

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 FEBRUARY 10, 2019 8:45am - Chapel 11:00am - Sanctuary

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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) O For a Thousand Tongues arr. Austin Lovelace
(11:00) Piano Sonata No. 14, Mvmt 2 Ludwig van Beethoven

ACOLYTE

INTROIT (11:00) Sing Out, Rejoice Alice Olsen

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.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If we speak in languages of earth and of angels, but do not love others,

All: we are noisy gongs or clanging cymbals.

One: If we give everything to the poor and even sacrifice our own bodies,

but do not love others,

All: we gain nothing.

One: For love is patient and kind, not jealous or proud.

All: Love does not demand its own way.

One: Three things last forever:
All: faith, hope, and love.
One: Yet one thing is greatest:
All: the greatest of these is love.

One: Let us worship God! (1 Corinthians 13:1–13)

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

This hymn reminds us that

we are only able to love one another because Christ first loved us. God is love, and we are the mirrors and bearers of that love to each other. Let us pray that we would continually be filled with Love, that we might bless each other, and become

more and more like He who loves

US.

† Hymn 366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, you are love,

and your love never ends.

Yet, we confess our actions

and our words are often unloving,

impatient, unkind, rude, irritable, and resentful.

More childish than childlike,

more selfish than selfless.

we have sinned against love itself

and against those whom you love.

Forgive us, God of love,

and give us words to speak

that are worthy of love,

and the right disposition of the heart

not only to speak but to act upon them,

for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ your obedient Son.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

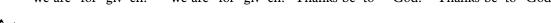
One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

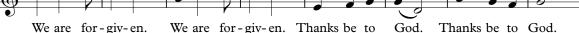
All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 447 We Are Forgiven







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 8:45

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.

Building, 2nd floor. Nursery is available for infants through

Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones

hallway, Clark

age 3.

† Passing of the Peace

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. All:

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Moment for Mission: Boy Scouts

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:12

One: The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:8; John 8:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Vital Balance

Dr. Kirk H. Neely

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY

(8:45) The Gift of Love Hal H. Hopson

(11:00) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Eric Nelson

† Doxology

HYMN 245, V4

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia! Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

† Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

THE LORD'S PRAYER

the pulpit today, Dr. Kirk H. Neely. Dr. Neely has served on staff at First Presbyterian as Pastoral Counselor since September 2014.

We welcome to

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.

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 316

Hymn author, Omer Evers Westendorf, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was educated at the College of Music of Cincinnati. He served for forty years as organist and choirmaster of St. Bonaventure Church. He also published a lighthearted but serious book, Music Lessons for the Man in the Pew.

† HYMN 316 Where Charity and Love Prevail (Sung to the Same Tune as "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

Azmon

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

Robert C. Lau

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Kirk H. Neely, Mr. R. Holt Andrews, Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Mr. Kam W. Neely, Mr. Joshua T. Thompson

Scouts: Mr. Caleb F. Thompson, Mr. K. Foster Neely, Mr. William W. Lancaster

Miss Sara Catherine Evans, Acolyte

Genesis Choir; Mr. J. William Beeson, III; Senior Choristers; Chancel Choir; Janet Kuntz, flute; Kathy Foster, cello

<u>The Flowers in the Sanctuary</u> are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Doris S. Rudeen by Tommy Rudeen and 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.

<u>Large-print bulletins</u> 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.

TROOP 2 EAGLE HONOR ROLL



1929: Paul Craig; 1930: Wesley Walker, Gabriel Rouquie; 1931: Martin Crook, John Glenn, Fred Wyse; 1936: Dan Wimberly; 1940: Willard Johnson, Trev Neuberger; 1942: Edward Perrin, Tom Teasley Galt; 1943: Ed Moon; 1944: Wallace DuPre; 1945: Walter Montgomery, Edwin Shiver, Charles Cauthen, Billy Morgan; 1946: Hugh Chapman; 1950: Henry Mitchell, Craig Kennedy; 1951: Lewis Terry, Patrick Roark, John Renfro; 1952: Johnny McLendon, Ralph Crutchfield, Perrin Dargan, Michael Mangum, Ned Austell; 1953: William Davenport, Charles Yeomans; 1954: Dusty Gray; 1958: Cone Patterson; 1959: Alan Cannon; 1960: Jules Hedden; 1965: Steve Jeffords; 1966: William Halligan; 1967: Theodore Eilenberg, Thomas Langston; 1968: Arthur Erwin, William Still, James Foster; 1969: John Keith, William Hamilton, Frank Tiller, Howard Tiller; 1970: Bruce Eastes, Robert Overman; 1971: Charles Halliday; 1972: David Jones, Dwight Eastes; 1976: Hunter Keith, John F. Renfro, III, Stuart Smith; 1979: David Tate, Harry Defore, Danny Kahrs; 1981: Grant Tate, Stephan Bolliger; 1983: Brian Tate; 1984: James Bearden; 1985: Kenneth Tuck; 1988: Michael T. Myers; 1989: Julius Hedden, Jack Murphy, Clarence Crews, Jonathan Silliman;

1990: Samuel Shackelford; 1991: John Lee; 1992: Andy McKee, Hutson McClure, Benjamin Ratterree; 1993: Johnny Campbell, Thomas Roberts, Brooks Crenshaw, Michael Pack; 1994: Paul Lee, William Bean, Philip Lowe, Jay Reagan, Joseph Biber, Tripp James, Stephen Shaw; 1995: Walton Irwin, Paul Davis, James Pickens, Lewis Clayton; 1996: Stephen Fitzpatrick, Hampton Crow, Grant Close; 1997: W. Keenan Mayo, Robert Hicklin, Chase Biber, Bryan Pack, Matt Jeffords, James R. Glenn; 1998: Norman Jones, David Berry, John Burrell, Drew Story, William Clayton, William Bean, McGrego Hayslip, William Ratterree, Carlisle Bean, Stephen Long, William Richter; 1999: Grey Wicker, Noah Douglas, Carrington Dunn, Jake Erwin, Tommy Jeffords, Robert F. Chapman, Andrew Kinard; 2000: William Halligan, Adam Bean, Steven Harman, Stuart Davis; 2001: Duncan Berry, Steven Olejnik, Van Burchfield, Nathan Erwin, Scott Davis; 2002: Michael Williams, Jay Easterling; 2003: Christopher Duren, Deas Richardson; 2004: Calvin Wicker, John Long, Mack Harman, Max Gravlee; 2005: William Sanders, Kamal Treifi, Ayman Treifi, Ross Anderson; 2006: Grier Bomar, Alex Gravlee, Louis Howell; 2007: Michael Cannon, Ashton Ward, William Ward, Taylor France, Matthew Smith, William Bagwell, Powell Henderson, Cobb Howell; 2008: Hal Crow, James Foster, Steven Axelrod, Matthew Roberts, Jacob Strehl; 2009: Tanner Oldham, James Sanders; 2010: John Nelson, Jacob Henderson, James Purinton, Christopher Keith, Andrew Burrell, William Dawes, Martin Groke, Will Hall, Evan Reid; 2011: Michael Edwards, Bryan Graham, Robert West, Nicholas Broome, Graham Gowan, Robert Grier; 2012: Parker Scott, Shaw Camp, Cole Harp, Luke Strehl, Mercer Heath, Davis Kleman, Glen McKinney, Troy McKinney, Mason Barrett, Cameron Brown; 2013: Hollis Burnett, Harrison Carmichael, Chambers Easterling, Ryan Harp, Shelton Laney, Jack Madsen, Hudson McKinney, Myers McKinney, Elford West Morgan, Bow Smith, Ian Threatt, William Valainis; 2015: Calum Cecil, Jonathon Henderson, Cody Horton, Jack Lodmell, Will Patterson, Cole Ray; 2016: Mac Barrett, Wells Laney, Justin Barron, Tom McMeekin, Colin Cumbo, Thomas Hollingsworth, Lawson Page, Ellis Smith; 2017: McCall Morehead, Jack Bingham, Matthew Smith, Simon West, Adam West; 2018: Nathan Glover, Ben Pickens, Charles Mobley, Hank Butehorn, Caleb Thompson, Justin Gibson, Harrison Van Vleet, Rex Bingham, Sam Shackelford, Zach Strehl

Arrow of Light Award

The following Cub Scouts received their Arrow of Light Award this month: Brice Henderson, Graham Hoenig, Thomas Hyde, Sam Mitchell, Wade Cooper Neely, Charley Wilson



Life @ First

FEBRUARY 10, 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 <u>Pastoral Emergency</u> after 5:00pm during the week or anytime over the weekend or on holidays, please call <u>208-2142</u>. 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 - February 13

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: Salad Bar, Baked Spaghetti, Bread, and Dessert. 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.

The Prayer Committee is placing some suggestions for writing "A Prayer for My Sweetheart" on each table. Pick up a copy and surprise someone you love!

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.

Missions Update: 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. February brings a whole series of Missions programming and opportunities. Come learn what our church is doing to make a difference in the world around us and how you can get involved. This week: Hear the report from our Dominican Republic Mission Team who returned this weekend.

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. Lee Close will be leading the program: "Opportunities for Service." A delicious breakfast will be prepared by Dick Mahon and crew! No cost; donations accepted.

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

BLOOD DRIVE - FEBRUARY 17

Next Sunday is Blood Sunday. First Presbyterian is one of a seven churches in our community participating in this event. More than 400 units of blood are needed daily to meet the demand in our area. For every donation made at our blood drive, The Blood Connection will donate \$10 to our church. Last year we received \$1,490 for the blood that you gave to benefit the lives of others

Contact Beth Cecil to schedule an appointment time; bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 9-13

Mark your calendar now to reserve June 9-13 so that you can be part of this year's Vacation Bible School. We'll kick off the week for the children during a special Children's Worship session (for rising 5K to rising 6th grade) on Sunday, June 9, and continue the fun with our first Summer Sizzle after the service. We hope you'll join us as we deepen our faith in God and have fun while we do it!

Want to volunteer? Contact Cesily King (cking@fpcspartanburg.org) or one of the leaders, Leigh Anne Langley, Jennifer Hoy, or Molly Jones.

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 <u>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.</u> There will be two programs to further explain this year's project: <u>Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30pm</u> and <u>Sunday</u>, February 24 at 10am.

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

YOUTH SPRING BEACH RETREAT: MARCH 15-17

Youth, join your fellow 6th-12th graders for an amazing weekend at the beach (Murrells Inlet). Keep your "Eyes Above the Waves" with featured speaker Chip Herring and musical leadership by Danny Nue. The cost is \$165, and <u>registration is due by March 1</u>. Chaperones are needed to make this happen, so... CONTACT Mark if you can help!

Check your weekly email for link to register or contact Shannon Stewart in the Church Office; sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2129.

Want to Chaperone? Contact Mark Ashby; mashby@fpcspartanburg.org.

SANCTUARY REDEDICATION

On Sunday, March 17, we will rededicate our Sanctuary at a very special worship service at 4:00pm. Dr. Tom Evans will deliver the message, with festive music featuring the Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers, Children's Choirs, brass octet, and percussion. A time of fellowship will follow the worship service.

HELP AT NEW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HABITAT HOUSE

We are excited to announce construction of another First Presbyterian Church Habitat Home. This home is being built at the corner of Salem and Maxton Streets in the Maxwell Hills/Duncan Park neighborhood, and we expect the wall raising celebration to be in late February. Faithful members of First Presbyterian have been leaders in volunteer construction during many of the early years and essentially fully built several Habitat homes.

To sign up to volunteer, email carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org and note that you'd like to help build the FPC house.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 10

MorningSong Worship (8:45am - Fogartie Hall)

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

February 8-10

Confirmation Retreat

February 17

Men's Breakfast Blood Drive

FEBRUARY 18

Sanctuary Guild Meeting

FEBRUARY 24

Witness Season Sunday

FEBRUARY 25

Red Shoe Luncheon

FEBRUARY 26

Neighborhood Meal Ministry

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

MARCH 17

Sanctuary Rededication (4:00pm)

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.

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

<u>Missionaries</u>: 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; <u>Dominican Republic</u>: Clinica Cristiana; Center for Christian Education & Development (CCED School); Sponsorship of CCED School Children; Infant Nutrition Program; <u>Cuba</u>: Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Santa Clara partnership; <u>Haiti</u>: Haiti Outreach Ministries; Haiti Reforestation Project (CODEP); <u>Philippines</u>: Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; <u>India</u>: Set Free Alliance; <u>Witness Season</u>; <u>Bread for the World</u>

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

<u>Class of 2019</u>: 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 <u>Class of 2020</u>: 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 <u>Class of 2021</u>: 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
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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

