



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25
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) *Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553*
(11:00) *Adagio cantabile*

J. S. Bach
Giuseppe Tartini

(11:00) ACOLYTE

INTROIT (11:00) *Let me be Your Servant, Jesus*

Judith Helms

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**
One: Jesus calls us to be his disciples.
All: **We take up the cross to follow him.**
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 213

This hymn was probably inspired by Galatians 6:14: "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (ESV).

† HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

RATHBUN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Redeemer,
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
You call us to be a blessing in the world,
but we only seek our own benefit.
You call us to give our lives for others,
but we only seek to save ourselves.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set our minds on divine things -
the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you.
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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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: 2nd floor of the Family Life Center.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SOLO (8:45)

And Can it Be?

Dan Forrest

ANTHEM (11:00)

O Holy Jesus

Donald McCullough

SERMON

*A Year in the Life of Jesus:
Shadows on the Son*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

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

Air

E. J. Moeran

Hymn 707

Hymn Author,
William Hiram
Foulkes,
graduated from
the College of
Emporia, Kan-
sas, in 1897 and
went on to the
McCormick
Theological
Seminary,
Chicago, Illinois.
He pastored
Presbyterian
churches in
Illinois, Oregon,
New York, Ohio,
and New Jersey.
He served on
the General
Council of the
Presbyterian
Church, and
as moderator
of the General
Assembly (1937).

† 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.*

† 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 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

HALL

† 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

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson, Rev. L. Craig Foster, and Rev. Joanne R. Hull
George Gauthier, Acolyte
Holt Andrews; Kelsey Leahy, oboe
Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir

The Lenten Greens in the Social Hall are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Purnell Morris by Raymond Morris and family.

We welcome organ student, Jessica Andress, who is playing the opening voluntary at 8:45 this
morning. Jessica is a high school senior and is a scholarship recipient from both the Petrie
school of Music for piano and the American Guild of Organists.

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)
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) *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 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 25
Monday, February 26
Tuesday, February 27
Wednesday, February 28
Thursday, March 1
Friday, March 2
Saturday, March 3

Leviticus 25, 26 / Psalm 25
Leviticus 27 / Numbers 1 / Acts 13
Numbers 2, 3 / Acts 14
Numbers 4, 5 / Acts 15
Number 6, 7 / Psalms 26, 27
Numbers 8, 9 / Acts 16
Numbers 10, 11 / Acts 17

LIFE @ FIRST

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

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

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. Today, there will be a table set up in the Fogartie Lobby before and after the 11:00am services. Stop by and make an appointment.*

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.

TODAY - BLOOD DRIVE, FEBRUARY 25

A Blood Drive is being held today, 8:00am-1:00pm in the FLC Parking Lot. All donors will receive a \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card. Walk-ins are welcome!

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 28

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Breakfast for Dinner!* 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.

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

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

Elizabeth von Trapp in Concert: 6:30pm in the Social Hall. From the family whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*.

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. 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. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

FRIDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WORSHIP AND LUNCH

A World Day of Prayer Worship Service will be held Friday, March 2, 12:00-12:30pm in the Chapel. Come pray for our church, community, nation and the world. A light lunch will follow in the Large Private Dining Room (cost is \$5). Please RSVP for the lunch by Wednesday, February 28.

RSVP for the lunch to Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2132.

NEXT SUNDAY - FOOD COLLECTION

The Local Missions Committee is collecting for Total Ministries in the wooden crates outside the entrances to all services on March 4. Food items requested are pasta and sauce, tomato soup, and peanut butter.

Questions? Email Juli Robertson; rrobertson30@charter.net.

4TH TUESDAY MEAL MINISTRY: FEB 27

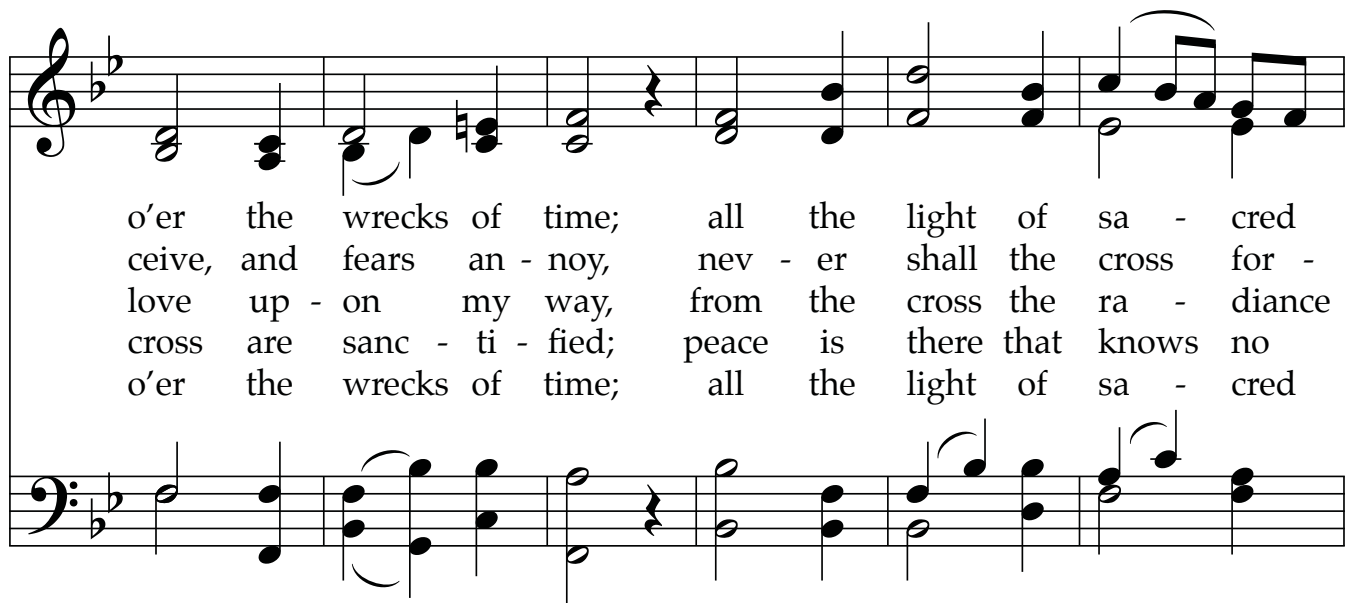
We are excited to provide a Mexican style meal for our guests this month. Volunteers please arrive 4:15-5:00. We will serve dinner at 5:15. **Donations needed! For the meal:** Tacos - hard and soft shell, taco meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, sour cream, refried beans, chips, dip, dessert, and tea. **For our guests to take with them:** juice pouches, water bottles, individually-wrapped food items, granola bars, crackers, shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste, comb, deodorant, razor, toilet paper, band aids, flashlights with batteries, hand warmers, sleeping bags, backpacks, and clothing for men, women, and children.

Questions? Contact Tina Hamilton at 864-908-8753 or email Will DeLaney at 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com

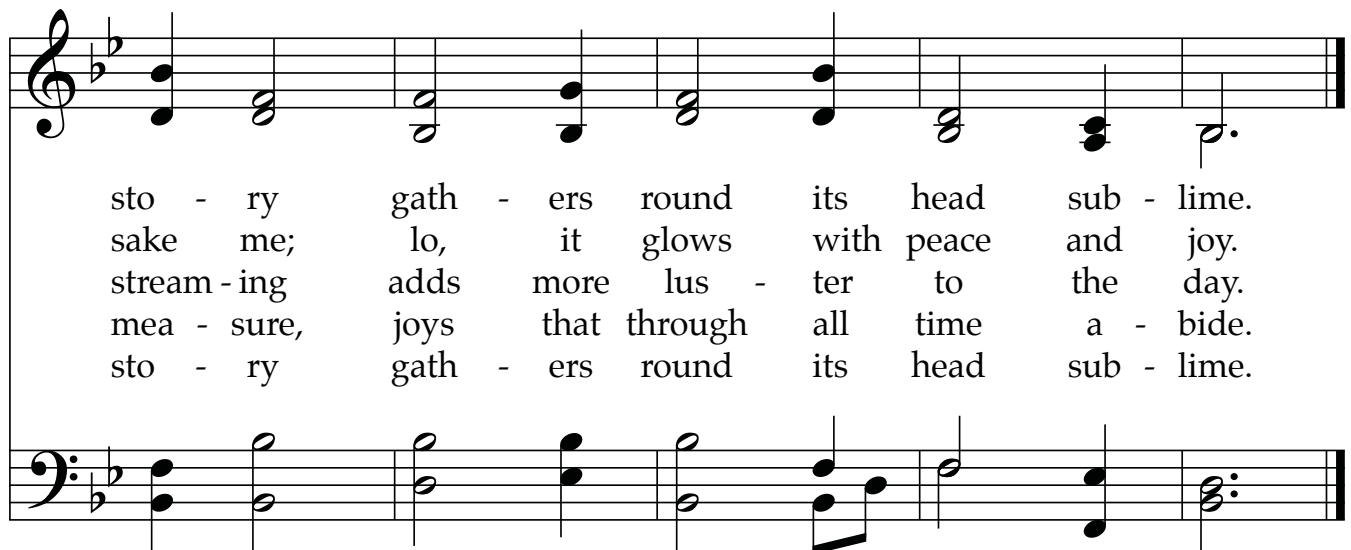
In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system includes a four-part vocal entry. The second system features a more complex harmonic texture with some triplets. The third system has a more straightforward harmonic setting. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final cadence. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.

teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
help us to shed a - broad thy death - less love;
guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;

grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.