



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.”

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 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

*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

ACOLYTE (11:00)

John Mullen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. L. Craig Foster

One: We are gathered to worship our God.

All: **Send your Spirit upon us.**

One: We come from many places, with many burdens.

All: **Send your Spirit upon us.**

One: We turn our hearts to you, O God.

All: **Send your Spirit upon us,  
and make us your beloved family.**

One: Let us worship God!

† *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 280

Janie Alford was born in 1887 in Nashville, TN, and worked as a medical secretary. She briefly studied library science in college and helped start the library at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, where she was a charter member. She wrote this text in 1979 when she was ninety-two years old, although she had written poetry all her life. Hal Hopson encouraged Alford to write hymns based on the seasons of the church year. This hymn was included in *Nine Hymns for the Church Year* in response to that request.

† HYMN 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all hope and joy,  
we confess that we continue to live in fear.  
You send your Word to enliven us,  
yet we remain dry bones.  
You send your Spirit to empower us,  
yet we fail to dream new dreams.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Lead us according to your way,  
guide us into your truth,  
and deliver us from death to life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Holy Spirit, renew and restore us. Call us into our true being as Your children. Create in us a new heart full of love for You and for each other. We are forgiven, restored, and renewed, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 624, V 5

TOULON

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

**All: And also with you.**

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:45) Rev. Christi O. Brown  
(11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

MOMENT FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

(8:45) Pat Tatham  
(11:00) Kevin DeMark

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:27-29

Pew Bible Page 788

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:25-26; 16:13-14

Pew Bible Page 939

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*The Apostles' Creed: The Gift of the Advocate*

Rev. Christi O. Brown

(11:00)

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Christi O. Brown

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Elliott Elizabeth Pruitt*

*Daughter of Erin and David Pruitt*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-14

Pew Bible Page 1027

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*The Apostles' Creed: Holy Spirit*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

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

Pick-up Location:  
Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(11:00) Rev. Joanne R. Hull

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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.**

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

## 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)

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Jody Lindh

Genesis Choir

(11:00)

*If Ye Love Me*

Philip Wilby

Chancel Choir

### † 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!*

#### Hymn 286

The text is a prayer for renewal by God's Spirit, a renewal that is to be expressed in a life of love, in purity of heart and will, and in an intimacy with God that heralds the perfection of eternal life. In both Hebrew and Greek, the Word for "spirit" is the same as "wind/air/breath"; thus in this text the Spirit of God is referred to as "Breath of God."

### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### † HYMN 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Choral Song*

Samuel Wesley

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

**All:** And also with you.

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*The flowers in the Sanctuary* are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William M. and Jean R. Croes 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.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

## CHILDREN

Nursery (Birth-2K)

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Building

*To see your child's lesson for this week (Preschool and Elementary), visit [www.Deepbluekids.com](http://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.*

## YOUTH

Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.



# LIFE @ FIRST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

*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 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Today, we will collect our annual offering for *One Great Hour of Sharing*. One Great Hour of Sharing benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Programs, and Self-Development Programs for peoples around the world. Please use the envelope provided in your worship bulletin and mark your check with “*One Great Hour of Sharing*”. Fish banks were given to the children last week for them to return to the church today. Your contribution makes a difference!

## NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD COMMUNION & BREAD OFFERING

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. This year, celebrate Communion Sunday by bringing bread to the communion table. Please bring a loaf of bread on October 2. Following the service, we will share the bread with those in need in our community.

## HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Next Sunday, October 2, 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).

## 4TH TUESDAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

Food and Volunteers are set for this week, however **additional donations are needed**: Sleeping bags, undergarments; socks; deodorant; pre-moistened cleansing cloths; razors; shaving cream; prepackaged food items. Other specific, individual needs can be found in this week's Weekly Email.

*For more information on how you can help with this mission, please contact: Tina Hamilton, Beth DeLaney, or Will DeLaney: 864/908-8753 or 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.*

## WINTER WARMTH NEEDS....

On Saturday, November 12, our congregation will distribute over 1,400 winter coats to children in Spartanburg County during our annual Winter Warmth Mission.

**... Volunteers:** It takes many people to lead this event, and we need your help with event set up, registration, fitting children with coats, managing traffic, and clean up.

*To volunteer, contact Shannon Stewart; 208-2133/sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org.*

**... Donations** of new or knitted caps, scarves, and gloves are needed to give to the infants and toddlers of our Winter Warmth families.

*To donate, please bring item(s) listed above to the church office.*

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu for 9/28: *Salad Bar, Beef Stew, Rice, Apples, Bread, 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)

**Evening Prayer Service:** 5:15pm in the Chapel. A simple service to join in prayer and reflect on the Scriptures to be used in Worship the following Sunday.

**Who is my Neighbor?** 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Dr. Kirk H. Neely is leading 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 for a special time of fellowship with dessert. Afterwards, Middle and High Schoolers will separate out for a special devotion designed for their respective age groups.

**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.*

## STUDY: THE THEOLOGY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This week, Nan and Tom McDaniel will begin a new study on "The Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr." which will meet Tuesdays in the Arthur Center OR Thursdays in the Library, 12-1pm, and will conclude the week of Dec 1. Dr. King was a pastor before he became the leading voice of the Civil Rights Movement, and he remained a pastor and deep theological thinker throughout his life. His words and his actions were deeply grounded in his rich understanding of Christian theology. This timely study will explore that theology using Rufus Burrow, Jr.'s book, *Martin Luther King, Jr. for Armchair Theologians*. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$13. You may come on either Tuesday or Thursday each week.

## 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](http://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, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00am Genesis Choir  
8:45am Chapel Worship  
8:45am MorningSong Worship  
8:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
5:00pm Youth: Real Life

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:15am Tickled Pink  
12:00pm MLK, Jr. Study  
5:30pm 4th Tuesday Meal Ministry  
6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00am Christians in the Making  
12:00pm Men's Bible Study  
5:00pm WAF (see article)  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:00pm MLK, Jr. Study  
12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group  
5:30pm Project Exodus

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00am Youth: Christmas in Action

*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](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/recreation).*

## LOOKING FORWARD . . .

### OCTOBER 2

*World Communion*

8:45am Chapel Worship Service  
Rev. Craig Foster  
8:45am MorningSong Worship  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
Dr. Tom Evans

### OCTOBER 30

*Stewardship Sunday  
Kirkin' o' the Tartans  
Highland Games*

### NOVEMBER 6

*All Saints' Day Observed*

### NOVEMBER 22

*Community Thanksgiving Service  
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary*

## ***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 Thailand:  
Church of Christ in Thailand; American Baptist Convention; Disciples of Christ; ELCA;  
Mennonite Central Committee; Church of Scotland; and Leprosy Mission.***

## **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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**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**

**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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