



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 24, 2019

Witness Season Sunday

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

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arr. Catherine McMichael

ACOLYTE (11:00)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, forever seeking us,

All: **Open our minds to the truth of your care.**

One: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

All: **Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

One: Open our lives to do justice and show kindness

All: **Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.**

One: Let us worship God!

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

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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God,

we confess that we sometimes lack compassion.

We think it is important to help the poor

but then we forget them

as we fill our thoughts with our own concerns.

Awaken us to the pain of those in poverty,

the distress of those whose lives

have been significantly changed by natural disasters.

May we discover our common humanity with them

and learn the art of finding Jesus in each sister and brother.

Help us to see injustices clearly, the way Jesus did.

We want to be awakened from our apathy

and enraged by injustice as Jesus was.

Bind us together as a community

to work for equality and justice.

In Christ's name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 816, VERSE 3

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust His rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee;
God never yet forsook at need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.*

† 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

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Haggai 1:2-13; 2:3-5

SERMON

Called to Build (The Donkey Sermon)

Rev. Christi O. Brown

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

The Summons

John Bell

(11:00)

Let us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

† 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!

LLANFAIR

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.

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.

† 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.

Hymn 761

Jane Parker
Huber wrote this
text in 1981 for
the women's
breakfast held
when two
Presbyterian
denominations
convened
joint General
Assemblies in
Houston, Texas.
The partnership
she wrote about
was that of
women and
men in ministry,
but the hymn's
meaning has
now expanded.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

† 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

Canzona

Andrea Gabrieli

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Christi O. Brown

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Mr. Rick Turner

Miss Martha L. Barre, Acolyte

Genesis Choir

Kelsey Grant, violin

Mrs. Janet R. Kuntz, flute

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 Purnell Morris by Raymond Morris 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.

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.

LIFT: (MID)LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER (Room 2212) This new class is made up of those in the center of their lives with older children in and out of the house. Each week will be a stand-alone, Bible-based study from 10:00-10:30. Join us to find a lift for your spirit and deepen your connection to Christ. Come early at 9:45 for delicious coffee and extra connection!

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

FEBRUARY 24, 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.

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.**

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

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY - TUES, FEB 26

Students from Presbyterian College will volunteer this week. We will serve pizza, salad, dessert, and tea. We welcome donations! For a complete list of donations needed: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/meal-ministry

Questions? Please contact Will DeLaney, Beth Perry, and Tina Hamilton; 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 27

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: Salad Bar, Fried Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, 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.

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

Healing and Wholeness Service: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This service provides an opportunity to pray for the healing of oneself and others, reflect on the components of healing, receive communion, and experience God's blessing.

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.

Local Missions and Poverty Initiative Overview: 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Rev. Christi Brown will be talking about our local mission opportunities and giving a preview for the Faith Poverty Summit that First Presbyterian is hosting in April 10-11.

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG - MARCH 3

NEXT SUNDAY, March 3, please bring canned goods and loose change to Worship to benefit Total Ministries of Spartanburg. As we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall. **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** Some suggestions: cereal, oatmeal, grits, pasta, and pasta sauce.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MARCH 1

The World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 1. You are invited to participate by coming to the Chapel for a time of private prayer between 11:30am and 1:30pm. The Prayer Committee has prepared materials you may wish to use as you pray, and Sylvia Jennings will play a selection of hymns to accompany your meditations. Please join us - - come when you can and stay as long as you like.

YOUTH SPRING BEACH RETREAT: MARCH 15-17

Join your fellow 6th-12th graders for an amazing weekend at the beach. Keep your "Eyes Above the Waves" with featured speaker Chip Herring and musical leader Danny Nue. The cost is \$165; registration is due by March 1.

*Questions? Contact Shannon Stewart; ssewart@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.

THORNWELL LUNCHEON - MARCH 26

Join us on Tuesday, March 26, 12:00-1:00pm, for lunch in the Large Private Dining Room (off Fogartie Hall). Thornwell's president and three staff members will share a variety of programs offered. They will highlight ways Thornwell provides services to Spartanburg County families and children. The luncheon is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church members, but you must make reservations.

To register: <https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/thornwell-luncheon>.

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. 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 volunteer: Email carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org and note that you'd like to help build the FPC house.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 24

Witness Season Sunday

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

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

FEBRUARY 26

Neighborhood Meal Ministry

FEBRUARY 27

Healing and Wholeness Service

MARCH 1

World Day of Prayer

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

*Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Returns to the Pulpit*

MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday

MARCH 10

*First Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins*

MARCH 15-17

Youth Spring Retreat

MARCH 17

Sanctuary Rededication (4:00pm)

MARCH 24

Confirmation Sunday

MARCH 26

Thornwell Luncheon

APRIL 10-11

Faith Summit on Child Poverty

JUNE 9-13

Vacation Bible School

*A complete calendar is available at
[fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](https://www.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

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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