



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
OCTOBER 9, 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 *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

arr. Wilbur Held

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Rookhie Sullivan

INTROIT (11:00)

Kum ba Yah
Junior Choristers

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. L. Craig Foster

One: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

All: **We speak different languages and sing different hymns.**

One: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

All: **Yet, as we gather together for worship today,
we become one body, one family in Christ.**

One: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.

All: **Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship
and true communion with God this day.**

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.

This hymn opens with a jubilant call to rejoice in the reign of our Lord. The middle stanzas are rich in biblical allusions to the triumphant reign of Christ. We are assured that Jesus has removed the guilt of our sin and is now reigning at God's right hand, in complete control over death and hell (Hebrews 1:3, Revelation 1:18). The final stanza reminds us to look forward in hope of Christ's Second Coming (1 Peter 1:21) In view of this joyful future, the refrain reminds us to "Rejoice, again I say rejoice" (see Philippians 4:4).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God,

we confess the times we have done nothing to advance your kingdom,
the times we have hoped or assumed that the kingdom of God happens
without us sowing seeds.

We are sorry for thinking

we are too busy or
too insignificant to do your work in the world.

Sometimes we work hard to make your kingdom come on earth,
yet we see few results.

We confess we get discouraged

when the world does not respond as we think it should.

Forgive our impatience.

Give us courage to work for the coming of your kingdom
and patience to wait for your time.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom.

God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people.

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 716, V 1

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger.

Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone,
no matter what their background, no matter what their social status;
as Christ welcomed enemies and friends,
outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors,
let us open our hearts and homes and lives.

Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

(8:45) Bert Barre
(11:00) Kam Neely

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:20-21

Pew Bible Page 911

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Stewardship Through the Lord's Prayer:
God's Kingdom is Within You*

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-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

Hymnal Page 35

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

(8:45) Sherry Lee / (11:00) Dawn Bingham

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please remain seated and join in singing)

Albert Hay Malotte

*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.*

Those leading the Prayers of the People this morning were recent participants with our September Mission Team to Cuba.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

I Lift Up Mine Eyes
Holt Andrews

Allen Pote

(11:00)

Lead Me, Lord
Chancel Choir
Katie Jo O'Neal, solo

Will Todd

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 643, V 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 310

Timothy Dwight
is the most
important
name in early
American
hymnology. He
graduated from
Yale College
in 1769 and
became, for
a short time, a
chaplain in the
United States
Army. After a
pastorate, he
taught in an
Academy, until
his appointment,
in 1795, as
President of Yale
College.

† HYMN 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"

Charles Callahan

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 honor of Sylvia Jennings in grateful appreciation for 24 years of faithful service as the pianist and organist for the Purnell and Ladies Chapel Sunday School Classes.

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)

1st Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)

2nd Floor Clark Building

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.

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

OCTOBER 9, 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 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).

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu for 10/12:** *Salad Bar, Baked Spaghetti, 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.

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.

REGISTER FOR BASKETBALL BEFORE OCTOBER 28

Boys and Girls in Grades 1-12 are welcome. Cost is \$75 per player. Practices begin in November. Register on the church website (Grow/Recreation...)

Questions? Want to help coach?

Contact Colleen McCullough; 208-2309 / cmccullough@fpcspartanburg.org.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS ON STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 30, 8:45 and 11:00am in the Sanctuary (*Chapel and MorningSong services will meet together in the Sanctuary*), we will remember our Presbyterian heritage through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. And we will celebrate God's blessings on our congregation, pledging towards the mission and ministry of our congregation in 2017. Short bread and cookies will be served in the Parlor and Interior Courtyard, 9:45-10:45am. Food Trucks and Highland games begin at 10:45 . . .

... AND HIGHLAND GAMES AND FOOD TRUCK LUNCH

Join us as we gather together for lunch, highland games, and fellowship on Kirkin' Sunday, October 30. The food trucks will be in the Family Life Center parking lot, 10:45am-1:30pm, so that you can join in the fun whether you attend the early or late Kirkin' worship service. Don't forget to wear your plaid and bring your lawn chairs and money for lunch. There will be highland games and bouncy houses for kids, and a meal that someone else will prepare and clean up. Invite friends to join us for this special Sunday. Bring a visitor and you will each get a coupon for a free food truck dessert.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT

The month of January is a time for looking backward and forward. Join new and old friends January 27-29 at The Cove in Asheville as the Rev. Katherine Smith leads us in a time of learning, creativity, rejuvenation, and rest. We'll explore Jesus' admonition to make space for new wineskins in our personal lives, our work, and our church. Whether you're an artist or an executive, a mom with young children or a retiree, this retreat will have something for everyone to enjoy. Register today; Early bird registration ends December 16!

Register online (fpcspartanburg.org/events/wr) or pick up a form at the church.

CHESTNUT STREET PARKING AT NOON ON WEEKDAYS

If you have been at the church around noon on a weekday, you know the flurry of activity that happens on Chestnut Street as parents and grandparents pick up children from our Weekday School. In order to keep our children safe, please refrain from parking in the yellow striped areas. In addition, please move all cars parked in the marked spaces along Chestnut Street by 11:45am each weekday. Parked cars in the pick-up line disrupt the safe flow of traffic and create a safety hazard when combined with the normal two-way traffic on Chestnut. Please help us to keep this busy time at the church running smoothly and safely!

NURSERY EMPLOYEE WANTED

The FPC nursery is seeking staff. We need several new employees to care for our infants, toddlers, and two's on Sundays from 8:30am to 12:15pm. If you are interested or know a prospective candidate . . .

. . . please contact Beth Burris; 864-208-2131 / bburris@fpcspartanburg.org.

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, OCTOBER 9

7:30am Men's Breakfast
8:45am Chapel Worship
8:45am MorningSong Worship
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am Welcome Class
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
5:00pm Youth: Real Life

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:30am Women's Circles 3, 5, 11
2:00pm Women's Circle 2/4

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00am Officer Prayer Breakfast
9:15am Tickled Pink
10:30am Women's Circle 7
12:00pm Study: *Theology of MLK, Jr.*
6:00pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:30am Men's Study Group
7:00am Men's Study Group
4:00pm High School Fall Retreat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00am Women's Circle 9

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

OCTOBER 16

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

OCTOBER 19

Family Worship

NOVEMBER 6

All Saints' Day Observed

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

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| Needed weekly: | \$52,786 |
| Received 10/2: | \$61,878 |

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 the United Kingdom:
Church of Scotland; United Reformed Church; The Presbyterian Church of Wales;
Churches Together in Britain and Ireland; The Iona Community; and Time for God.***

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

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