



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

JANUARY 27, 2019

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

Be Thou My Vision

Gordon Young

ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: **"Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, do I seek**

One: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 27)

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

The Acolyte
brings the light
of God into the
Sanctuary at
the beginning
of the service
and carries the
light of God out
into the world
at the end of
the service.

Sometimes hymn singing invites us to connect with the saints who have gone before. Such is the case with the famous Irish hymn, "Be Thou my vision." The original poem, found in two Irish manuscripts in the library of the Royal Irish Academy, may be dated as early as the 8th century.

† HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ,
yet walk in darkness, we are liars.
If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel,
of what use is such wisdom to the world?
If we rest secure in our abundance,
while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled,
what has become of our call to share the good news?
You know our inmost selves, O God.
We cannot hide from you.
Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
Whoever follows the Christ will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
**All: He has come as light into the world,
so that whoever believes in him may not remain in darkness.**
One: Come now to that light, for in him we are restored and forgiven.

† RESPONSE

HYMN 833, VERSE 2

ST. MARGARET

*O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.*

† 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Youth Century Club

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



(Upon direction, please join in singing.)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

(8:45)

Siyahamba

Traditional African

(11:00)

The Lord Will Not Suffer Thy Foot to be Moved

J.S. Bach

SERMON

*Faces Out of the Darkness:
You and I: Living as Light*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

COMMISSIONING OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Chorale Prelude on Quem Pastores

Healey Willan

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 37, VERSE 1

ASH GROVE

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson and his wife, Janet, came to First Presbyterian three years ago. Lewis has served as a minister in various places throughout the South. Afterwards, they moved to the Spartanburg area to be near their family. Lewis has been generous to share his preaching gifts with us and will be preaching in the traditional services in January, while Pastor Tom is away on sabbatical.

At the 8:45

service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, they will return to the pews.

At the 11:00

service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 1

AR HYD Y NOS

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Max Drishner

Hymn 547

Assurance that
God has been,
is, and will be
with us; this is
the overriding
message of
the hymn. This
same Lord who
will be with us
always will be
Father, Savior,
Comforter, and
Brother and will
give us peace.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Mr. A. Mark Ashby
Mr. Kam W. Neely

Miss Trudy R. Rogers, Acolyte

Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir

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

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bobbie and Leland Close, Lewis L. Webb, Terry Webb and H. W. Jernigan by Lee and Gloria Close and family.

The Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Terry Joyce by the family.

For the hearing impaired: For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit. 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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Nursery</u> (Birth-2K) 1 st Floor Clark Building	<u>Preschool</u> (3K-5K) 1 st Floor Clark Building
<u>Elementary</u> (1 st -5 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Clark Building	<u>Youth</u> (6 th -12 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Family Life Center

ADULTS

*Sunday mornings offer classes designed to help men and women grow their faith through study and discussion.
Want more information? Visit our website at fpcspartanburg.org/grow/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.

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 children and youth and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2201) 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.

LIFE @ FIRST

JANUARY 27, 2019

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 Building 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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - JANUARY 30

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Fruit Bar and Hearty Breakfast for Dinner*. Meal costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required; you are welcome to pre-pay online. We take credit/debit cards, and also welcome cash and check.

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

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5th grade): 6:15pm, Activity Room.

Nursery Care (6 months to 3K): 6:15pm in the Gym Nursery

Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship (grades 6-12): 6:15pm, Middle School Classroom.

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

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

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY

In 2018, the Neighborhood Meal Ministry served dinner on 36 Tuesdays to our friends at the Arthur center. We averaged around 45 guests each week, along with 10-12 volunteers. Some of the folks are homeless, some are low on resources, and others just enjoy the fellowship. All have shown kindness and appreciation. Several individuals, groups, and Sunday School classes have stepped up to make this happen. Many thanks to Jerry Kiehl, Tina Hamilton, Steven Richards, Bill Walters, the Deacons, VBS participants, the Emmaus Sunday School Class, Stephen Ministers, and many, many other First Presbyterian volunteers. Most of the Tuesdays for 2019 are already covered but the following are available: January 29, May 21, July 16, July 30, September 17, and November 15.

** If you, your group, or your Sunday School Class are interested in hosting one of these dinners, contact John Tatham; jtatham1@charter.net.*

** If you would like to contribute financially to these dinners, please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and note for Neighborhood Meal Ministry.*

LUNCH AND LEARN, TUESDAY, FEB 5, 12:00-1:00PM

Come learn more about our local mission partners as well as enjoy a delicious lunch cooked by Jane Mullins for only \$7. Join us in the Large Private Dining Room at Noon on Tuesday, February 5 for a panel discussion. Special panel guests in February will be senior staff from the Adult Learning Center, New Day Clubhouse, Speaking Down Barriers, Mental Health America - Spartanburg, and The Shepherd's Center.

RSVP by February 3 at <https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/lunchnlearn>.

Questions? Contact Christi Brown, Pastoral Associate for Missions, at cbrown@fpcspartanburg.org.

TUESDAY - THURSDAY STUDY GROUPS

The Tuesday-Thursday Study Groups are led by Tom & Nan McDaniel. The meetings take place Tuesday Noon in the Arthur Center and Thursday Noon in the Church Library - your choice on which day to attend. This year, we will look at two acts of faithfulness common across faiths (peacemaking & thanksgiving), and we will take a fresh look at our own faith through the eyes of Ben Daniel, whose work on Islam we have just finished.

TICKLED PINK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendars, grab a friend, and join Susan Oldham and Ansley Page as they begin a new Tickled Pink study, Tuesdays, 9:15-10:30am in Fogartie Hall, February 5 - March 26. All women are invited to this weekly celebration of grace and God. Come when you can to strengthen your faith and stretch your heart as we consider the reign of God in Jesus' Parables: Timeless Truths for Today. Each lesson is stand alone, homework is optional, snacks are yummy, and the fellowship is the best in town!

WEEKDAY SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS CELEBRATION

The Weekday School will have their annual Sweethearts Celebration on Thursday, February 7, 5:30-7:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner, musical entertainment by Debbie Keiser, and a delicious bake sale while helping to raise funds for our Weekday School!

RSVP by Monday, February 4: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/wds-sweethearts

MEN'S BREAKFAST - FEBRUARY 17

FPC Men: Bring your fathers, sons, and friends to the Men's Breakfast at 7:30am on Sunday, February 17 in the Social Hall. Dr. Lewis Johnson will be leading the program. A delicious breakfast will be prepared by Dick Mahon and crew!

RSVP by February 14 to Shannon Stewart; ssewart@fpcspartanburg.org.

WITNESS SEASON - FEBRUARY 2019

Every February is Witness Season here at FPC, and this year our Witness Season project is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA is the emergency response program for our denomination, committed to the long-term journey of recovery of communities adversely affected by a crisis or catastrophic event. It has designated funds for responding to specific disasters. PDA has been tremendously helpful to the ongoing relief efforts after the flooding in North and South Carolina, and our goal this Witness Season is to raise \$25,000 to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been affected by the flooding in North and South Carolina. There will be two programs to further explain this year's project: Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30pm and Sunday, February 24 at 10am.

For more info or to give online: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/witness-season-2019

CHESTNUT STREET PARKING SAFETY CONCERN

Please make a point to remove ALL parked cars from the Chestnut Street parking spaces before 11:45am each weekday. Parked cars in the pick-up line create a dangerous situation both for children and motorists.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 27

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

Traditional Worship

(8:45-Chapel & 11:00am-Sanctuary)

Sunday School (9:45am)

FEBRUARY 1-3

Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 5

Tickled Pink Bible Study Resumes

FEBRUARY 8-10

Confirmation Retreat

FEBRUARY 17

*Men's Breakfast
Blood Drive*

FEBRUARY 24

Witness Season Sunday

FEBRUARY 27

Healing and Wholeness Service

MARCH 1

World Day of Prayer

MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday

MARCH 10

*First Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins*

*A complete calendar is available at
fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.*

WIRELESS AVAILABLE

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

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.

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**

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

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, Martha Bean, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

Class of 2021: Ali Beeson, David Berry, Cam Cecil, Blair Clementson, Sally Dover, Callie Hammett, Josh Jones, Stan Lummus, Donna Pulliam, Reel Robertson, Richard Strasburger, Charlotte Verreault, Ben Wall, Tom Webster, Lewis White

DIACONATE

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, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters, Hannah Zimmerman

Class of 2021: David Berry Jr., Katherine Burns, Jeff Cleland, Mary Grace Close, Molly Colbath, Tres Cox, Hamp Crow, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Will Hoy, Beau Shuler, Denise Stevens, Alan Workman

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications; **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; **Mark Ashby**, Director of Youth Ministries; **Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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