

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

MARCH 1, 2020

8:45AM - CHAPEL

11:00AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: O praise the Lord with me.

All: **Let us exalt God's name together.**

(Psalm 34:3)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Air in G

Herbert Howells

ACOLYTE

INTROIT (11:00)

Live in Charity

Taize Community

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In times of trouble, nothing will overwhelm us,

All: **not even mighty waters.**

One: For You are our safe place;
You preserve us from trouble;
be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

All: **Shout for joy all you upright in heart.**
Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 32:6-7, 11)

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.

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

At the 8:45 service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during the Passing of the Peace. After The Word for Children, they will return to the pews.

At the 11:00 service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace. After The Word for Children, children 3 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location:
Clark Building,
2nd floor

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, forgive us.

We see the depth of your love all around us,
but we take your many gifts for granted.

We are reminded of your great love
as we come to your table to be fed,
but instead of this being a life-changing meal,
we fall into the same sins.

Turn our hearts.

Show us our shortcomings;
help us make the changes in our lives
so we become beacons of your love and goodness.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

HYMN 551

LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We acknowledge our sins to you. We do not hide them from you.
We confess them to you Lord and you forgive the guilt of all our sins. (Psalm 32:5)

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE (Seated)

HYMN 799, VERSE 1

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.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God's words tell us to make a joyful noise to all ye lands,
offering words of peace to His people. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet each other in peace and joy on this first Sunday in Lent.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (11:00) *Come and Fill our Hearts*

Taize community

8:45

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Come to the Table

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

11:00

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:26

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Growing Toward God in Worship: At the Table Dr. Thomas E. Evans

*For as often
as you eat this
bread and drink
the cup, you
proclaim the
Lord's death until
he comes.*

**1 Corinthians
11:26** (NRSV)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

(11:00)

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place

Ronald Arnatt

† 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.*

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 Supper
is the sign and
seal of eating
and drinking in
communion with
the crucified
and risen Lord.
During his earthly
ministry Jesus
shared meals
with his followers
as a sign of
community and
acceptance
and as an
occasion for his
own ministry.

God of grace, you lift our hearts...

...And so we give you thanks, gathering around the table of your kingdom
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

God of blessing, you are the host of our joy...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Bring us with all your saints to the day...

...God, most glorious, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. (The Lord's Prayer)

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MUSIC

(11:00)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Gwyneth Walker

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 801

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
(verses 1-4)*

CRIMOND

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

CRIMOND

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

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

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. L. Craig Foster

Miss Abby Edwards, Reader

Miss Finley S. Sloan, Acolyte

Holt Andrews, Director; Marcia Andrews, Organist
Reel Robertson; Genesis Choir; Chancel Choir

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jacob Emmanuel Kuntz by Jeff, Janet and John Kuntz.

The Flowers in the Tower Room are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Katie Jones and Sam McCutchen, and in memory of Ms. Shirley Kay Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Robert Jones, Mr. James McCutchen, and Ms. Beverly Catherine McCutchen.

For the hearing impaired: 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.

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN

Birth - Kindergarten: Clark Building, 1st Floor

1st - 5th Grades: Clark Building, 2nd Floor

YOUTH

(6th-12th Grades) 2nd Floor of Family Life Center

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE! Room 2210; **CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES** Room C212;

EMMAUS CLASS Room 2207; **FAITH DRIVEN** Room C210;

LIFT (MID)LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER Room 2201; **OPEN CLASS** Room 2213;

PURNELL FELLOWSHIP CLASS Purnell Room; **YOUNG ADULTS** Room 2216

LIFE @ FIRST

MARCH 1, 2020

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.

TODAY, MARCH 1:

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN 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.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP: Meet in The Perrin Room at 10:30am for doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship with your church family.

PICK UP A COPY OF THE 2020 LENT DEVOTION BOOK

This year's Lent Devotion Book, *The Rhythm of Worship and Life*, is a collaboration of seven Spartanburg area Presbyterian congregations, including Inman, Landrum Limestone, Nazareth, Second, Tyger River, and our own congregation. The reflections consider how the movements of worship reflect and shape the movements of our lives. Copies are available throughout the church facilities.

LENTEN WORSHIP AND LUNCHEON - WED, MARCH 4

This week, we will host the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance Lenten Worship and Luncheon. Worship begins at 12:00pm in the Chapel. Luncheon will follow in the Large Private Dining Room.

RSVP to Jasmine Guest at the Spartanburg County Foundation; jguest@spcf.org.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 4

Mark your calendars for another season of great food, fellowship, and programming! See First News for complete menus and programming options.

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Meal costs are \$8 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$7 for Seniors (55 and over), \$5 for Children - limit of \$25 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations. March 4: Greek Style Pork Chops

Evening Activities Include: Children's Choirs, Christian Recreation for Children (CRC), Nursery Care (6 months - 3K), Youth Fellowship, Sit 'n Stitch, Wednesday Walkers, and

"Sabbatical Reflections" with Marcia and Holt Andrews: 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Holt and Marcia will offer thoughts (and pictures!) from their recent sabbatical. On March 4 the focus will be on their musical/cultural experiences, and on March 11 they will discuss spiritual aspects of their visits to over fifteen different cities in the United States, Europe, and Africa.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 6

The Prayer Committee has placed prayer cards in the Tower Room and Lobby of the Family Life Center. We hope you will find them useful as you think about the needs of our world and that you will join Christians around the globe on that day in offering our both our praise and our concerns to God in prayer.

LUNCH 'N LEARN: TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Learn more about Generational Literacy, a focus area of the Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty. Join us in the Large Private Dining Room at Noon on Tuesday, March 10 for a panel discussion with Bill Brasington, Adult Learning Center; Gloria Close, Citizen Scholars Institute; Todd Stephens, Spartanburg County Public Libraries; and Anne Waters, Hub City Writers Project. Lunch, prepared by Pano Stathakis, will be served for \$7. Please RSVP by Friday, March 6.

RSVP online or email Caroline Goodman at cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. They bring all their supplies to the church; we will spend two hours packaging food for the starving and malnourished around the globe. We need 120 volunteers for this mission opportunity to package 25,000 meals! How amazing is that? All ages welcome; come to the Gym on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00pm. Mark your calendars and register today!

Register: <https://fpcspartanburg.org/events/rise-against-hunger>

LENTEN AND EASTER AT FPC, SPARTANBURG

Lenten Worship and Luncheon - Wednesday, March 4

(See article on first page).

Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 5

8:45am Worship in the Chapel and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong). There will be a palm procession during the service.

9:30am Intergenerational Brunch in the Social Hall.

10:30am Blessing of the Palms. Come to Montgomery Commons at 10:40am for a brief service with the Episcopal Church of the Advent and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (*Montgomery Commons is bordered by the Advent, the Mary Black Foundation, First Presbyterian, and the Piedmont Club*).

10:55am Palm Procession. After the service in Montgomery Commons, there will be Palm Procession, with a donkey, up to the Sanctuary.

11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary.

Palms will be provided by the Sanctuary Guild at all worship services.

Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 9

A Tenebrae Service will be held at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. It will be a service of readings in darkness with Communion, remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before his crucifixion.

Good Friday Service - Friday, April 10

This year, we will have two worship services in the Chapel: 8:15-8:55am and 12:15-12:55pm. This service features scripture, hymns, and music.

Easter - Sunday, April 12

6:45am Sunrise Service // Columbarium, rain location in the Chapel.

8:45am Worship Services in the Sanctuary and MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

10:15am Butterfly Release and Hot Cross Buns // Front Lawn

At this special event, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Since ancient times, the butterfly has served as a symbol of Jesus' beautiful transformation following his crucifixion and death. The butterfly also reminds us of our final resurrection and eternal life when we will all be changed.

11:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

CALENDAR

MARCH 1

*First Sunday in Lent
Communion*

Total Ministries Food Collection

*Traditional Service
(8:45am - Chapel)*

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

*Monthly Fellowship
(10:30am - The Perrin Room)*

*Traditional Service
(11:00am - Sanctuary)*

*Youth Group
(5:00pm)*

MARCH 4

*Interfaith Alliance
Lenten Worship and Lunch
Hosted by First Presbyterian Church
WAF*

MARCH 6

World Day of Prayer

MARCH 8

*Daylight Saving Time Begins
Don't be late for church!*

MARCH 15

Rise Against Hunger

APRIL 5

Palm Sunday

APRIL 9

Maundy Thursday

APRIL 10

Good Friday

APRIL 12

Easter

APRIL 19

Welcome Class Begins

JUNE 15-18

Vacation Bible School

*A complete calendar is available at
fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.*

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: Quarterly 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; Kairos Prison Ministry; MLK, Jr. Celebration

Education: Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); 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 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

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DIACONATE

Class of 2020: Marjorie Appiah, Fran Bagwell, Budge Bean, Marsha Calvert, Alice Eberhardt, Sharon Hill, Brenda James, Andy Lancaster, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Andy McKee, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters, Hannah Zimmerman

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STAFF

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