



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

August 14, 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

AUGUST 14, 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.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Gift of Love

arr. Robert Powell

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

One: By faith, Abel offered to God an acceptable sacrifice,
and though he died at the hands of his brother, his faith still speaks to us.

All: **By faith, Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen,
built an ark to save all life and became an heir to the righteousness
that is in accordance with faith.**

One: By faith, Abraham and Sarah obeyed when they were called to leave their home
and set out when they did not know where they were going.

All: **By faith, Moses stood firm before Pharaoh,
persevering as though he saw Him who is invisible,
and saving God's people from slavery.**

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 307

This hymn is a
prayer, in which
we ask for God's
wisdom and
courage to face
the problems of
our day. We beg
for God's power,
confess our fear
and pride, and
affirm a desire
to seek social
justice.

† HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We confess, O God,
that though you have done everything well,
we have not borne the good fruit that you want for us.

Righteousness and justice are neglected,
while violence ravages our cities,
and bloodshed defiles every corner of your world!

We have sown division where you would have unity,
and forged a false peace where you would make a separation.

Forgive our reluctance to set aside the weight of sin,
and give us courage to cast it off entirely.

Renew our resolve to live to completion the cross-shaped life of baptism,
in obedience to Christ Jesus, who has gone this way before us.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Once we were dead in sin; now we are alive in Christ.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE HYMN 581

*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.*

GLORIA PATRI

† 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

Rev. L. Craig Foster

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Pew Bible Page 589

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 29-40; 12:1-2

Pew Bible Page 1050

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“By faith...”

Rev. L. Craig Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

The Apostles' Creed

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.
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

(8:45)

Just As I Am
Genesis Choir

Richard DeLong

(11:00)

Until We Rest In Thee
Summer Choir

Sue Ellen Page

† 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 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Gordon Young

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

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn 686

Kerr wrote this
hymn for the
50th anniversary
of the Shadyside
Presbyterian
Church in
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Glennon Melton and her ministry.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:30-10:30AM

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)

1st Floor Clark Bldg

Preschool (3K-5K)

1st Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)

2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

2nd Floor FLC

To see your child's lesson for this week (Preschool and Elementary), visit www.Deepbluekids.com.

Download the parent's lesson guide by selecting:

Curriculum> This Sunday> Choose your child's age group> Choose "All Hands on Deck" with today's date.

You can also download a free App to follow weekly lessons, games, music, and videos.

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.

SUMMER ADULT CLASS (Room 2201) will meet through 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.

LIFE @ FIRST

AUGUST 14, 2016

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 2nd 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).

BIBLE STUDY: THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE

This class, led by Nan and Tom McDaniel will meet **Tuesdays at noon in the Arthur Center** (beginning August 16) and **Thursdays at noon in the Church Library** (beginning August 18) ~ Choose which day suits you!

In this timely 5-week PCUSA Bible study, we will look at what the Bible has to say to us about peace - what it is, how to find it, how to practice it and extend it, and ultimately, how to live it. Readings for each week will be provided to all who sign up. Come even if you haven't signed up ahead. All are welcome to discussion.

To sign up, contact Katie Resumovic; 208-2129 / kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR...

First Steps in Music is our early childhood music program for children birth through age 3 and a parent. First priority is given to church members, but it is open to non-members as well and space is limited

Our **Children's Choir** programs pick up where First Steps leaves off and is open to children up to 5th grade.

Register Online Today! Under the GROW menu on the church website, click "Children" and then find "Children's Choir" and/or "First Steps in Music" on the menu on the left.

HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN!

Our next SPIHN week is Sunday, August 21 - Sunday, August 28. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction.

If you have an interest, please contact:

Evening Host: Hannah Lane (hannahlanedc@gmail.com)

Overall Questions: Alan Workman (aworkman@gracemg.com)

4TH TUESDAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

Our Next Meal will be served on **Tuesday, August 23 at 5:00.**

Meal Donations Needed: Chicken, Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans or Peas, Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Desserts.

Other Donations: Individually-wrapped food items, Toilet Tissue, Hygiene Products, and Blue Jeans, Shirts, and Shoes for men, women and children.

To help us better serve our guests, the Soup Kitchen needs used/new Crock Pots, Paper Plates, and Napkins.

Want to volunteer or sponsor a 4thTuesday? Businesses, Sunday School Classes, organizations, families, etc... please contact us if you would like to volunteer to sponsor the soup kitchen for a month.

Questions? Contact Will DeLaney, Beth DeLaney, or Tina Hamilton; 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com; 908-8753.

FINAL SUMMER SIZZLE - AUGUST 28!

Food Truck Festival on the FLC Lawn. Bring your lawnchairs and blankets as we enjoy fun, food, and fellowship. Food will be available for purchase from food trucks in the parking lot of the FLC. There will be a bouncy house and games for kids and adults.

WAF - SEPTEMBER 14

Wednesdays at First will begin again on September 14. Help is needed in many different areas: preparing the meals; working the check-in tables; helping at the Children's Table and dessert table; the dish room; and re-setting Fogartie Hall after the meal. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, extra hands are always needed.

To volunteer, please contact Rob Hammett; rob@cwsinsurance.com or Andy Lancaster; alancaster@advanceamerica.net.

LEADERSHIP NEEDED FOR FALL REBUILD – OCT 1

Christmas In Action is a non-profit organization that rehabilitates the houses of low-income, elderly, disabled, and otherwise disadvantaged homeowners, to provide for their continued safety and independence. The primary vehicles for completing their mission in Spartanburg County are the twice-a-year community work days known as Rebuilding Days. Rebuilding Days bring out hundreds of volunteers to work on 25 - 30 homes in a select area of our county. **The Fall Rebuild is Saturday, October 1.**

If you are interested in leading a team from First Presbyterian or simply volunteering, please contact Liz Evans; levans@ciaspartanburg.org / 864-576-7101.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Online giving provides the flexibility to give how you want, regardless of day or time. You can give ① **through the church website**, ② **through text message** to 864/309-0816, or ③ **using the ShelbyNEXT / Giving app**. Copies of "Your Guide to eGiving" are available in the church office.

Questions? Contact Lynise Clarke; lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2130.

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. 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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00am Genesis Choir
8:30am Chapel Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:45am Summer Choir
10:30am MorningSong Worship
10:30am Sanctuary Worship
2:00pm Presbytery Meeting
(at Fourth Pres, Greenville)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

12:00pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

12:00pm Bible Study
12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

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

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

AUGUST 21

8:30am Chapel Worship Service
Holt Andrews
10:30am Sanctuary Worship
Dr. Thomas E. Evans
10:30am MorningSong Worship
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Youth Fall Real Life Kickoff

AUGUST 28

Summer Sizzle Food Truck Festival

SEPTEMBER 4

One Worship Service (10:30am)

SEPTEMBER 11

Communion
Rally Day
Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes

SEPTEMBER 14

WAF Begins

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

Needed weekly:	\$52,786
Received 8/7:	\$44,564

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 partner churches and organizations in Rwanda:
the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda and the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences.***

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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