



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 21

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

(8:45)

How Fair and how Pleasant art Thou

Marcel Dupre

(11:00)

All Creatures of Our God and King

Vaclav Nehlybel

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With Simon and Andrew, we follow Jesus,

All: **learning how to fish for people.**

One: With James and John, we follow Jesus,

All: **proclaiming the good news of God.**

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 410

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth.

† HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

W ZLOBIE LEZY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning.
You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 630, V4

CRUSADERS' HYMN

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

† 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

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

(8:45)

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Dan Forrest

(11:00)

Would I Have Answered When You Called?

Roy Hopp

SERMON

A Ministry Begins

Rev. L. Craig Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMISSIONING OF HAITI AND D.R. MISSION TEAMS (11:00)

† 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

At the Name of Jesus

Robert Powell

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 268, VERSE 4

DIADEMATA

*Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.*

Offering

The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, who has claimed us and set us free. In response to God's love in Christ we offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for God's service.

*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

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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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

GALILEE

Hymn 720

Irish hymn
writer Cecil F.
Alexander wrote
this text for St.
Andrew's Day.
The appointed
gospel reading
for that day
in the church
year concerned
Jesus' calling of
Simon Peter and
Andrew.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

*Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.*

(8:45) † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Canzona

Andrea Gabrieli

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Caroline Colbath , Acolyte
Genesis, Handbell 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.
Joe R. Utley and Benjamin Utley by the Utley family and in loving memory of Max
Deller by Mary Deller.

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 21
Monday, January 22
Tuesday, January 23
Wednesday, January 24
Thursday, January 25
Friday, January 26
Saturday, January 27

Genesis 43, 44 / Psalms 10
Genesis 45, 46 / Matthew 16
Genesis 47, 48 / Matthew 17
Genesis 49, 50 / Matthew 18
Exodus 1, 2 / Psalms 11, 12
Exodus 3, 4 / Matthew 19
Exodus 5, 6 / Matthew 20

LIFE @ FIRST

JANUARY 21, 2018

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

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - JANUARY 24

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Salad Bar, Pot Roast, Rice, Broccoli with Cheese, 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 Classroom at 6:15pm.

Health Series - "The Spiritual Aspects of Health, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Dr. Kirk H. Neely - "Kindness."

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.

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.

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.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The ShelbyNext Membership App is available for both Apple and Android devices. Through this app you can search an always up-to-date membership directory, modify your own information, contribute to the church's mission, view your contribution history, and print contribution statements. After you download and launch the app, enter "firstpres" for the domain and your username and password. To login, you must have a valid email address in our church database.

For detailed info: fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login.

WIRELESS AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian has a Wireless Network that you are welcome to use. Find the Network: "FPC-Guest". No password required; just agree to the terms.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2018

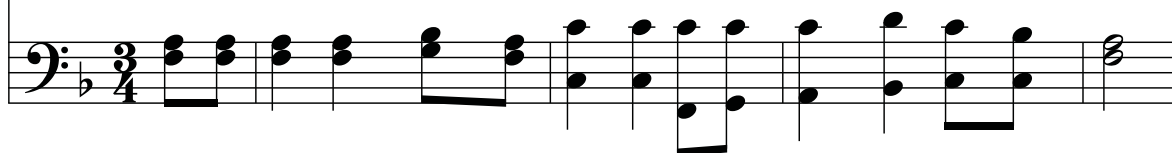
Join with others throughout the congregation as we read the Bible in 2018! The reading schedule includes daily readings from both the Old and the New Testament to help keep you from getting bogged down. OR... just read through the New Testament and Psalms on the same schedule! Monthly gatherings, led 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.

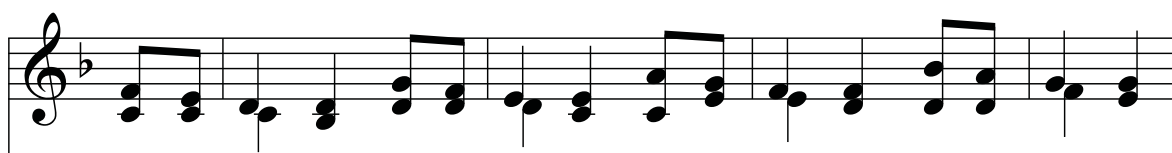
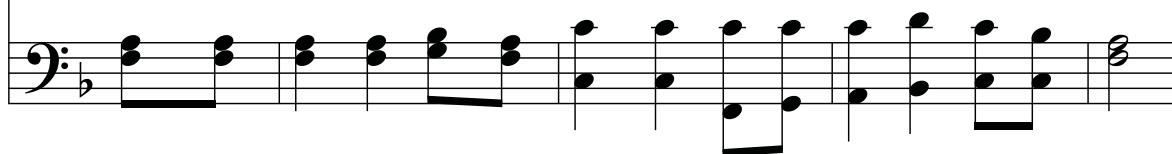
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



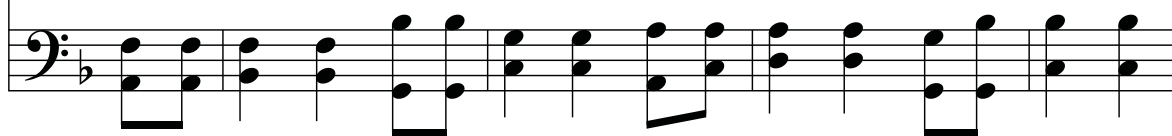
1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:




God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

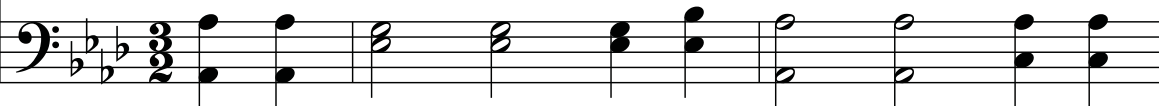
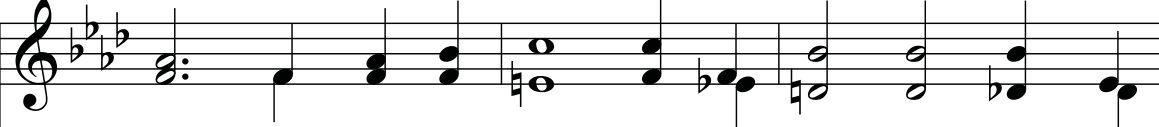


Jesus Calls Us


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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -




sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

