



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 23, 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)

O God, Beyond All Praising

arr. Charles Callahan

(11:00)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Handbell Choir

Valerie Stephenson

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Caroline Colbath

† 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.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:45) Jason C. Moore
(11:00) Rev. Christi O. Brown

One: As the rains pour from heaven,
soaking the earth that it may produce good things....
**All: So God pours love upon us,
that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.**
One: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.
**All: God desires that we use these gifts and talents
for healing, peace, and hope.**
One: Celebrate the mighty love and power of God.
All: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.
One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 610

"If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all." So said Peter Böhler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of this classic hymn. Written to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Charles' conversion to Christianity, this declaration of Christ's power and victory in his own life, rich in Biblical imagery of the Kingdom of God, becomes our own hymn of praise. We stand with the angels before the throne of God, lifting our voices as one church to glorify the one who "bids our sorrows cease."

† HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy upon us, O God,
according to thy loving-kindness:
according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we acknowledge our transgressions:
and our sin is ever before us.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from thy presence;
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, amen.
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: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ,
let us share that grace 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

(11:00) Jason C. Moore

(8:45) Betsy Cann

(11:00) Kendal Agnew

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 Dr. Kirk H. Neely to our pulpit. Dr. Neely has served on staff at First Presbyterian as Pastoral Counselor since September 2014.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

The Incredible Optimism of Jesus

Dr. Kirk H. Neely

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:19-20

Pew Bible Page 866

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you;
and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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

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)

Witness
Holt Andrews

traditional spiritual

(11:00)

At the Name of Jesus
Chancel Choir

René Clausen

† 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 708

When he wrote this hymn, Bishop William W. How appended a reference to Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever has pity on the poor lends to the Lord" - a Scripture that characterizes not only this hymn text but also much of How's ministry to the poor in the east side of London, England. This is a hymn about bringing our gifts to be used for the church's ministry of word and deed to needy people - in other Words, our ministry for Christ. This text declares that everything in creation already belongs to God and that what we give and what we keep are all to be used gratefully in God's service.

† HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In Thee Is Gladness

J.S. Bach

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 Michael R. "Mike" Williams by his wife Jan, and his children, Michael E. Williams and Adrienne W. Enger.

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 23, 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 THIS WEEK

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu for 10/26:** *Salad Bar, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Lima Beans, 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

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.

Cuba Mission Report, 6:30pm in the Chapel. Our Cuba Mission Team recently returned and has much to share with our congregation! Come hear what God is doing through our partnerships in Cuba.

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.*

NEXT SUNDAY ...

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.

FOURTH TUESDAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 1502 for sponsoring the 4th Tuesday Neighborhood Meal Ministry this Tuesday, October 25 at 5:00pm in the Arthur Center. We have plenty of volunteers, however, donations are needed.

Meal Donations: Chicken, Stuffing, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans or Peas, Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Desserts.

Other Donations: Individually-wrapped food items and canned foods, toilet tissue, book bags, sleeping bags, blankets, jackets, hoodies, hand warmers, gloves, toboggans, and men's and women's clothes.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Will DeLaney, Beth DeLaney, or Tina Hamilton; 908-8753 / 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.

WE NEED YOUR OLD TEDDY BEARS!

On Saturday, October 29 (10am-3pm), Ukirk is partnering with VCOM to present a Trunk or Treat during their annual Pediatric Wellness Fair, and we need your help! We are looking for donations of new or gently loved teddy bears, new or old medical bandaging supplies, lollipop sticks, gloves, masks, gauze etc. Also, instead of candy we will be giving away healthy snacks, so any donations of items such as single serving fruit snacks, granola bars, popcorn, veggie straws, dried fruit, pretzels etc. would be greatly appreciated! Items can be dropped off at the church before Friday, October 28.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Penny Wright; pwright@fpcspartanburg.org / 921-8809.

ADDITIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Disaster Relief Coordinator: The Mission Committee is looking for an individual who is interested in coordinating disaster relief efforts. This individual needs to be flexible enough to take part in planning and coordinating efforts when disaster strikes.

If you have an interest, please contact Pat Tatham at pjtatham@charter.net.

Mission Trips: Haiti: January 21-28; Dominican Republic Week 1: February 4-11; Dominican Republic Week 2: February 11-18

For more information, contact Shannon Stewart at sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org.

REGISTER FOR BASKETBALL BEFORE FRIDAY

Boys and Girls in Grades 1-12 are welcome. Cost is \$75 per player. Practices begin in November. Register by Oct 28 on the church website (Grow/Recreation...)

Questions? Want to help coach?

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

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, or 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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:45am Chapel Worship
8:45am MorningSong Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:15am Tickled Pink
12:00pm Study: *Theology of MLK, Jr.*
5:00pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

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 . . .

OCTOBER 30

8:45am and 11:00am
Kirin' o' the Tartans Worship
in the Sanctuary
Dr. Thomas E. Evans

NOVEMBER 1

Presbytery Meeting (First Pres, Greer)

NOVEMBER 6

All Saints' Day Observed
Communion
Daylight Savings Time Ends

NOVEMBER 12

Winter Warmth Distribution

NOVEMBER 22

Community Thanksgiving Service
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

Needed weekly:	\$52,786
Received 10/9 & 10/16:	\$67,991

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 organizations in Zimbabwe:
the Presbytery of Zimbabwe of the Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa
and the Harare Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.***

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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