



Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service

**Sponsored by The Spartanburg County Foundation
and Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance**

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

6:30pm

First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

** Please stand,
in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Sounds of Diversity

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION, 1863

The Honorable Junie White
Mayor, City of Spartanburg

WELCOME

Rabbi Yossi Liebowitz
Congregation B'nai Israel

CHORAL INTROIT

Hear O Israel

FPC Chancel Choir and Friends

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367**

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.*

*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!*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

All: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

One: For the Lord is good;

**All: his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Rev. Mia McDowell

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

***OPENING PRAYER**

Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-40

Sandra Diaz Alvarez

St. Paul's Catholic Church

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Is Our God

Sounds of Diversity

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 33 (selected verses)

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

First Presbyterian Church

ALTAR MOMENTS

Ben Bernstein
St. John's Lutheran Church

Dr. Mark Packer
Congregation B'nai Israel

Bishop Lawyer Watson
Life with Jesus Ministries

SHARE ALTAR MOMENT WITH NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANT RECIPIENT

Rev. J. Edward Morris
The Episcopal Church of the Advent

STATEMENT OF NEED

Beth Rutherford
Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

FPC Chancel Choir and Friends

* HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*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.*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Sally Beth Shore
Unitarian Universalist Church

BLESSING

Father David Whitman
St. Paul's Catholic Church

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be*

*With God our Creator Children all are we,
Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow*

*To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.*

PRESENTING SPONSORS

The Spartanburg County Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of Spartanburg County residents by promoting philanthropy, encouraging community engagement and responding to community needs. Established in 1943, The Spartanburg County Foundation is the oldest community foundation in South Carolina.

The Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance is a network of clergy, lay leaders, and faith communities joining together for the purpose of contributing to the common good. The Alliance was formed in 2014 as a partnership between area clergy and The Spartanburg County Foundation with the central goal to serve as a resource hub for community engagement and to leverage the faith community's many assets to meet pressing needs in Spartanburg County.

We are grateful for all the faith communities that have participated in the Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving service over the years. We encourage every person to take a moment to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings. We appreciate your attendance at this community-wide service and for sharing in the spirit of unity.

**The Foundation, as a sponsor of this service,
will match the plated offering that we receive tonight up to \$5,000.**

The Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance has set a goal to raise \$20,000 through the offering to help support the Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network. Including the Foundation's match, the total amount of \$25,000 would assist 5 families in helping to break the cycle of homelessness in our community.

Please make checks payable to "The Spartanburg County Foundation".

For online donations, please visit www.spcf.org, select *Give Now*, and choose Community Fund [0001].



THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION
Your Community Foundation



*Following the Service,
You are cordially invited to a Reception,
in Fogartie Hall (across Chestnut St).
First Presbyterian Church Hostess, Jane Mullins,
and her crew have prepared
ham rolls, pimento cheese sliders, fruits, vegetables,
and other savory goodies and sweet bites.*