

### 2016 Kirkin' o' the Tartans Banner Sponsorship Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Clan Tartan: \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form and check for \$115.00 to:

First Presbyterian Church ~ Kirkin' Fund

393 East Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29302, Attn: Lynise Clarke

**by Friday, July 29, 2016**

## ***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

**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

**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

## STAFF

**Dr. Thomas E. Evans**, *Senior Pastor*; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, *Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship*; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care*; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, *Pastoral Associate*; **Holt Andrews**, *Director of Music*; **Marcia Andrews**, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*; **Jason Moore**, *Director of Youth Ministry*; **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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