



# 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.”

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY 2018 - A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### FEBRUARY 18

### 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)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

(11:00)

*Lenten Prelude*

Cynthia Dobrinsky

(11:00) ACOLYTE

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**

One: God’s promise is for all generations;

All: **God’s covenant is with every living thing.**

One: Let us worship God.

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days – like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness.

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

Hymn 165

Translated by:  
Bell, Maurice  
Frederick, M.A.,  
son of G. W.  
Bell, barrister at  
law, was born  
in London, Sept.  
3, 1862. He  
graduated from  
Hertford Coll.,  
Oxford (B.A.  
1884, M.A. 1887),  
was ordained  
D. 1885, P.  
1886, and has  
been since  
1904 Vicar of St.  
Mark, Regent's  
Park, London.  
He contributed  
to The English  
Hymnal, 1906,  
four translations  
(60, 68, 624, 634),  
and "O dearest  
Lord, by all  
adored" (Close  
of Festival), 1906.  
[Rev. James  
Mearns, M.A.]  
  
--John Julian,  
Dictionary of  
Hymnology, New  
Supplement  
(1907)

Baptism enacts  
and seals  
what the Word  
proclaims: God's  
redeeming  
grace offered  
to all people.  
The Baptism  
of children  
witnesses to the  
truth that God's  
love claims  
people before  
they are able to  
respond in faith.

† HYMN 165

*The Glory of These Forty Days*  
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Redeemer,  
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.  
You have claimed us in your covenant,  
yet we forget your steadfast love.  
You seek us out in the wilderness,  
yet we continue to wander in our sin.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Wash us clean, once again,  
so that we may return to you  
and follow your holy way.  
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 799

I LOVE THE LORD

*I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.  
I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.*

† 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: WITNESS SEASON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45)

*Emily Mae Falatok*  
*Daughter of Meghan and Christopher Falatok*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

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.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

(8:45)

*Lonesome Valley*

arr. Gilbert Martin

(11:00)

*To Keep the Cold Wind Away*

Paul Brandvik

## SERMON

*Unreasonable Love*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## 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.

## LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

J. S. Bach

## † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn 223

Though "When  
I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross"  
was intended  
originally as a  
communion  
hymn, it gives  
us plenty to  
contemplate  
during Lent as  
our focus is on  
the cross Christ.  
The hymn is said  
to be based on  
Galatians 6:14  
(May I never  
boast except in  
the cross of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which  
the world has  
been crucified to  
me, and I to the  
world.)

† PRAYER OF 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 223

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

HAMBURG

† 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!*

† (8:45) CLOSING VOLUNTARY *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* arr. David N. Johnson

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PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Rev. Christi O. Brown  
Charles Crenshaw, Acolyte  
Genesis Choir, Chancel Choir, and Handbell Choir  
Janet Kuntz, recorder; John Kuntz, cello

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**The Lenten arrangements in the Chapel** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory  
Hilda Tennyson Cope by the family.

**The Lenten Greens in the Social Hall** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Paula Irene Binovec and Tomas Binovec by their 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.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery** (Birth-2K)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

**Preschool** (3K-5K)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

**Elementary** (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Building

**Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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)** *A study for parents of children and youth on the application of the Bible at work and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

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## READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

### This week's readings:

Sunday, February 18  
Monday, February 19  
Tuesday, February 20  
Wednesday, February 21  
Thursday, February 22  
Friday, February 23  
Saturday, February 24

Leviticus 10-12 / Psalm 22  
Leviticus 13, 14 / Acts 8  
Leviticus 15, 16 / Acts 9  
Leviticus 17, 18 / Acts 10  
Leviticus 19, 20 / Psalms 23, 24  
Leviticus 21, 22 / Acts 11  
Leviticus 23, 24 / Acts 12



# LIFE @ FIRST

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org).  
Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

## A PRAYER FOR LENT

The Prayer Committee of the Diaconate invites all members to focus on the meaning of Lent by joining together in saying this prayer.

*Gracious and loving God, as we begin this Lenten season, give us courage to focus on the suffering and temptations that Jesus endured. Make these days even more meaningful than ashes on our foreheads or foregoing small pleasures. Throughout this Lenten season help us to remember that this is a time to reflect on our lives and how we live for Christ; a time to discover the temptations that take us away from Jesus; a time to become more aware of the sufferings of others in our community and world; and a time to choose ways that each of us can respond to those in need. Guide us to pass these 40 days in a time of penitence, repentance, devotion, and renewal. Through self-examination and reflection, draw us closer to Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

## TONIGHT: CHILI AND OPEN MIC

Tonight, come to Fogartie Hall at 5:30pm and bring a favorite pot of chili and/or dessert to share. The stage will be open for all to share your talents with your church family - music, poetry, song, comedy.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 21

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** Salad Bar, Baked Chicken, Steamed Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Cinnamon Apples, Bread, and 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.

**Evensong:** 5:15pm in the Chapel. This is a contemplative service of song, prayer, and communion.

**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.

**Witness Season Presentation:** 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

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

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

## 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, these 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 will provide a wide array of support services, including: comprehensive case management, health/dental care, job development/placement; permanent housing assistance. **First Presbyterian 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. Prayerfully consider your ability to contribute toward our \$25,000 Witness Season goal!

## SIGN UP TODAY FOR DIRECTORY APPT

It's time for a new Pictorial Directory and **we need you** to make our directory complete! We have several photography sessions available during the first two weeks in March; reserve your session now to have the most options. *You can sign up Online (see the event on the church homepage). Or, if you prefer, you can make a Reservation with Didi Terry in the Church Office. And on Sundays, February 18 and 25, there will be a table set up in the Fogartie Lobby before and after the 11:00am services.*

Additionally, in preparation for the photo shoots, we are **asking for volunteers** to work the check-in desk as people arrive for their appointment. This involves checking people in, verifying names and spelling, etc... Very easy! Please help us out and work a shift or two if you can. Your help is greatly appreciated! Look online to sign up to volunteer.

*Questions? Contact Didi Terry in the Church Office or Kristen Raynor; [keraynor@gmail.com](mailto:keraynor@gmail.com).*

## BLOOD DRIVE, FEBRUARY 25

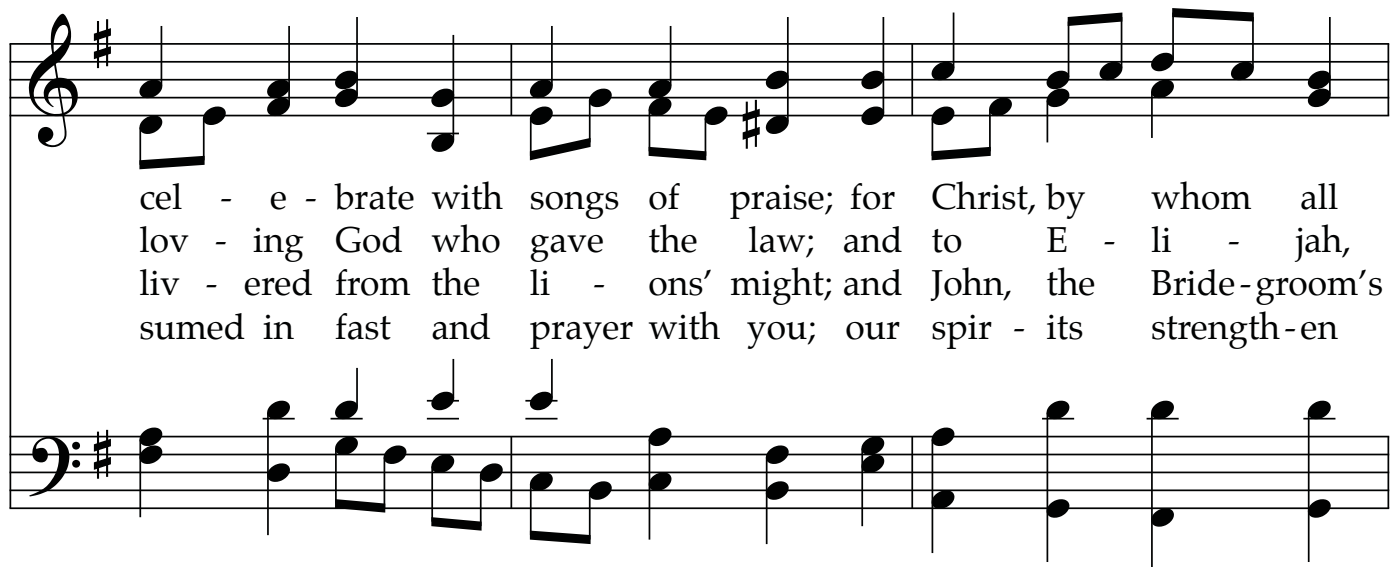
Our next Blood Drive will be held next Sunday, February 25, 8:00am-1:00pm in the FLC Parking Lot. All donors will receive a \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are appreciated.

*For an appointment, please contact Beth Cecil; [bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org) / 864-583-4531.*

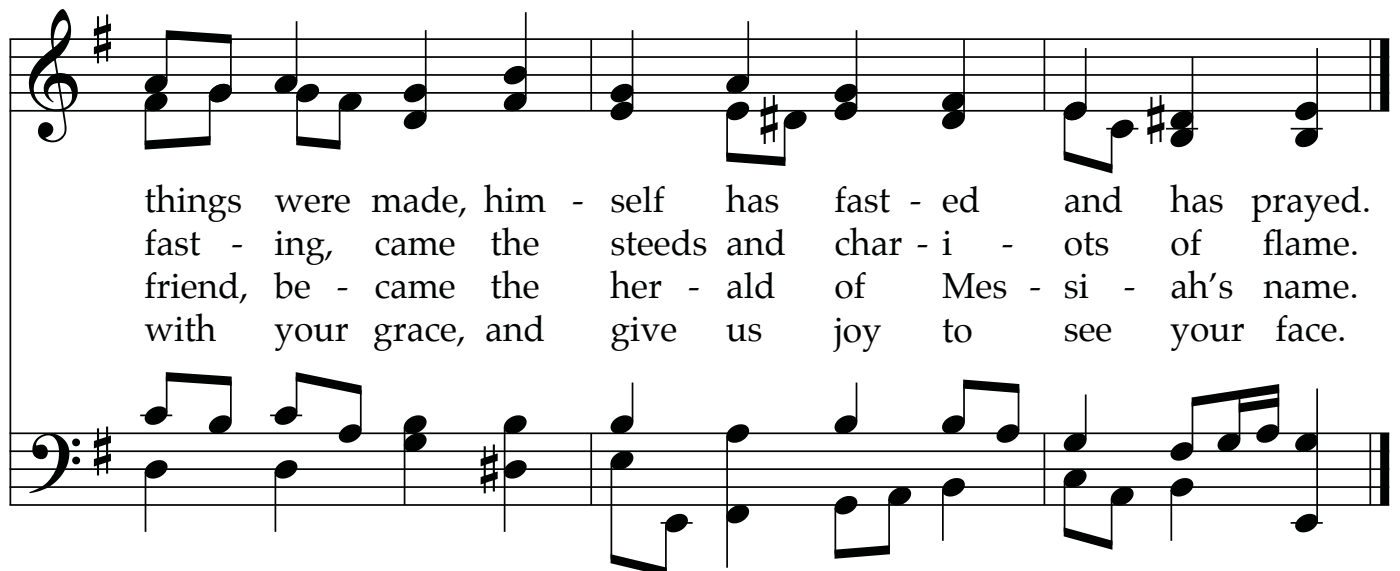
# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -



cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

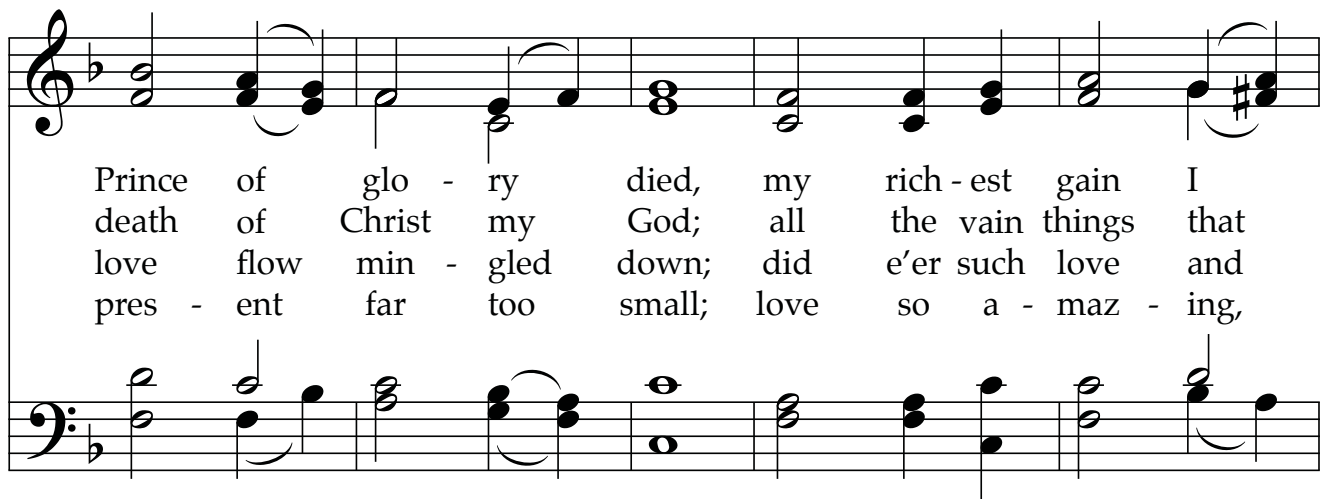


things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.