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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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

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

"Allegretto" from Sonata IV

Felix Mendelssohn

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139)

Rev. L. Craig Foster

One: O Lord, you know us completely.
All: **You discern our thoughts from far away.**
One: You are acquainted with all our ways.
All: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.**
One: It is so high we cannot attain it.
All: **You formed our inward parts.**
One: You knit us together in our mothers' wombs,
All: **We are fearfully and wonderfully made.**
One: Bless our time of worship,
All: **and receive our heartfelt praise.**
One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 682

This versification
is a poetic
summary of
Psalm 92 that
derives from the
1912 Psalter with
minor alterations.

The tune, ELLESDIE,
has sometimes
been attributed
to Mozart, but no
connection has
been established
between it
and any of his
compositions.
One possible
source of the
tune name may
be the Ellesdie
Presbyterian
Chapel built
in Dutchess
County, NY in
1844. The name
ELLESDIE has been
associated with
this tune since at
least 1866.

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

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

† HYMN 682

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

ELLESDIE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Artistic and Imaginative Potter,
we are clay formed by Your hands, we are fired in the kiln of Your love.
You make us ready vessels promising to fill us with
Your Living Love, Your Water of Life, and Your Holy Word.
You've formed us ready to receive, open and empty.
You gave us and give us life,
yet we sometimes live in ways that scratch our pretty glaze,
or crack our forms, until we're chipped and broken, leaking love, lacking true life.
Forgive us, O God, if we misused this gift of life and love you have given us.
Repair us, make us whole again, that we might be for you, your soulful useful art.
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 288

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

† 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. Joanne R. Hull

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Pew Bible Page 666

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

SERMON

On the Potter's Wheel

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMISSION CUBAN MISSION TEAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Come, Make a Joyful Sound
Summer Choir

Hal H. Hopson

† 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

Have Thine Own Way, Lord
(see next page)

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Allegro maestoso" from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

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 Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Willard, Jr. by their 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.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Hymn: Have Thine Own Way Lord

After having her hopes of doing missionary work crushed, hymn author Adelaide Pollard became inspired to write a hymn about God working in her life. Written in just a single night, "Have Thine own way, Lord" quickly got published in multiple hymnals. The hymn gives full control over to God, begging him to transform our lives and to work his will in everyone. This classic hymn has reminded generations of believers to submit to God's will at all times and in all circumstances.

1.-4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay.
 Search me and try me, Sa - vior to - day!
 Woun - ded and wea - ry, help me I pray!
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
 Po - wer, all po - wer, sure - ly is thine!
 Fill with thy Spi - rit till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yiel - ded and still.
 as in thy pre - sence hum - bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sa - vior di - vine!
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, li - ving in me!

NEXT SUNDAY IS RALLY DAY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

RALLY DAY!

Children and Their Parents: Meet in the Social Hall at 9:45. We will promote all children (3K to 5th grade) to new classrooms and our VBS puppets will make a cameo appearance. Children will be dismissed with their new teachers to classrooms in the Clark Building.

CHILDREN

Nursery (Birth-2K)
1st Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)
1st Floor Clark Building

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

YOUTH

Youth (6th-12th Grade)
2nd Floor Family Life Center

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210) *A talented and experienced teaching team leads this class for those who want to study the Bible in-depth, book by book.*

CHOIR CLASS (Room 2208) *This class uses the Uniform Lesson Series to frame their study and application of Bible texts to daily living. They meet from 10:00 to 10:30am to accommodate choir members, but anyone can join.*

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Room C212) *This class explores and studies contemporary issues from a variety of perspectives using the Bible, the Christian faith and life, the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, and World Christianity to form its conclusions.*

EMMAUS CLASS (Room 2207) *Join us on our journey as we welcome everyone, with eyes open towards Jesus. We are the loud class at the end of the hall, enjoying fellowship, coffee, and a fresh, new, scripture-based lesson each week.*

FAITH DRIVEN (Room C210) *This class is largely made up of parents of young children and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.*

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2212) *Special, distinctive, and important: The host presents a scholarly and factual study of selected books of the Bible presented with a mature flair and wisdom. All ages feel at home with this loyal group.*

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.*

SPARK (Room 2216) *This class is made up of young adults in their 20's and 30's, both single and married, with and without children, who are interested in connecting and building relationships with each other, while exploring Christianity and the Bible and their applications to life.*

NOTE: All rooms with a C in the room number are located on the 2nd floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2nd floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

LIFE @ FIRST

SEPTEMBER 4, 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 10:30am. 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, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), begins **Sun, Sept 11 at 9:45am in Rm 2200.**

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).

NEXT SUNDAY - REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, September 11, we will resume our regular Sunday Morning Schedule:

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

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Next Sunday, September 11, 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 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. Please pray for each of the members of our trip, and the success of the mission trip to Santa Clara, Cuba.

*If you would like to contribute any of these items, please drop them off at the reception desk by **Tuesday, September 6** and label them "Cuba."*

ITEMS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILY

First Presbyterian will be part of a Good Neighbor Team for a family of five who will be arriving from the Congo in September or October. We are in need of some items to help furnish their apartment: twin bed set, end tables, and a coffee table. Please keep this family in your prayers in their journey to a new life in a new world.

If you can help with any of these items, contact Hannah Lane; hannahlanedc@gmail.com or Alan Workman; aworkman@gracemg.com.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR....

First Steps in Music is our early childhood music program for children birth through age 3 and a parent. 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! Under the GROW menu on the church website, click "Children" and then "Children's Choir" and/or "First Steps in Music" on the menu on the left.

BBC WITH KIRK NEELY MEETS THIS WEEK

The BBC with Kirk Neely will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 10:30am and 7:00pm in the Arthur Center (on Kennedy St) - pick which time suits you. The selection for September is *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. The BBC is open to all interested persons, even those who haven't read this book.

REGISTER FOR PROJECT EXODUS 20:12 TODAY!

The Health Committee is sponsoring a 7-week event beginning Thurs, Sept 8 in the Arthur Center at 5:30pm. Entitled "Project Exodus 20:12", the series focuses on aging. Dr. Kirk Neely will open the series, followed by a panel discussion.

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

JOY FELLOWSHIP TO CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER

JOY Fellowship will attend "Beauty and the Beast" on Sunday, September 11, 3:00pm at the Chapman Cultural Center. Tickets are \$27.00.

*To purchase tickets, please contact Joanie Shackleton;
jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2132.*

TICKLED PINK BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Tickled Pink, A Women's Bible Study, begins Tues, Sept 13, 9:15-10:30am. Snacks and fellowship begins at 9:15 and the teaching is 9:30-10:30. This year our study is "Living His Word, Becoming His Light...A study of John." We will discuss study books, so just bring your smile and wear pink if you like! As before, each lesson is stand alone and you can pick your own level of at-home study. We hope to see you each week, but if you miss, you will not be behind. We are looking forward to seeing you and bring a friend!

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for 9/14: Cuban-Inspired Meal to celebrate our Mission Team as they prepare to depart for Cuba. Meal will include Salad Bar, Bread and Dessert. Children's Corner Cafe: Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauce, Mac-n-Cheese, and Fruit. The dinner cost is \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children with a limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more.

Children's Choirs: 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room

Evensong Worship: 5:15pm in the Chapel

Who is my Neighbor? 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Dr. Kirk H. Neely will lead this five-part series for those who would like to acquire an understanding of indigenous religions, and for those who want to learn the basics of four major faiths - Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children): starts at 6:15pm in the Gym.

Desserts and Devos: For Youth - Meet in the Middle School Class Room at 6:15pm.

Sit 'n Stitch: A time of fellowship and knitting of items for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF dinner calories by walking on the track.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling the church office (583-4531) or on our website (Grow/Registrations...) prior to noon on Monday.

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

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:30am Sanctuary Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day

All Church Facilities Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:30am BBC with Kirk Neely

7:00pm BBC with Kirk Neely

12:00pm Bible Study

6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:00pm Bible Study

12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group

5:30pm Project Exodus

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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 11

Communion

Rally Day

Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes

SEPTEMBER 12

SPARK Fall Kick-off

SEPTEMBER 14

WAF Begins

Children's Choirs Begin

Evensong

SEPTEMBER 16-21

Cuba Mission Trip

OCTOBER 2

World Communion

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

| | |
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| Needed weekly: | \$52,786 |
| Received 8/28: | \$26,307 |

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 church and organizations in South Africa:
Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa,
the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Africa, and the Presbyterian Church of Africa.***

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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STAFF

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