



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 14

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

Partita on "Darwall's 148th"

Charles Callahan

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord, has spoken;

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.**

One: The Lord is king; he is enthroned upon the cherubim.

All: **The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.**

One: Let me announce the decree of the Lord:

"I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

All: **"You are my son; this day have I begotten you."**

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.

Hymn 353

As Edward Mote
was walking to
work one day
in 1834, the
thought popped
into his head to
write a hymn on
the "Gracious
Experience of a
Christian." As he
walked up the
road, he had
the chorus, "On
Christ, the solid
Rock, I stand; All
other ground is
sinking sand."
By the end of
the day, he
had the first four
verses written.
Almost two
centuries later,
we continue to
sing these words
of hope and
assurance, our
declaration that
in the midst of all
trials and storms,
we will cling to
the rock that is
our Savior.

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.

† HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

SOLID ROCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Creator,
we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You speak to us with tender mercy,
yet we fail to recognize your voice.
You know everything about us,
yet we pretend we do not know you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to heed your voice of truth,
to follow your way of faithfulness,
and to glorify you with our lives.
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

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

(8:45)

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Dale Wood

(11:00)

Just as I Am

K. Lee Scott

SERMON

*The Titles of our Lord: Son of Man
WWJS*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

(11:00) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Procession

C.S. Lang

The service of ordination and installation shall focus upon Christ and the joy and responsibility of serving him through the mission and ministry of the church.

*Book of Order
G-2.0403*

† 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.*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

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.

Hymn 363

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn, and it was first published in 1744 in his brother John's *Collection of Moral and Sacred Poems*. Charles later published it in his own anonymous *Hymns for our Lord's Resurrection* in 1746. The theme of the text is celebration of Christ as King and Lord of all the earth.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

DARWALL'S 148TH

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(8:45) † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnson

(11:00) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Foster Neely, Acolyte

Elder Nan McDaniel, Associate Clerk of Session
Elder Bert Moore, Chair, Congregational Nominating Committee
Caroline Bosworth 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 Mr. and Mrs. James M. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Smith, Jr. by the family.

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.

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

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 in the Social Hall for the following purposes:

- ☐ 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:



**Mr. Thomas Frederick Webster
For Class of 2018 Elder**

Member Since 1985

Spouse: Patricia

Tom is retired. He is part of the Monday Volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. He Ushers at special services and has also participated in our Dominican Republic Mission Trip. Tom has previously served as a Deacon at Grace Covenant Presbyterian.

- ☐ Electing at-large members to the 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee:
Suzanne Bagwell, Jane Breeden, Wade Crow, Manning Fairey, Ken Frick,
David Ike, Norman Pulliam, Laura Ringo, and David Tate.
- ☐ Electing the Class of 2020 elders and the chair of the Diaconate to the Board of Trustees of the Corporation:
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, and Vic Bailey.

2018 COMMITTEES OF THE SESSION

Moderator – Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Clerk of Session – Lee Close
Associate Clerk of Session - Nan McDaniel
Treasurer - Wally Barre

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION

COMMUNICATIONS

Jessalyn Story, Chair (19)
Suzy Cole, Vice-Chair (19)
Mary Dixon (20)
Craig Long (19)

FACILITIES

Whit Kennedy, Chair (19)
David Cecil, Vice-Chair (18)
Laura Henthorn (19)
Fred Cumbo (18)
David Ellis (20)

FINANCE

Emma Harrill, Chair (18)
Lewis White, Vice-Chair (18)
Jason Lynch (19)

OFFICER PLACEMENT

Mark Cann, Chair (18)
Mary Helen Wade, Vice-Chair (20)
Michael Pack (20)
Linda West (19)

PERSONNEL

David Beacham, Chair (20)
Celia Cogdell, Vice-Chair (19)

STEWARDSHIP

Bert Barre, Chair (18)
Leslie Calicutt, Vice-Chair (20)
Linda West (19)
Mary Helen Wade (20)
Sloan Evans (20)

ENDOWMENT ADVANCEMENT

Craig Long, Chair (19)
Bert Barre, Vice-Chair (18)
Sloan Evans (20)

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jennifer Biber, Chair (18)
Sally Dover, Vice-Chair (18)
Mary Dixon, Music (20)
Celia Cogdell, Sacraments (19)
Melissa France, Sacraments (19)
Richard Strasburger, Audio/Visual (18)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Mary Dixon, Chair (20)

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

ADULT MINISTRY

Mark Cann, Chair (18)
Nan McDaniel, Vice-Chair (20)
David Berry (18)
Winnie Walsh (18)
Bert Moore (19)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Ann Jones, Chair (18)
Septima Smith, Vice-Chair (20)
Carter Smith (20)

MINISTRY OF YOUNG ADULTS

Andrew Darr, Chair (19)
Steve Richards, Vice-Chair (19)
Leslie Calicutt (20)
Ashley Millinor (19)

MINISTRY OF MISSION

LOCAL

Stan Lummus, Chair (18)
Jennifer Parker, Vice-Chair (20)
Tom Webster (18)

INTERNATIONAL

Kam Neely, Chair (20)
Eric Nease, Vice Chair (18)
Dawn Bingham (20)
Pat Tatham (20)

MINISTRY OF YOUTH

Monica Threatt, Chair (19)
Laura Henthorn, Vice-Chair (19)
Suzy Cole (19)

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CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Jennifer Biber (18)

STANDING COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY FOR 2018

Celia Cogdell (19)

SESSION LIAISON TO DIACONATE

Muffet Chapman (20)

OFFICER COUNCIL

David Beacham, Chair (20)
Lee Close, Vice-Chair (19)

2018 COMMITTEES OF THE DIACONATE

Pastor - Rev. Joanne Hull
Chair - Vic Bailey (19)
Vice-Chair - Andy Lancaster (20)
Secretary - Karen Edwards (20)

CARE MINISTRY

Denise Stevens, Chair (18)

BEREAVEMENT

Carol Gutman, Chair (18)
Karen Edwards (20)

COMMUNION TO THE FARTHEST PEW

Denise Stevens, Chair (18)
Marsha Calvert (20)

MEAL MINISTRY

Brenda James, Co-Chair (20)
Katherine Burns, Co-Chair (18)

PRAYER

Eunice Knouse, Chair (18)
Carol Gutman (18)
Leah Rigbsby (19)

PURNELL

Cheryl Lang, Chair (20)
Andy Lancaster (20)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

John Tatham, Chair (18)
Jack Mason (20)

SUPPORT PARTNERS

Carroll Easterling, Co-Chair (19)
Beth Neidenbach, Co-Chair (20)

VISITATION

Marsha Hagins, Chair (18)
Dana Halliday (19)

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Andy Lancaster, Chair (20)

FELLOWSHIP/SPECIAL EVENTS

LeAnne Holcombe, Chair (18)
Molly Colbath (18)
Kristen Raynor (19)

HEALTH

Will Adair, Co-Chair (19)
Budge Bean, Co-Chair (20)

OFFERING

Bill Cummings, Co-Chair (19)
Alan Workman, Co-Chair (18)
Fran Bagwell (20)
Steven Blanton (19)
Tommy Rudeen (18)

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Mary Deller, Chair (18)
Anne Hicklin (18)

RECREATION

Chris Curtis, Co-Chair (19)
Ryan Reynolds, Co-Chair (20)
Harry Clayton (18)

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

John Faris, Co-Chair (19)
Andy Lancaster, Co-Chair (20)
Andy Halligan (19)
Frank Waters (20)

CONNECT MINISTRY

Phillip Glover, Chair (18)

VISITOR FOLLOW-UP

Catherine Johnson, Chair (19)
Alice Eberhardt (20)
Hannah Lane (20)

ASSIMILATION

Sharon Hill, Co-Chair (20)
Cheryl Lang, Co-Chair (20)

WELCOME CLASS

Phillip Glover, Chair (18)
Rob Elliott (19)

USHERS AND GREETING

John Donovan, Chair (18)
Marjorie Appiah (20)
Bryan Pack (19)
Marsh Rogers (19)

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DEACON REPRESENTATIVE

TO OFFICER COUNCIL AND DIACONATE LIAISON

TO SESSION
Vic Bailey (19)

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CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elders

Bert Moore, Chair (19), Michael Pack, Vice-Chair (20), Tom Webster (18), Linda West (19)

Deacons

Molly Colbath (18), Bryan Pack (19), Beth Neidenbach (20)

FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

OFFICE OF RULING ELDER



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Dawn Bingham



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OFFICE OF DEACON



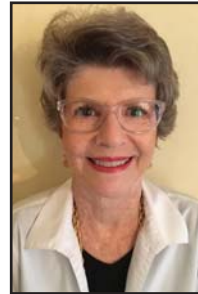
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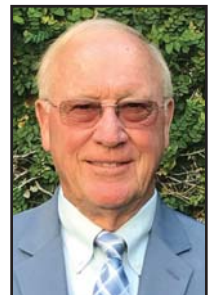
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Hannah Lane



Cheryl Lang



Jack Mason



Beth Neidenbach



Ryan Reynolds



Frank Waters

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 14
Monday, January 15
Tuesday, January 16
Wednesday, January 17
Thursday, January 18
Friday, January 19
Saturday, January 20

Genesis 28, 29 / Psalms 7, 8
Genesis 30, 31 / Matthew 11
Genesis 32, 33 / Matthew 12
Genesis 34-36 / Matthew 13
Genesis 37, 38 / Psalms 9
Genesis 39, 40 / Matthew 14
Genesis 41, 42 / Matthew 15

LIFE @ FIRST

JANUARY 14, 2018

Complete details at www.fpcspartanburg.org.
Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

WELCOME CLASS BEGINS TODAY

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? You can still join in! Contact Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

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

REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT - TODAY!

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

NEW TUESDAY / THURSDAY STUDY

A new Tuesday / Thursday study, led by Nan and Tom McDaniel, will meet Tuesdays at noon in the Arthur Center and Thursdays at noon in the Church Library - pick the day of the week that suits you! The book, "The Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Caring" by Parker Palmer is available in the church office at a cost of \$11. The study will conclude February 27/March 1.

For more information, or to purchase a book, please contact Katie Resumovic; 208-2129/kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - JANUARY 17

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: Salad Bar, Hot Chicken Salad Casserole, Steamed Green Beans, 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 17 - Dr. Kirk Neely "Kindness" January 24 - Rev. Travis Webster "Forgiveness"

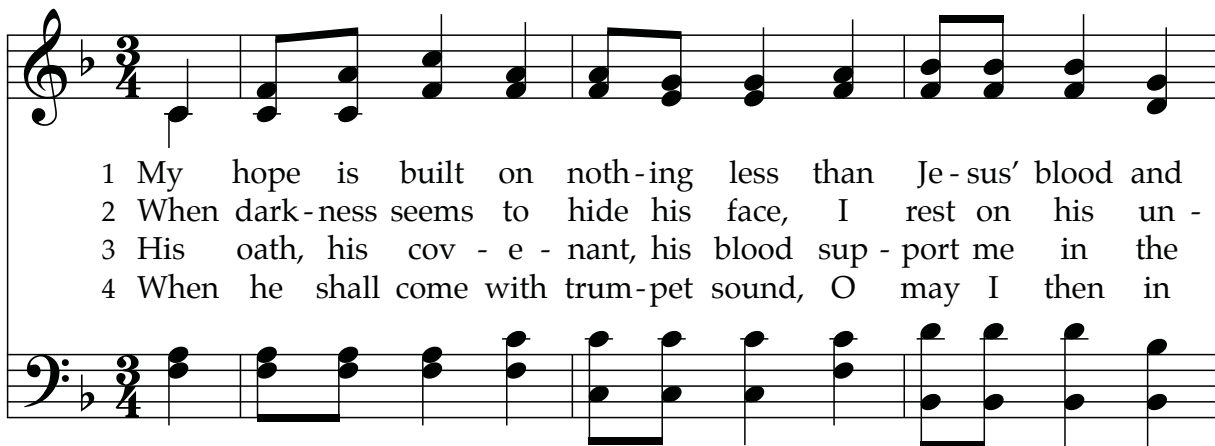
Sit 'n Stitch: Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

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

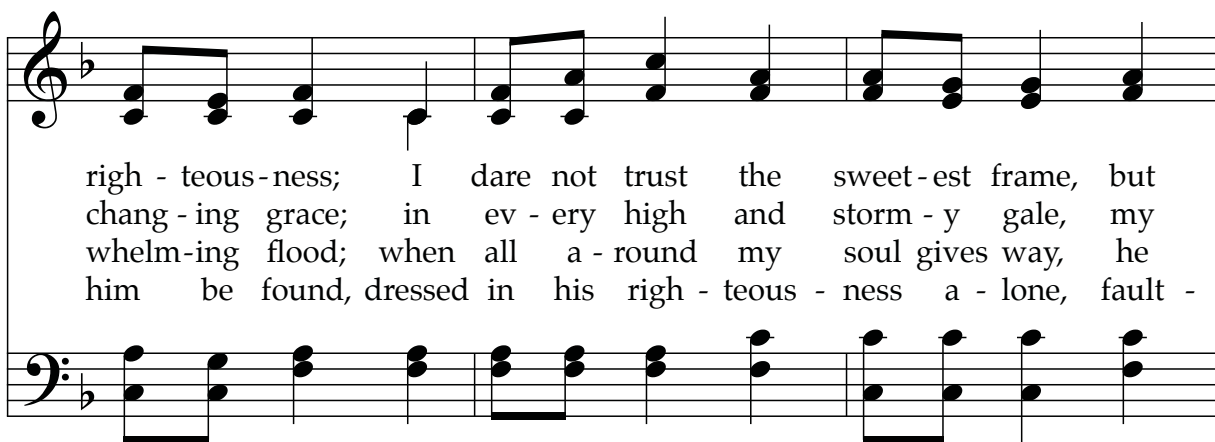
FPC TO CELEBRATE 175 YEARS!

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.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

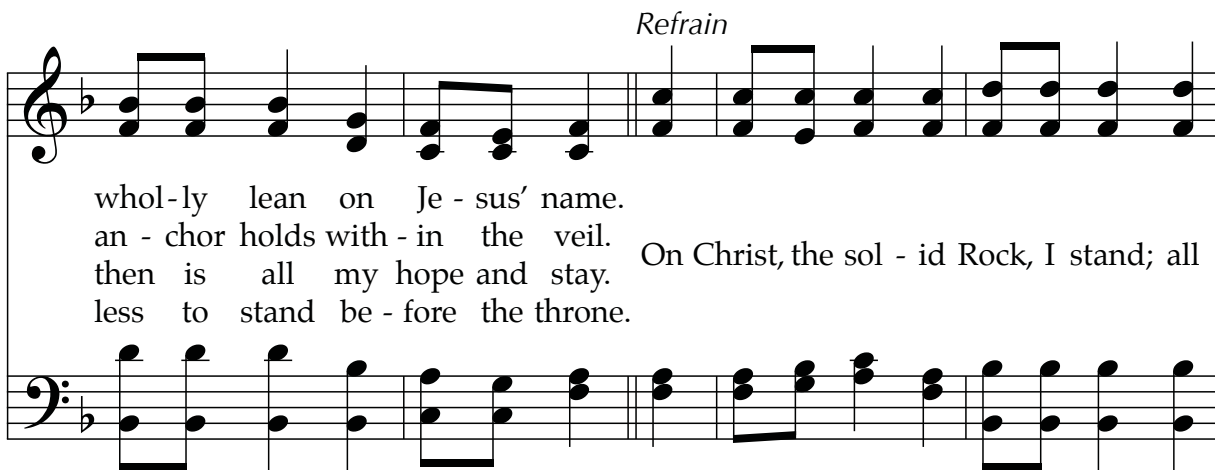


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

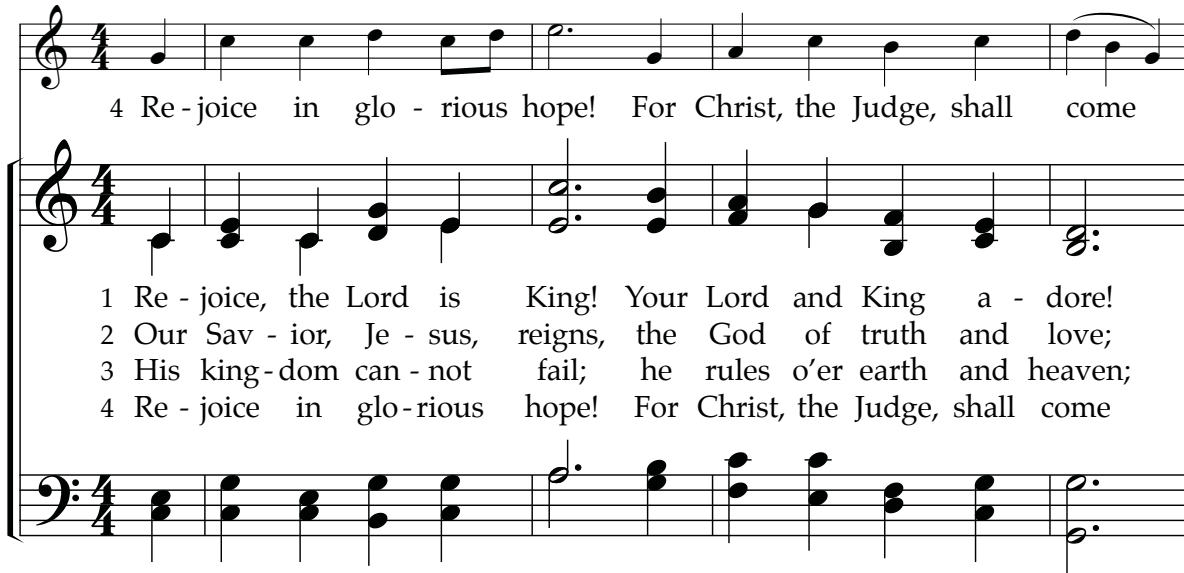


oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

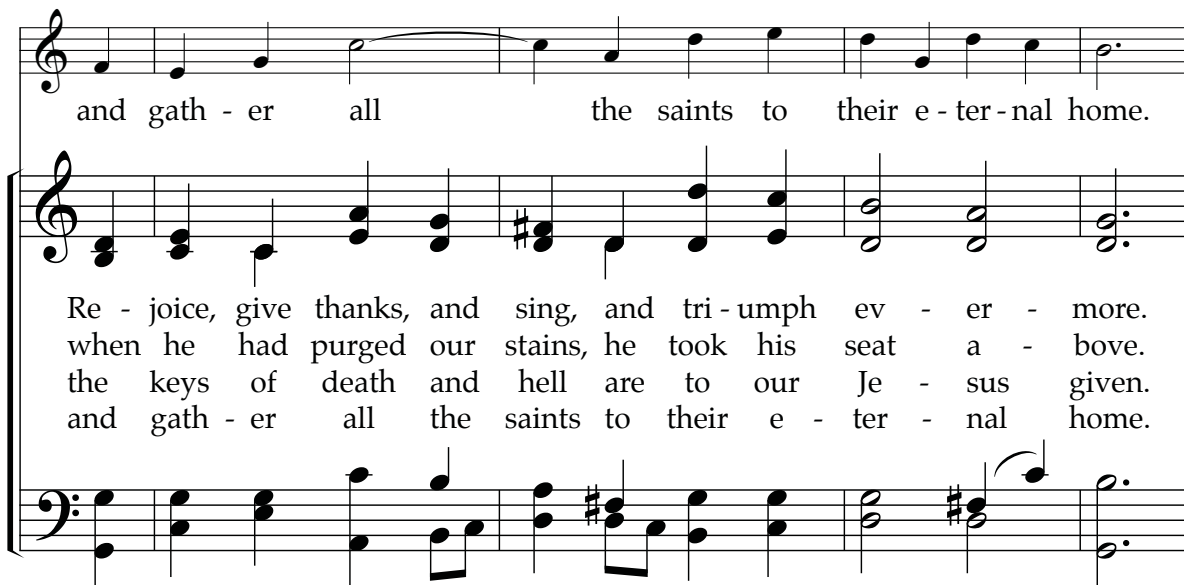
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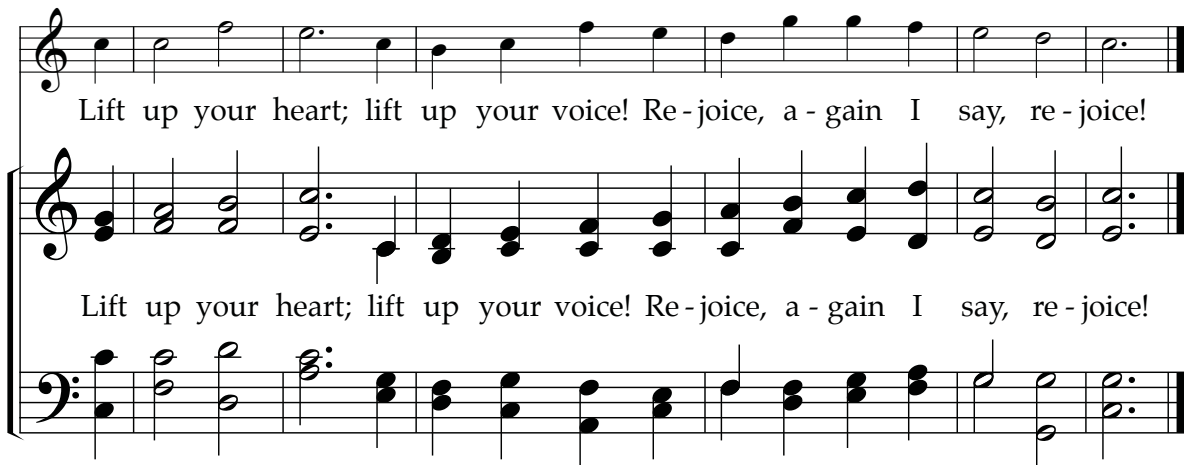
4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

- 1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
- 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
- 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
- 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.



Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!