



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
2018 - A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

JANUARY 7

Baptism of the Lord

8:45AM - Chapel

11:00AM - Social Hall

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

O Thou of God the Father

J.S. Bach

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

At the beginning
of his public
ministry, Jesus
presents himself
to John to be
baptized in the
Jordan. Today
we not only
remember Jesus’
baptism, but
we celebrate
our own: the
baptism we
share with Christ.

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

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

All: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 475

Robert Robinson,
following the
tradition of
ministers of the
time, wrote
"Come, Thou
Fount of Every
Blessing" as a
hymn-poem for
the conclusion
of his sermon
for Whitsunday,
1758. He was 23
years old at the
time.

† HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Creator,

we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.

You made us in your own image,

but we tarnish your good name.

You call us your beloved children,

but we take your favor for granted.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Pour out your mercy upon us

so that we may live in a way

that is pleasing to you.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 630, V4

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet each other as we share the love and peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Titles of our Lord: The Son

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Christ, the Way of Life Possess Me

K. Lee Scott

(11:00)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Dodd Lamberton

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 268, VERSE 4

DIADEMATA

*Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

During the Word for Children, all children are invited to come to the front. Afterwards, at the 8:45 service the children will return to their pew and at the 11:00 service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Activity Room of the Family Life Center.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.

Hymn 482

Michael Saward wrote "Baptized in Water" in London on May 29, 1981, a few days after the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. The text was first published in *Hymns for Today's Church* (1982), a hymnal on which Saward worked as text editor.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise and Thanksgiving

Dale Wood

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Readers

Alle Marie Marsh (8:45)

Claire Hammond (11:00)

Will Manello, Acolyte

Genesis and Chancel Choirs

You are invited to stay and listen to the Closing Voluntary but you are welcome to leave following the Benediction.

The Flowers in the Social Hall are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Frederick V. Poag, minister of this church from 1964 to 1974, and his wife, Mrs. Billie Poag.

For the hearing impaired: Hearing aid devices are available. Please ask an usher and return when you exit. Thank you.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)
1st Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)
1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)
2nd Floor Clark Building

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.*

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.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, January 7
Monday, January 8
Tuesday, January 9
Wednesday, January 10
Thursday, January 11
Friday, January 12
Saturday, January 13

Genesis 14, 15 / Psalms 3, 4
Genesis 16, 17 / Matthew 6
Genesis 18, 19 / Matthew 7
Genesis 20, 21 / Matthew 8
Genesis 22, 23 / Psalms 5, 6
Genesis 24, 25 / Matthew 9
Genesis 26, 27 / Matthew 10

LIFE @ FIRST

JANUARY 7, 2018

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, see one of the Greeters, holding the baskets.

JOINING FIRST PRES...

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, please come to the Church Library on the second Sunday of any month at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you.

Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125 / jhull@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.

FOR PARENTS

Nursery Care is available on the first floor of the Clark Bldng for children six weeks through three years old.

Rainbow Worship Bags are provided for your child to use during worship. Please return the bag to the baskets after worship. The bulletins are for your child to keep.

Online Games are available at: www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com. Enter the code found at the bottom right of each child's bulletin in the Rainbow Worship Bags. This code is unique to our church.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY

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READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2018

Join with others throughout the congregation as we read the Bible in 2018! The reading schedule includes daily readings from both the Old and the New Testament to help keep you from getting bogged down. OR... just read through the New Testament and Psalms on the same schedule! Monthly gatherings, led by the pastors, will introduce you to the upcoming books and themes. Those will be on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Chapel and will be livestreamed and recorded for those who cannot attend.

More information? See fpcspartanburg.org/bible. Interested in participating? Contact Katie Resumovic; 864-583-4531 / kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org.

BBC WITH KIRK NEELY, JANUARY 9

The BBC with Kirk Neely will kick off the year with *Border Child* by Michel Stone. Meets on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30am in the Arthur Center and 7:00pm in Fogartie Hall (NEW LOCATION). Choose the time that suits you.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST RESUMES THIS WEEK!

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Baked Spaghetti, Bread, Dessert*. Dinner costs are \$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. Dinner Reservations need to be made prior to noon on Monday.

Children's Choirs meet at 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children) starts at 6:15pm in the Activity Room.

Youth Coffeehouse - meets in the Middle School Class Room at 6:15pm.

Health Series - "**The Spiritual Aspects of Health**, 6:30pm in the Purnell Room.
January 10 - Dr. Greg Colbath; January 17, Dr. Kirk Neely, and January 24 - Rev. Travis Webster.

Sit 'n Stitch: Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF dinner calories on the walking track.

WELCOME CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 14

A five-week Welcome Class, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), will begin on Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am in Room 2200.

Interested?

Contact Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT - BY JAN 14

On Saturday, January 27, join your sisters in Christ as we learn and discuss healing through faith. This on-site retreat will be in Fogartie Hall, 8:30am-1:30pm. The \$25 cost includes lunch. We will learn how our faith factors into our daily living, as well as how can we be open to the work of the Spirit in our lives, our homes and churches, especially during the storms of life. Our speaker, Gail Henderson-Belsito, is a writer, teacher, student, mother, wife, and fearless solo traveler. She is a second-career seminary student at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Register online at fpcspartanburg.org/events/retreat or by picking up a form by January 14. Questions? Contact Crystal Workman; workman06@charter.net

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JANUARY 14

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting and a meeting of the members of the Corporation (First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, SC) for Sunday, January 14, 2018, during the 11:00am worship service in the Social Hall for the following purposes:

1. Electing the Class of 2020 elders and the chair of the Diaconate to the Board of Trustees of the Corporation.
2. Electing at-large members to the 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee.
3. Receiving and acting on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee relative to the election of a ruling elder to fill an unexpired term on the Session.

We will also celebrate the Ordination and Installation of the Class of 2020 Officers.

FPC TO CELEBRATE 175 YEARS!

First Presbyterian Church will be 175 years old on April 30, 2018! We will mark this momentous anniversary with a special service on Sunday, April 29. Put this on your 2018 calendar! Plan to invite your parents and your children and old friends from church back to Spartanburg to join in the celebration. In addition, there will be family-oriented activities on Saturday, April 28, and a whole month of varied programming all about the history of the church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling, with Dr. Kirk Neely, is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members. There is no fee; a contribution may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is by appointment on Tuesdays.

*To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry;
583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org.*

KEY-CARD ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Please bring your Sonitrol Card on Wednesday night – and other days during the work week. During WAF, the doors to the Family Life Center will be unlocked and monitored, but other outside doors will be locked. This may be a little bit of an inconvenience for all of us, until we get used to it, but if you have your Sonitrol card with you and the church is open, the doors to the Tower Room, the Chestnut Street Door, the door near the elevator/Purnell Room, and the door to the Clark Building are accessible. Also, if you have lost your card, please let us know.

To obtain a Key Card, see Didi Terry in the church office during the week.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

Communion

*MorningSong Worship
(8:45-11:00am - Fogartie Hall)*

*Traditional Worship
(8:45-Chapel & 11:00am-Social Hall)*

Sunday School (9:45am)

Youth Real Life

JANUARY 10

WAF and Children's Choirs Resume

JANUARY 13

*MLK Walk As One
(Start at Spartanburg County Library)*

JANUARY 14

*Welcome Class Begins
Officer Ordination and Installation
(11:00 Social Hall)*

JANUARY 15

*All Church Facilities Closed
MLK Day of Service and
Unity Celebration*

JANUARY 17

Evensong

JANUARY 27

Women's Retreat (on-site)

MARCH

Portrait Taking for Pictorial Directory

SEPTEMBER

Churchwide Retreat

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.



These announcements are just a sampling of the church activities. For complete information, please pick up a First News in the church office - or visit the church website.

**Scan this QR code
for a direct link.**

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; Neighborhood Meal Ministry; **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; Mental Health Advocacy; **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 missionaries - **Jo Ella Holman**, PCUSA liaison for the Caribbean; **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; Haiti Reforestation Project (CODEP); **Philippines:** Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; **India:** Set Free Alliance; **Witness Season;** **Bread for the World**

This week, please pray for this PC(USA) Missionary: Karla Ann Koll (Costa Rica) and for Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2018: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, Lewis White

Class of 2019: Lee Close, Celia Cogdell, Suzy Cole, Andrew Darr, Melissa France, Laura Henthorn, Whit Kennedy, Craig Long, Jason Lynch, Ashley Millinor, Bert Moore, Steven Richards, Jessalyn Story, Monica Threatt, Linda West

Class of 2020: David Beacham, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, Mary Dixon, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

DIACONATE

Class of 2018: Katherine Burns, Harry Clayton, Molly Colbath, Mary Deller, John Donovan, Phillip Glover, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Eunice Knouse, Tommy Rudeen, Denise Stevens, John Tatham, Alan Workman

Class of 2019: Will Adair, Vic Bailey, Steven Blanton, Bill Cummings, Chris Curtis, Carroll Easterling, Rob Elliot, John Faris, Dana Halliday, Andy Halligan, Catherine Johnson, Bryan Pack, Kristen Raynor, Leah Rigsby, Marsh Rogers

Class of 2020: Marjorie Appiah, Fran Bagwell, Budge Bean, Marsha Calvert, Alice Eberhardt, Karen Edwards, Sharon Hill, Brenda James, Andy Lancaster, Hannah Lane, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters

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 for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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