



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

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

CHRIST THE KING

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

Now Thank We All Our God

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Paul Manz

Rookhie Sullivan

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the Lord our God,

All: **who has sent us a mighty Savior.**

One: Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **who reigns in glory forever.**

One: Let us worship God!

(8:45) Andy Pulliam

(11:00) Brady Johnson

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8). This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints’ Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

Hymn 2

In this hymn, we
praise God as
our King and
Ruler, addressing
each Person of
the Trinity in turn,
and end with
a request that
"His Sovereign
majesty May we
in glory see."

† HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Sovereign God,

we confess that have not turned away from sin.

You sent Jesus down to save us and we handed him over to die.

You lifted him up on the cross and still we mocked your holy realm.

Forgive us, God of grace. We know not what we do.

Save us from our sin and death,

so that we may know true life in you.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has rescued us for the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(Colossians 1:13-14)

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 336, v3

KREMSE

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

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

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body. Peace be with you. (Colossians 3:15)

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:45) Jason Moore
(11:00) 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:1-9

Pew Bible Page 964

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

King Jesus

Jason Moore

(11:00)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mattison Tedards Mayfield
Daughter of Norman and Corey Mayfield

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Audrey Katherine Moore
Daughter of Kate and Joe Moore

Rev. Christi O. Brown

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-79

Pew Bible Page 889

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Feet for Peace

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

HYMN 109

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

Verse 1, Solo; Verse 2, Choir;

The Congregation is Asked to Join in on Verse 3

Baptism enacts
and seals
what the Word
proclaims: God's
redeeming
grace offered
to all people.
The Baptism
of children
witnesses to the
truth that God's
love claims
people before
they are able to
respond in faith.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(11:00) Jason Moore

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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)

If God Be For Us
Genesis Choir

Clifford McCormick

(11:00)

This Is My Father's World
Chancel Choir
Marcia Andrews and Bruce Campbell, piano

Mack Wilberg

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn 643

Martin Rinkart wrote the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," originally meant to be a prayer said before meals. Rinkart could recognize that our God is faithful, and even when the world looks bleak, He is "bounteous" and is full of blessings, if only we look for them. Blessings as seemingly small as a dinner meal or as large as the end of a brutal war are all reasons to lift up our thanks to God, with our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY (8:45) *Now Thank We All Our God*

J.S. Bach

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (11:00)

HYMN 367, V4

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Erik Hudson Neely by his 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.

SLATE OF NOMINEES
for the Class of 2020
OFFICE OF RULING ELDER
and
OFFICE OF DEACON
as proposed by the
Congregational Nominating Committee.

The Congregational Nominating Committee consists of:

Elders:	Cathy Bagwell, chair; Kay McClure, vice-chair; Dick Carr, Linda West
Deacons:	Molly Colbath, Max Hyde, Harriet Ike
Members-at-Large:	Andy Halligan, Lynn Bailey, Marsh Rogers, Beth Lancaster, Hillary Brock, Doug Baker, Gordon Cooper

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA:**

At the direction of the Session, the congregation is called to meet on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the conclusion of the 11:00 service of worship. In accordance with the revisions to the Limited Term Plan adopted by the congregation on January 10, 1993, only one person is being nominated for each office. Nominations may be made from the floor. The nominees must have been contacted and expressed a willingness to serve. Information concerning the church activities of any such nominee should be presented at the time of nomination.

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT. It is for information. You must be present at the stated time to vote.

“Elders and Deacons should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.”

*The Book of Order
Presbyterian Church (USA)*

OFFICE OF RULING ELDER



Dr. Leland Grant Close Jr.

Member Since 6/1/1980

Spouse: Gloria

Lee is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. He has served as Chair of the Strategic Planning Team, on the Pastor Nominating and Worship Committees, and as Clerk of Session. Lee has served as both an Elder and Deacon.



Ms. Laura Beeson Henthorn

Member Since 12/5/2001

Children: Ashley and Abby

Laura is in Real Estate Development. She is a 5th Grade Sunday School Teacher and works with the Youth and MorningSong set up team. Laura has previously served on the Finance Committee and as an Adult Teacher. She is a Board Member of the Downtown Rotary Club.

Mrs. Cecilia Haggerty Cogdell

Member Since 3/22/1987

Spouse: Jerry

Celia is a Retired Professor Emerita, USC Upstate. She has served as both a Deacon and an Elder. Celia serves on the Worship and Communion to the Farthest Pew Committees and is the Elder Representative to Foothills Presbytery meetings.



Mr. Joseph Whitner Kennedy Jr.

Member Since 5/22/2011

Spouse: Donna

Whit is the CEO of Inman Stone. He currently serves as an Elder and is the Chair of the Facilities Committee. Whit is also the Chair of the Spartanburg County Planning and Development Commission.



Mrs. Suzanne Boulware Cole

Member Since 2/24/2013

Spouse: Derham

Children: Derham, III

Suzu is an Attorney and Executive Director. She has served on the Weekday School Board of Directors and as a Confirmation Covenant Family Leader and a High School Small Group Leader.



Mr. Stephen Craig Long

Member Since 10/7/2012

Spouse: Lynn

Craig is retired from Milliken. He currently serves as Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Task Force and is on the Ushers' Guild. Craig is also the Chair of the Wofford College Parents Advisory Council.

Mr. Andrew Chandler Darr

Member Since 4/14/2002

Spouse: Neely

Andrew in an Account Executive with CWS Insurance Agency, Inc. He currently serves on the SPARK (Young Adult) Committee and as a Senior High Basketball Coach. Andrew has also served as a Real Life (Youth) Leader.



Mr. Jason Curtis Lynch

Member Since 8/5/2007

Spouse: Griffin

Children: Wallace, Harriet, John

Jason is general counsel for OTO Development. He has served on the Board and as Treasurer of the Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg, the Charles Lea Center Foundation Board, and the Pine Street School Foundation Board.



Mrs. Melissa Cashdollar France

Member Since 8/18/1985

Spouse: Gordon

Melissa is a homemaker. She has served as Secretary of the Diaconate, as well as on the Welcome Class and Visitors Committees. Melissa is a Stephen Minister and has been a part of our Dominican Republic and Cuba Mission Teams.



Mr. David Ashley Millinor

Member Since 3/19/1995

Spouse: Ashley

Children: Charlie and David

Ashley is an Account Manager. He currently serves as a Boys' Basketball Coach, an Usher, and Covenant Family Leader. Ashley is involved with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and in the Faith Builders Sunday School Class.

OFFICE OF RULING ELDER



Mr. Herbert Bays Moore Jr.

Member Since 9/12/1971

Spouse: Lynda

Bert is President of Diversified Colors, Inc. He has served as both an Elder and Deacon. He is a Sunday School teacher and a teacher of one of our Friday Morning Men's Bible Studies. Bert is also involved with Habitat for Humanity.

Dr. Steven Andrew Richards

Member Since 10/11/2015

Spouse: Caroline

Steven is a General Dentist. He serves as an Usher and with the Neighborhood Meal Ministry. Steve has also been a member of the Dominican Republic Mission Team.



Mrs. Jessalyn Wynn Story

Member Since 7/12/1987

Spouse: Chris

Children: Wynn and Suzanna

Jessalyn is the Director of the Center for Community-Based Learning at Wofford College. She currently serves on the Stewardship Committee. Jessalyn has also served on the Congregational Nominating Committee.



Mrs. Monica Ingraham Threatt

Member Since 7/28/1996

Spouse: Geoffrey

Children: Ian, Abigail, and Mary Claire

Monica is a Math Instructional Coach. She currently serves as an Elder and is a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Committee Member.



Mrs. Linda Sangster West

Member Since 1/19/1997

Linda is a Project Coordinator with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. She is an Elder and currently serves on the Officer Placement, Endowment Advancement, and Congregational Nominating Committees. Linda is active in the Emmaus Sunday School Class. She has also served on the



Women Giving for Spartanburg and the Spartanburg Regional Foundation Legacy Society and President's Circle.

OFFICE OF DEACON



Dr. William Forrest Adair Jr.

Member Since 2/15/2009

Spouse: Samantha

Children: Anna Caroline and Elizabeth

Will is a General Dentist. He serves as a Deacon, a Worship Greeter, and is Chair of the Health Committee. Will is a Healthy Smiles Board Member and is Vice President of the Spartanburg County Dental Society.

Mr. Vollie Cleveland Bailey IV

Member Since 9/29/1996

Spouse: Ruthie

Vic is an attorney and automobile dealer. He is currently serving as a Deacon, the Chair of the Offering Committee, and serves on the Purnell Committee. Vic is on the Board of Trustees of the Mary Black Health System and is vice-chair of the Board of Directors of Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg.



Mr. Steven Caldwell Blanton Jr.

Member Since 10/7/2012

Spouse: Anna

Children: Wells

Steven is the CFO for Brown Packing Co, Inc. He currently serves as a Deacon and on the Visitor Follow-up Committee. Steven is a Cherokee County Councilmember and serves at the Hope Center for Children.



Mr. William Vinson Cummings

Member Since 2/15/2009

Spouse: Cindy

Bill is a retired attorney. He currently serves as a Deacon and has been a volunteer and board member of both Mobile Meals and Spartanburg Regional Hospice. Bill is also a Stephen Minister.



Mr. Christopher Richard Curtis

Member Since 2/15/2009

Spouse: Amy

Children: Christopher, Mary, Xander

Chris serves on the Missions Committee as Co-Chair of the Arcadia Bible School. He is also on the YMCA Board and is President of the Hillbrook Baseball Board.



OFFICE OF DEACON

**Mrs. Carroll Chambers Easterling**

Member Since 12/4/1994

Spouse: John

Children: Chambers

Carroll is an Adult Education Teacher. She currently serves as a Deacon and is Chair of the Support Partners Committee. Carroll has also served as a Stephen Minister and on the Congregational Nominating Committee.

**Mrs. Catherine Harrison Johnson**

Member Since 10/20/2013

Spouse: Glen

Children: Brady and Bennett

Catherine is a Sales Representative with Pfizer, Inc. She has served as a Teacher for the 1st Grade, Faith Driven, and High School Sunday School Classes. Catherine has also served on the Kirkin' Fellowship Committee.

Mr. Robert Rhyne Elliott Jr.

Member Since 3/1/2015

Spouse: Andrea

Children: Anna Camille, Greer

Rob is in Real Estate Valuation and Consulting. He has served on the Stewardship Committee and is a Tartan Donor. Rob is a Member of the Ushers' Guild and the Faith Driven Sunday School Class.

**Mr. Bryan Andrew Pack**

Member Since 3/21/1993

Spouse: Emily

Children: Harrison, McMeakin, & Stewart

Bryan is in Real Estate Sales. He currently serves on the Recreation Committee and as an Usher. Bryan is also on the Marketing/Development Committee at the Chapman Cultural Center.

**Mr. John Paschal Faris III**

Member Since 12/2/2007

Spouse: Catherine

Children: Grace and Bailey

John works at National Truck and Trailer Leasing company. He currently serves as a Deacon and on the Communications and Wednesdays at First Committees. John is also involved with the Cub Scouts.

**Mrs. Kristen Elizabeth Raynor**

Member Since 2/20/2011

Spouse: Anthony

Children: Jackson, Madison

Kristen is a part-time Pre-K teacher. She serves on the Education and Discipleship Committee and on the WDS board. Kristen has served as Co-Chair of VBS and as Chair of the Women's Retreat.

Mrs. Dana Tezza Halliday

Member Since 2/8/1981

Spouse: Stan

Dana is retired. She is a Stephen Minister and is active in Bible Study. Dana volunteers in many, various areas of the Church.

**Mrs. Leah Elizabeth Rigby**

Member Since 2/22/2015

Spouse: Jeffery

Children: Liam, Easton, and Greyson

Leah is a teacher. She currently serves on the Junior League of Spartanburg and at Mobile Meals. Leah serves at Christmas in Action and on the SPARK (Young Adult) Committee.

**Mr. Joseph Anderson Halligan**

Member Since 2/22/2015

Spouse: Katherine

Children: Frances and Molly

Andy is in Real Estate Development. He has served on the Congregational Nominating Committee.

**Mr. Marshall Calvin Rogers Jr.**

Member Since 2/20/2011

Spouse: Shannon

Children: Marshall, Lizzie, Trudy

Marsh is an entrepreneur. He is a leader in Boy Scout Troop 2 and has served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the Spartanburg Humane Society Board.

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

NOVEMBER 20, 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).

THORNWELL HOMES OFFERING - TURKEY RETURN

Today, please send your stuffed turkey cards to your child's Sunday School class or bring them with you to worship and place them in the offering plate. This is an annual children's offering for the work and mission of Thornwell, a community of believers that seek to reach hurting children and families.

HAITIAN OUTREACH MINISTRIES BAZAAR - TODAY

Haitian culture coming to you! Come visit our *Haitian Market Bazaar* on Sunday, November 20 to benefit Haiti Outreach Ministries. The Market will be held on the 2nd Floor of the Clark Building in Room 2201, 9:00am-1:00pm. The bazaar will feature authentic Haitian goods, such a metal artwork, wooden sculptures, and handmade jewelry that has been brought back by members of the previous Haiti mission teams. All proceeds to benefit Haiti Outreach Ministries.

MONDAY - ORGAN RECITAL

The Spartanburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a free members' recital on Monday, November 28 in the First Presbyterian Church Chapel at 7:00pm. Please join us for an evening of Advent and Christmas organ music on our beautiful Schoenstein organ, performed by organists in the Spartanburg area, including Marcia Andrews.

TUESDAY - COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Tuesday, November 22, we will host the Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. This annual service provides an opportunity for the community to gather together to collectively give thanks. All proceeds collected by the offering will benefit the Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN). The Spartanburg County Foundation matches the offering given, up to \$5,000. A reception will be held immediately following the service in Fogartie Hall.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY - THANKSGIVING MEAL

On Tuesday, November 22, we will serve a Thanksgiving Meal at 5:15pm in the Arthur Center. Many thanks to the Leo Club of Boiling Springs High School for volunteering and serving! However, we are still in need of food and other items:

Food: Dressing/stuffing, sweet potatoes and macaroni and cheese, rolls, fresh fruit, and gravy

Other items: Kitchen plates, napkins, toilet paper, hand warmers, baby wipes, men's and ladies' jeans and clothes, men's and ladies' tennis shoes and boots, undergarments, hoodies, coats, gloves, toboggans, book bags, blankets, sleeping bags, Bibles, canned food, and individually wrapped food items.

If you are able to help with any of these items, please contact Will DeLaney, Beth DeLaney, and Tina Hamilton (4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com / 908-8753).

HELP - - - NEEDED AT SPIHN!

Our next SPIHN week is Sun, Nov 27 - Sun, Dec 4. These families need assistance by providing meals and positive interaction. If you have an interest, please contact:

Meals: Katherine Burns (marchk2b@yahoo.com)

Evening Host: Hannah Lane (hannahlanedc@gmail.com)

Overall Questions: Alan Workman (aworkman@gracemg.com)

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET AVAILABLE

The 2016 Advent Devotional Booklet, "Unto Us a Son is Given", is available in the Tower Room. If you would like to receive the devotions via email, register at <http://eepurl.com/bqtMS9> or scan this QR code:



ADVENT STUDY BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

This Advent (Sundays, Nov 27-Dec 18, 10:00-10:30am in Room 2201) Craig Foster will be leading a short-term Sunday School hour study based on the *Names for the Messiah* found in Isaiah 9:6. **If you don't have a regular Sunday School class, this is a great opportunity to find a place with no commitment for a few Sunday mornings** and enrich your engagement in these Advent and Christmas seasons. Each session will be short, ending by 10:30 so that all can participate. *An optional book to go along with the study is available in the church office for \$8.00.* Written by the well-known biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann, the book is short and easy readable, but no outside reading is required for this series.

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION - DECEMBER 4

The Family Advent Celebration will be held on Sunday, December 4, 3:00-5:30pm in the Social Hall. This time of celebration will help prepare hearts and homes for this season of waiting, wonder, and expectation. Join us for this food-free event of storytelling, singing, and crafting - designed especially for children and their parents. Make a simple advent wreath or a gift to give, and hear the nativity stories which sustain us on our journey to Christmas. Come when you can, leave when you need to.

Questions? Contact Beth Burris; 583-4531/bburris@fpcspartanburg.org.

BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE CHAMBER SINGERS' CONCERT

First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg's Chamber Singers will present their annual Christmas Concert at the Chapman Cultural Center at 7:00pm on Sunday, December 4. Join us for the most beautiful music of the Holiday Season, directed by our very own Holt Andrews. All proceeds to benefit Mobile Meals.

Tickets (\$15 each) are available in the Church Office and Mobile Meals Offices. Tickets may also be purchased online - click the Event on the church homepage and then click on "Buy Online Tickets Here".

JOY FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 6

The Annual JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 6 at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. Our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Kirk Neely. There is no cost for the event, but reservations are requested.

RSVP prior to Thursday, December 1 by contacting Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org /208-2132).

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00am Genesis Choir
8:45am Chapel Worship
8:45am MorningSong Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
12:00pm Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30pm Women's Circle 12
7:30pm Chancel Choir

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00am AA Meeting
4:00pm Communion Service at
White Oak Estates
5:15pm Neighborhood Meal Ministry
6:30pm Spartanburg Community
Thanksgiving Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

NO Wednesdays at First
12:00pm Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
CHURCH FACILITIES CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

CHURCH FACILITIES CLOSED

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent
8:45 Chapel - Rev. Craig Foster
8:45am MorningSong and
11:00 Sanctuary - Rev. Christi Brown

DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent
Communion
Advent Workshop
Chamber Singers Concert
at Chapman Cultural Center

DECEMBER 7

White Gifts Service

DECEMBER 9

Parents' Night Out

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

Needed weekly:	\$52,786
Received 11/13:	\$43,009

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 PC(USA) Missionaries:
Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia).***

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