

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

August 28, 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.

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 28, 2016

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

Praeludium in G

J.S.Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christi O. Brown

One: God calls us to service,
All: **rather than honor.**
One: God call us to love the unknown,
All: **rather than the familiar.**
One: We come to this time of worship,
All: **trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**
One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 343

Following
the Civil War,
jobs provided
through the
industrial
revolution
encouraged
many to move
to the cities.
Frank Mason
North composed
one of the first
social gospel
hymns devoted
to the special
needs of the
increasing
urban reality.
The hymn is as
current as it was
when first written
over 100 years
ago.

† HYMN 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

GERMANY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,
forgive us for we exalt ourselves
and mock the humble.
We choose to believe we are self-sufficient
rather than trust in your strength.
Open us to your spirit,
that we might serve all people
without regard to the outcome,
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As a potter holds a piece of clay, God holds and shapes our lives.
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: 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

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible Page 906

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How to Pick a Savior

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.

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

(8:30)

Whoever Would Be Great Among You
Genesis Choir

Ronald A. Nelson

(10:30)

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Summer Choir

Dan Forrest

† 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 744

This is one of Ruth C. Duck's earliest hymns, published in 1974. It is based on verses from Isaiah 60 and 61.

† HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Flor Peeters

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mike Martinez by his family.

The flowers in the Chapel and Tower Room are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peggy Sharp Jones by her family.

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 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 28, 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).

TODAY - FINAL SUMMER SIZZLE!

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. We will have Food Trucks from: Fuddruckers, KBBQ, Robino's, The Farmer's Table, Bruster's, and Sugah Cakes. There will be a bouncy house and games for kids and adults.

NEXT SUNDAY - ONLY 1 WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Sunday, September 4, we will worship together as a family at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Additionally, Sunday School will not be held.

The following Sunday, September 11, we will resume our regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

8:45am Traditional Early Service
8:45am MorningSong Service
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Service

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CUBAN MISSION TRIP

The mission team traveling to Cuba in September is in need of supplies for the Senior's Program we sponsor at our sister church in Santa Clara Cuba. Items needed are: aspirin (81mg and 325 mg), Tylenol or acetaminophen, ibuprofen, multi vitamins, allergy medications, knitting needles and yarn, needles and thread.

If you would like to contribute any of these items, please drop them off at the Reception Desk before September 5 and label them "Cuba."

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 WITH RAINBOW BAGS

We are seeking someone to tend the Rainbow bags for Morning Song. It takes about 15 to 20 minutes each week to clear the bags and restock them. It can be done anytime at your convenience.

Please contact Beth Burris; bburris@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2131 for more info.

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.

REGISTER FOR PROJECT EXODUS 20:12

*Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you*

The Health Committee is sponsoring a 7-week event beginning Thursday, September in the Arthur Center at 5:30pm. Entitled, Project Exodus 20:12, the series focuses on aging with topics that include healthcare, financial planning, long term care, hospice, Medicare, and VA benefits. There will also be presentations on dementia with a dementia simulation event in October. Dr. Kirk Neely will open the series, followed by a panel discussion.

To register, please contact Beth Cecil; bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2136.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - FOR ADULTS, TOO!

We need help supervising Children's Worship during the 11:00 Sanctuary Worship service. The commitment is one Sunday in the fall, one in the winter, and one in the spring. You would help another adult tell a story, serve a snack, and supervise the play of 20 children, ages 4 to 7. The duration is 45 minutes and there is no preparation in advance. If you are a grandparent, please consider giving the gift of worship to young parents by volunteering to help.

If you can help, please contact Beth Burris; 208-2131 / bburris@fpcspartanburg.org or Callie Hammett; calliehammett@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00am Genesis Choir
8:30am Chapel Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:45am Summer Choir
10:30am MorningSong Worship
10:30am Sanctuary Worship
11:30am Food Truck Festival
5:00pm Youth Real Life

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

10:00am Circle Bible Leaders
11:30am Women's Ministries Council

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

12:00pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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.*

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

SEPTEMBER 4

*One Worship Service (10:30am)
Rev. Joanne R. Hull*

SEPTEMBER 11

*Communion
Rally Day
Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes*

SEPTEMBER 14

*WAF Begins
Children's Choirs Begin*

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

Needed weekly:	\$52,786
Received 8/21:	\$49,199

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 Romania:
Reformed Church in Romania, Reformed Church of Transylvania, Bunici Inimosi, Casuta Noastra,
Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania, Friends of Romanian Orphans,
United Protestant Theological Institute, and Conference of European Churches.***

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
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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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