

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

September 13, 2015



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 13, 2015

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.

PRELUDE

First Movement from "Concerto No. 3"

J.G. Walther

ACOLYTE (11:00)

William Holmes

(8:45) Jason Moore

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(11:00) Rev. L. Craig Foster

One: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

All: We love because God first loved us.

One: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

All: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

One: Let us worship God!

1 John 4:16, 19; 3:1; 4:9

Hymn 327

Isaac Watts'
classic hymn
imagines a
whole world of
people, hands
joined together
and a song of
praise on their
lips, and trusts
that through
God's grace
this dream will
be realized; that
the earth will
resound with
music that could
only be sung
in love of the
Creator.

† HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

in Jesus Christ you have shown us a more excellent way,

a way of love that is greater than all other ways.

We confess that we have neglected love.

We have failed to receive it, and we have failed to extend it.

We tie it up with conditions.

We make it conform to our terms.

We cannot accept that it is boundless.

Forgive our timid responses to your great gift.

Open us to love's possibilities,

and expand our view of what love can accomplish, even in us.

We pray in the name of the one who is love made flesh, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE TO PARDON

HYMN 441, V1

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:45) Rev. L. Craig Foster
(11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

Pew Bible Page 949

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

Pew Bible Page 1000

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds:
Growing Together*

Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 13

Pew Bible Page 999

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds:
Share Your Gift*

Scott J. Neely

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Redeeming Grace
Holt Andrews

K. Lee Scott

(11:00)

In the Midst of New Dimensions
Chancel Choir

arr. Jeremy Bankson

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 232, V4

EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT 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

(11:00)

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 801, V5

CRIMOND

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house Forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

POSTLUDE

Third Movement from "Concerto No. 3"

J.G. Walther

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.

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

Hymn 733

Hymn writer,
Rusty Edwards,
received an M.
Div. from Luther
Seminary at
St. Paul, MN,
and a D. Min.
from Graduate
Theological
Foundation at
Notre Dame,
IN. Edwards has
several hymn
collections. He
is a Kentucky
Colonel and an
Honorary Citizen
of Austin, TX.
Tyler, Texas held
a "Rusty Edwards
Hymnwriter Day"
in 2009.

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, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

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.

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

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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

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

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

ADULTS

BETTER TOGETHER (Room 2201) The Spiritual Life Class is hosting Rick Warren's 6-week study "Better Together" (also known as "40 Days of Community") synchronized with the sermon series and devotional readings. All are welcome to join in!

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.

LIFE @ FIRST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

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

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 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). The next class begins TODAY and will conclude October 11. This five-week course meets in Room 2200, 9:45-10:45am.

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 - CELEBRATE SCOTT NEELY'S MINISTRY!

All are invited to Fogartie Hall, following today's 11:00 Worship Service to celebrate the ministry of Scott Neely.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - SEPTEMBER 16

Enjoy faith, food, and fellowship with your family and friends at Wednesdays at First. Make your dinner reservations by noon on Mondays. Dinner Cost: \$7.00 Adults and Youth (12-54); \$6.00 Senior Adults (55+); \$4.00 Children's Mini Main Menu (child's portion of the weekly menu); \$4.00 Children's Corner Café (chicken tenders, mac & cheese, and apple slices); maximum family charge is \$20.

Menu: Salad Bar, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Bread, Dessert

To Sign Up for Dinner: on the church homepage, click on the My First Pres Celtic Cross Banner beside the Calendar icon, fill out the "pink reservation card" in the Fellowship Pad, or contact Didi Terry in the church office; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30-7:15pm	Nursery Care	C106
5:00-6:30pm	Dinner Serving Line Open	Fogartie Hall
5:00-5:35pm	Joyful Sound Choir (4K)	Clark Bldg, 2 nd Floor
5:00-5:45pm	Children's Choirs (5K-5 th Grade)	Clark Bldg, 2 nd Floor
5:10-5:35pm	First Steps in Music	Room C212
5:15-5:45pm	Healing and Wholeness Service	Chapel
6:15-7:15pm	Christian Recreation for Children	Gym
6:30-7:15pm	Activities:	
	Book Study	Sanctuary
	Family Playtime	Near Side of Gym
	Sit 'n Stitch	FLC Lobby
	Wednesday Walkers	FLC Walking Track
6:30-7:15pm	Youth Bible Study	FLC Middle School Room
6:30-8:00pm	Women's Spark Small Group	Parlor
7:00-8:30pm	Men's Spark Small Group	Offsite
7:30-9:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE - WEDNESDAY

The Healing and Wholeness Service provides an opportunity to pray for the healing of oneself and others, reflect on the components of healing, receive communion, and experience God's blessing. This service will be held at 5:15pm in the Chapel.

LIFE TOGETHER SEMINAR, SUNDAYS, SEPT 13-OCT 11

On Sunday, September 13 - October 11, 3:30-5:00pm in Room 2208, this discussion-rich small group study will dive deeply into the context, content, and application of Bonhoeffer's Life Together. Reading the book is required, and attendance of the WAF series or watching the recordings online will be beneficial. The book is \$12.

For information, contact Katie Resumovic; kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2129.

THIS WEEK'S READING SCHEDULE

Better Together: Rick Warren's "40 Days of Community" Devotional Readings

We're Called to Serve Together

Sun, Sept 13	Day 29	By Being Willing to Serve
Mon, Sept 14	Day 30	By Helping Each Other
Tues, Sept 15	Day 31	By Being Generous with Each Other
Wed, Sept 16	Day 32	By Being Humble with Each Other
Thurs, Sept 17	Day 33	By Using Our Talents to Bless Each Other
Fri, Sept 18	Day 34	By Sacrificing for Each Other
Sat, Sept 19	Day 35	By Cooperating with Each Other

TICKLED PINK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Susan Oldham and Ansley Page are tickled pink and all smiles about seeing you on September 15th from 9:15 until 10:30 in Fogartie Hall! This year's Bible study will begin with a yummy brunch. This fall Ansley will connect the dots for us with a quick Old Testament review and then they will dive into the rest of the story of Jesus the Christ found in the Gospel of Matthew. Come discover how God is faithful from beginning to end! All are welcome, so invite your friends as well!

CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Make your calendars for Sunday, September 27th for a church-wide potluck lunch!! We will gather after the 11:00 service of worship in Fogartie Hall and fellowship with our church family celebrating the culmination of the church-wide book study!!

<u>If your last name begins with:</u>	<u>Please bring:</u>
A-H	Meat / Main Dish
I - P	Side Dish / Salad
Q - Z	Dessert or Bread

*We fellowship better together!! We grow better together!! We serve better together!!
We worship better together!! We reach out better together!!*

OPEN PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP

Our Sunday morning ministry to individuals with special needs is currently taking registrations for the 2015-2016 program year. Our ministry, called the Open Path, offers activities on Sunday mornings, 9:45am-12:00pm, for people with a variety of physical, cognitive, and behavioral special needs. Please contact Beth Burris (bburris@fpcspartanburg.org/864-208-2131) for additional information or to begin the registration process.

*For information or to register, please contact Beth Burris;
bburris@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2131.*

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:30am Men's Breakfast
8:45am Chapel Worship
8:45am MorningSong Worship
9:45am Sunday School
10:45am Session: Receive New Members
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
12:00pm Celebration of
the Ministry of Scott Neely
3:30pm Life Together Seminar
4:30pm First Steps in Music
5:00pm Real Life
5:15pm First Steps in Music

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00am Women's Circle 11
10:15am Women's Circle 2
10:30am Women's Circles 3 and 5
12:00pm Officer Prayer Lunch
7:00pm Women's Circle 12

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:15am Tickled Pink
12:00pm "Life Together" Study
3:30pm Women's Circle 9
5:30pm College: UKirk
6:15pm Handbells

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00am Christians in the Making
Bible Study
12:00pm Men's Bible Study
5:00pm WAF (see article)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:15am First Steps in Music
10:00am First Steps in Music
12:00pm "Life Together" Study
5:00pm Dream Group

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

SEPTEMBER 20

Worship led by:

8:45 MorningSong - Jason Moore

8:45 Chapel - Dr. Tom Evans

11:00 Sanctuary - Dr. Tom Evans

(see insert for more information)

SEPTEMBER 27

Church-wide Potluck Lunch

BUDGET

Needed weekly:	\$49,499
Received 9/6:	\$52,814

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; **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; **Education:** Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association; Arcadia Outreach Ministry; Presbytery Unified Funds; The Shepherd's 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; Vacation Bible School; **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 sister churches in our Presbytery:
First Presbyterian (Greer) and First Presbyterian (Simpsonville).
And for this partner church: the Church of Bangladesh.***

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2016: Vic Bailey, Bert Barre, Jay Beeson, Jennifer Biber, Billy Blackford, Mark Cann, David Cecil, Paul Cote, Fred Cumbo, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Janet Kuntz, Valerie MacPhail, Eric Nease, Darwin Simpson

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, Mark Coleman, Mary Dixon, Ken Frick, Mark Hicklin, David Ike, Kay McClure, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Susan Oldham, Carter Smith, Pat Tatham, Donna Thornton

DIACONATE

Class of 2016: Orin Beach, Harry Clayton, Mary Deller, John Donovan, Phillip Glover, Pamela Heath, Laura Hollar, Arthur Jones, Eunice Knouse, Alice Madsen, Kevin Marsh, Tommy Rudeen, John Tatham, Rob Usry

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

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 for Young Adults; **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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RECOMMENDATION FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Your Congregational Nominating Committee needs the help of our members in nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons.

Please return this form with your suggestion of one name. You may submit additional copies of this form with additional suggestions for Elder or Deacon. You may suggest any member of First Presbyterian Church, including yourself.

I suggest the following person to serve as:

☐ Elder or ☐ Deacon:

I believe that this person should be considered because:

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

You may submit your suggestion by:

- ☐ Returning this form to the church office.
- ☐ Mailing this form to:
Cathy Bagwell, CNC Chair
First Presbyterian Church
393 E. Main St
Spartanburg, SC 29302-1917
- ☐ Emailing: cathybagwell@att.net

*Please use one form for each person
that you suggest.*

**Deadline for submittal is noon,
Sunday, September 13, 2015.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

*Next Sunday is a busy day at First Presbyterian.
Check out these events and join in.*

BOOK NOOK CELEBRATION

The refurbished children's collection of the Book Nook at First Pres is one-year-old this month! Join us following the 11:00am worship service for a celebration in the Parlor. Children can decorate their own book bag and play games in the courtyard. Delicious treats and a chance to learn more about The Book Nook and alternative giving ideas will be available for everyone!

OLDER ADULT LUNCH

Join Pastor Joanne at Select Restaurant (880 S. Pine St) at 12:30pm. Seating is limited.

*RSVP to Joanie Shackleton;
jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2132.*

WALK FOR THE HOMELESS

Please help the youth as they participate in Miracle Hill's Walk for the Homeless! You can donate online or register to walk yourself at the Miracle Hill website. If you register to walk, please choose "First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg" to become part of our team! This is such an important local cause; please support our youth with gifts and participation. The Walk begins at Barnet Park at 2:00pm.

NOCHE CUBANA!

Join us for Noche Cubana, a festive evening of food and entertainment to raise money for the upcoming Cuban Choir's visit to the USA and to First Presbyterian. You'll enjoy authentic Cuban food and entertainment by Matias Mariani and Eranga Goonetillecke, as well as the FPC Chambers Singers. You'll also have a chance to learn more about this unique mission project and ways you can help. Dinner is at 5:30 with music to follow. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, with a \$20 max per family. RSVP by Wednesday, September 16.

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