



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

FEBRUARY 4

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

The Lord's My Shepherd

Robert Powell

(11:00) ACOLYTE

(11:00) INTROIT

Bread of Life

Argentine Melody

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, rejoice and sing! God’s love is showered over you this day.

All: **We gather to praise God and celebrate God’s presence with us.**

One: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

All: **Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.**

One: Praise be to God who has called us here.

All: **Thanks be to God for God’s eternal love. Amen.**

† 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 159

Created
by a noted
Presbyterian
hymnal editor,
Louis F. Benson,
this hymn uses
sensory images
and place
names to sketch
the events of
Christ's Life.

† HYMN 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgiving God,
whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today...

Open our hearts to new faithfulness,
redirect our waywardness,
and hold us gently in your goodness.

We confess our need to you,
and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope,
remembering the promises you have made to us.

May your name be glorified in us and through us.
We ask it through Christ Jesus,
your only begotten son,
he who is our Lord and our Savior,
our brother and our friend. Amen.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:29-39

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Year in the Life of Jesus: Compassionate Healer Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

What a Fellowship

Gilbert Martin

(11:00)

He is Marvelous

Rosephanye Powell

† 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 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† 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.

Hymn 801

Of all metrical
 versions of the
 psalms, this
 versification
 of Psalm 23
 from the 1650
 Scottish Psalter
 is probably the
 best known.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
 (Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

CRIMOND

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(8:45) † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Kingsfold

Dale Wood

(11:00) † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O WYLY WYLY

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

 PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Mrs. Ginger Shuler

Will Manello Acolyte

Janet Kuntz, flute, Katie Jo O'Neal, soloist

Sr. Choristers, Genesis and Chancel Choirs

WELCOME GINGER SHULER

Ginger Shuler joins our staff as a pastoral intern helping with Adult Education and Discipleship and pastoral care. She is a native of Spartanburg, born and raised at First Presbyterian Church. A recent graduate from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, Ginger is Certified Ready for Call by Foothills Presbytery.

The Flowers in the Social Hall are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kat and Henry Cohen by their children.

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.

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

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, February 4	Exodus 21, 22 / Psalm 17
Monday, February 5	Exodus 23, 24 / Matthew 26
Tuesday, February 6	Exodus 25, 26 / Matthew 27
Wednesday, February 7	Exodus 27, 28 / Matthew 28
Thursday, February 8	Exodus 29, 30 / Psalm 18
Friday, February 9	Exodus 31, 32 / Acts 1
Saturday, February 10	Exodus 33, 34 / Acts 2

LIFE @ FIRST

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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

TODAY: SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We have the opportunity to participate in a different kind of "Super Bowl" by supporting a local ministry through the Souper Bowl of Caring. To help serve our community, our youth will be collecting monetary donations in large soup pots following all three services that will help support the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.

BBC WITH KIRK NEELY

The BBC with Kirk Neely will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 10:30am and 7:00pm in the Arthur Center (on Kennedy St) - pick which time suits you. The selection for February is *Victoria* by Daisy Goodwin. The BBC with Kirk Neely is open to all interested persons, even those who haven't read this book.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 7

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

Set Free Alliance: Fighting Child Slavery in India, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Join Dan O'Neal, Director of Set Free Alliance, as he tells us more about the organization and how they are partnering with Pastor Praveen Chakravarthy to free child slaves in India. Through Pastor Praveen's network of pastors, he has rescued over 15,000 child slaves from forced labor in mines, brick factories and sex trafficking in the state of Andhra Pradesh. SFA has financed and supported Pastor Praveen in providing the rescued children with housing, food, and education.

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 11, immediately following the 11:00am Social Hall worship service for the purpose of voting on the Terms of Call for our installed pastors, Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. L. Craig Foster, and Rev. Joanne R. Hull.

WITNESS SEASON 2018

Efforts for Witness Season 2018 will focus on helping the homeless and nearly-homeless here in Spartanburg. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for the Clean of Heart Opportunity Center. Specifically, our monetary contributions will go toward the multipurpose and family day room within the center.

The vision for the Clean of Heart Opportunity Center is to link those in need with community resources at one location. Clean of Heart Spartanburg will provide a wide array of support services that go beyond emergency shelter including: comprehensive case management, health and dental care, job development/placement and permanent housing assistance.

FPC is committed to assisting Clean of Heart's goal to empower homeless men, women, and children to build a positive future by providing them with the resources and assistance critical to growth and stability. Be on the lookout throughout the month for specifics regarding location, layout, and logistics of the Clean of Heart Opportunity Center. Prayerfully consider your ability to contribute toward our \$25,000 Witness Season goal!

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Enrollment in our Weekday School for the 2018-2019 school year will begin soon. Registration will open for different groups of people on the following schedule:

Feb 12: FPC members with children currently enrolled at the Weekday School

Feb 13: Non-FPC members with children currently enrolled at the WDS

Feb 14: FPC members with new enrollment

Feb 15: Registration open to the public

For more information, visit:

www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/children/weekday-school.

159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

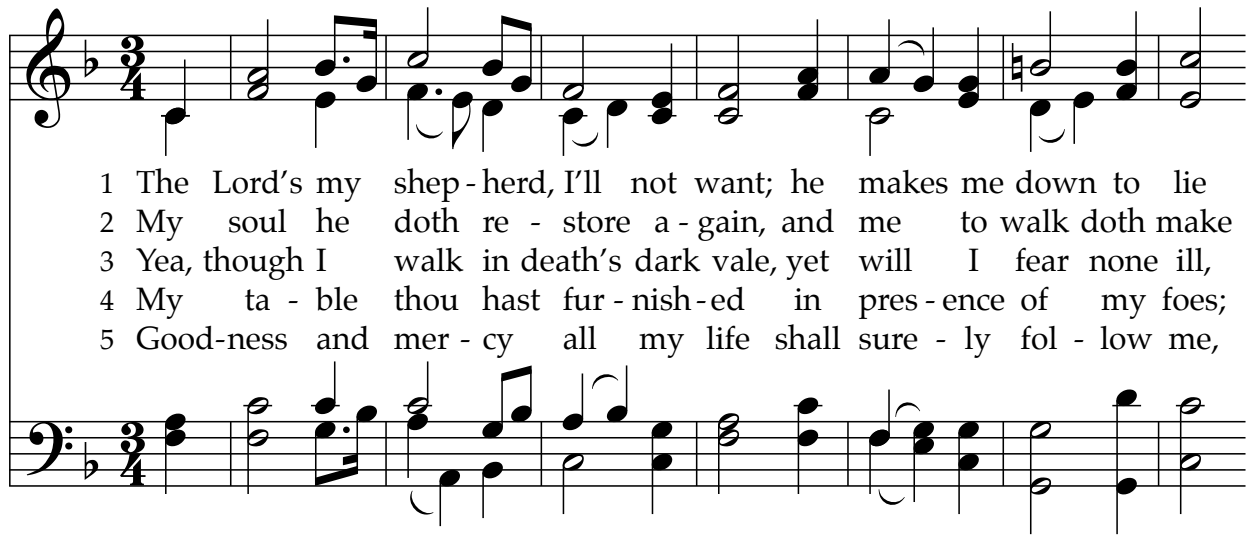
and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day.
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow.
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,
 For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,

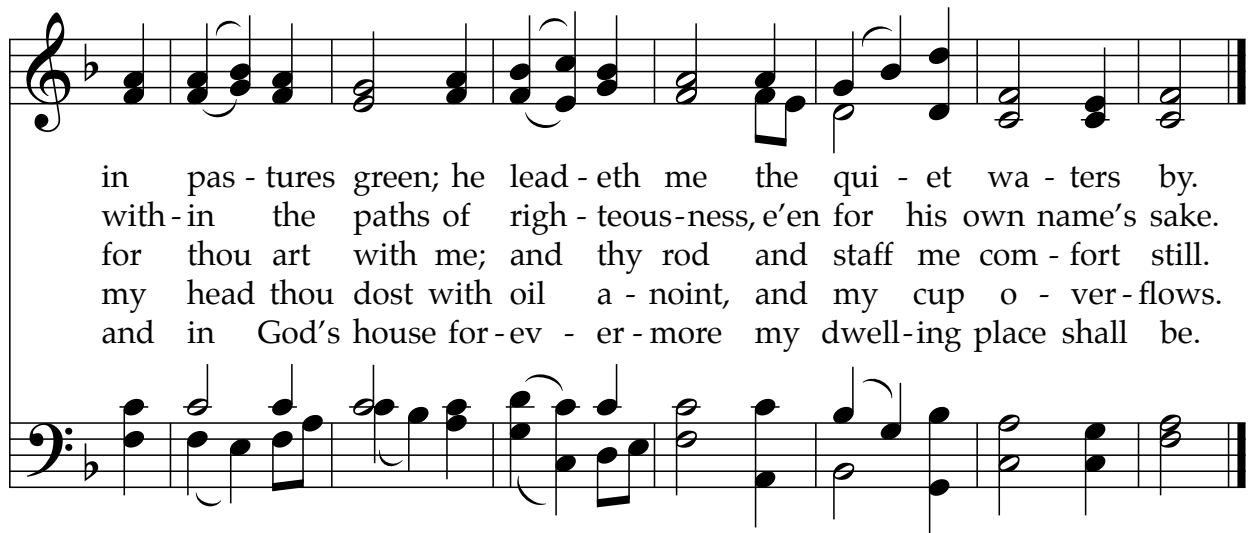
Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)



1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,



in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.