



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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

8:45AM - Chapel

11:00AM - 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

(8:45)

Ein fest Burg

Johann Pachelbel

(11:00)

This Is the Day
Chancel Choir

Jacob Handl

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Annie Colbath

CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:45) Jason Moore

(11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

† 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 275

This hymn is often referred to as "the battle hymn" of the Reformation. This is a hymn close to the hearts of Protestants and Lutherans, a source of assurance in times of duress and persecution. The text is not restricted, however, to times of actual physical battles. In any time of need, when we do battle with the forces of evil, God is our fortress to hide us and protect us, and the Word that endures forever will fight for us.

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

At the 11:00 service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location:
Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

Today we welcome Jason Moore, our Director of Youth Ministry, to the pulpit for our 8:45 Chapel Service.

Jason is a Candidate for the Ministry and has nearly completed his ordination process.

PRAYER ON THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11 (Unison)

God of all creation, our hearts are broken over the destruction and loss we remember this day. And we acknowledge, O Lord, that on that day of human carnage yours was the first heart to break. In our remembering, may we stand with those who mourn and those who cannot stop mourning. Through remembering, may we find new comfort in your care. In our remembering may we be drawn to a new hope for the whole world, and may we gain for ourselves a measure of your peace.

You who can turn the shadow of night into the bright promise of a new day, empower us to shape a world marked by ways of life that lead to justice and peace for all peoples.

We pray at last that you would cultivate such love in us that we may reach out in compassion to all those who are still wounded by the events of that day; and in seeking to heal others, may we experience a love that makes us whole. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus our Christ.

TIME OF SILENCE...

All glory honor and power are yours Almighty God, both now and forever. Amen!

† HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress is our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

(8:45) Rev. Joanne R. Hull

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.

(11:00) Rev. L. Craig Foster

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:

COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

(8:45)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible Page 909

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Good, Good Father

Jason C. Moore

(11:00)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:14-29

Pew Bible Page 876

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Believe... In God

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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For centuries, this Creed was used in question and answer form for those being baptized as they joined the church.

One: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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

(11:00) Rev. Joanne R. Hull

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

This Is My Father's World
Genesis Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

(11:00)

The Heavens are Telling
Chancel Choir
Valerie MacPhail, Reel Robertson, Paul MacPhail, trio

Franz Joseph Haydn

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 108, VERSE 6

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.*

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

Hymn 1

In 325 AD,
Church leaders
convened in the
town of Nicaea
in Bithynia to
formulate a
consensus of
belief and
practice
amongst
Christians. What
resulted was the
Nicene Creed,
a document
passed on
through the ages
as one of the
pillars of church
doctrine. It was
this creed that
inspired Reginald
Heber to write
this great hymn
of praise to the
Triune God. The
words evoke a
sense of awe at
the majesty of
God, and call on
all of creation –
humans, saints
and angels, and
all living things
– to praise the
Godhead three-
in-one.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

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 Carrie N. Judy and Polly D. Judy by Oren Judy and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Many thanks to the Brass Players at today's 11:00 Worship Service: Thomas Cotter and Matthew Gill, trumpet; Staci Cotter, horn; Jeff Kuntz and John McAllister, trombone; Matt McDaniel, timpani.

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.

TODAY 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 11, 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 **today at 9:45am in Room 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).

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Today, as we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers for canned goods and loose change are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall.

PICK UP YOUR NEW CAR DECAL TODAY

A New First Presbyterian Car Decal is available for members today. Stop by the FLC Lobby before or after MorningSong or the Tower Room after the Chapel Service or before and after the Sanctuary Service. The decal features First Presbyterian's signature Cross of St. Andrew in an easy-to-spot bright red! Please take only one decal per vehicle. We are proud to be First Pres!

TICKLED PINK BEGINS TUESDAY!

Tickled Pink, A Women's Bible Study, begins this Tuesday at 9:15am in Fogartie Hall. 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 IS BACK!

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 meet at 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room

Puppet Class meets 5:00-6:00pm in Room 201 (for 6th grade to adult)

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 on the walking track.

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

SPARK FALL KICK-OFF

The Spark Committee extends an invitation to all young adults to join us tomorrow evening, Monday, September 12, 6:30pm-8:30pm at Willy Taco to learn more about what we have planned for the Fall. The restaurant has been exclusively reserved for this Spark Ministry Kick-Off Event and hors-d'oeuvres will be served.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILY - UPDATE!

First Presbyterian Church will be part of a Good Neighbor Team for a family of 5 who will be arriving from the Congo in September or October. This wonderful congregation has already donated most of the needed items, however we are still in need of 1 Toddler Car Seat. 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.

REGISTER FOR THE HEALTH CLINIC

On Wednesday, September 21, 5:30-7:30pm, a Vaccination Clinic and Skin Screening will be held in the Large Private Dining Room and Activity Room in the Family Life Center. Vaccinations available are: Influenza, Pneumonia, Shingles, Gardasil, and Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis. Pre-registration is required. The free skin screening will be held in the Activity Room, 6:15-7:15pm, with a Dermatologist. Ladies should bring a bathing suit to change into for the screening.

To register for the Health Clinic, please contact Beth Cecil, Parish Nurse; 641-8772 / bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org.

READER'S THEATER

Get more out of your worship time! Join our new reader's theater. Our ideal group will be made up of adults, young and not-so-young, and children, ages 12 years and older. We hope our reader's theater will participate in worship leadership through dramatic readings of scripture, prayers, and responses. If you can read and take stage direction, you have what it takes to join. Choral reading will bring a new dimension to our corporate worship and will enrich your individual worship as well.

Please register your interest with Tom Evans (tevans@fpcspartanburg.org) or call him through the church office.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY!

We have choirs starting up this week for ages 4K- Grade 5, beginning Wednesday, September 14 at 5:00pm. All children attending must be registered, and you may do so online (see below). Also this week, while children are meeting with their choir leaders, choir parents are invited to an hors d'oeuvres party, 5:00-5:30, in Room 2207, where you can enjoy some fellowship and also pick up important choir information. Come join us! Just follow the signs!

Register Online! Under the GROW menu on the church website, click "Children" and then "Children's Choir" on the menu on the left.

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am Genesis Choir
8:45am Chapel Worship
8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
3:00pm JOY Fellowship Event
5:00pm Youth: Real Life
6:00pm Chamber Singers

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:30am Women's Circles 3, 5, and 11
2:00pm Women's Circles 2 and 4
6:30pm SPARK Fall Kickoff

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00am Officer Prayer Breakfast
9:15am Tickled Pink
12:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm 2nd Tuesday Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:00pm Men's Bible Study
5:00pm WAF (see article)
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:00pm Bible Study
12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group
5:30pm Project Exodus

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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 18

8:30am Chapel Worship Service
10:30am Sanctuary Worship
Dr. Tom Evans
10:30am MorningSong Worship
Rev. Craig Foster

OCTOBER 2

World Communion

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

Needed weekly:	\$52,786
Received 9/4:	\$27,238

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 South Sudan:
Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, ACROSS,
South Sudan Council of Churches, Sudan Advocacy Action Forum, RECONCILE,
Nile Theological College, and Yei Teacher Training College.***

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
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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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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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