



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 4

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 *I Plead With Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*

J.S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**
One: The law of the Lord revives the soul;
All: **the word of God makes the simple wise.**
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 394

The parallel
with Ephesians
2:20-22 is striking:
"having been
built on the
foundation of
the apostles and
prophets, Jesus
Christ Himself
being the chief
cornerstone, in
whom the whole
building, being
fitted together,
grows into a
holy temple
in the Lord, in
whom you also
are being built
together for a
dwelling place
of God in the
Spirit".

† HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Redeemer,
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
You gave us your law to guide us,
but we seek the wisdom of the world.
You made us a temple of living stones,
but we dishonor the body of Christ.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Instruct us in our foolishness
and strengthen us in our weakness
so that we may be holy and whole.
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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned

their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*A Year in the Life of Jesus:
Jesus - The Temple of God*

Dr. Thomas E Evans

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

O Savior of the World

John Goss

(11:00)

O Jesus, My Savior

David W. Music

† 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)

LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 PRAYER

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SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 402

A close examination of the metrical paraphrase of this Hymn reveals a careful correlation with Psalm 84. Stanza One of the hymn corresponds closely to verses 1-4 of the Psalm. Stanza Two draws upon verse 10. Stanza three relates to verse 11.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 402

How Lovely, Lord
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

MERLE'S TUNE

† 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 for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.*

† (8:45) CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Pieter Sweelinck

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Charles Crenshaw
George Gauthier
Genesis Choir and Chancel Choir

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

Many Thanks to Lynn Ritchie (organist) and Janet Kuntz (conductor) for their musical leadership while Marcia and Holt Andrews are away.

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, March 4
Monday, March 5
Tuesday, March 6
Wednesday, March 7
Thursday, March 8
Friday, March 9
Saturday, March 10

Numbers 12-14 / Psalms 28-29
Numbers 15-16 / Acts 18
Numbers 17-19 / Acts 19
Numbers 20-21 / Acts 20
Numbers 22-23 / Psalm 30
Numbers 24-25 / Acts 21
Numbers 26-27 / Acts 22

LIFE @ FIRST

MARCH 4, 2018

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

TODAY - FOOD COLLECTION

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

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

SIGN UP 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.

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.

CUBA MISSION TEAM NEEDS....

The Cuba Mission Team needs these additional supplies to take to our sister church in Santa Clara, Cuba:

- Tylenol- acetaminophen – 200 mg, 500 mg, 650 mg
- Aspirin – low dose – 81 mg
- Ibuprofen – 200 mg
- Adult & Seniors vitamins
- Sanitary napkins/tampons

Please leave any donations in the Mission Office across from the Library by Tuesday, March 6.

NEXT SUNDAY - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't be late for church! We may all feel a little tired on March 11, as Daylight Saving Time begins. Clocks will be set forward at 1:00am local time on Sunday.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 7

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw, Yeast Rolls, 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.

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) 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.

Presbyterian College Choir and Handbells: 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Listeners will enjoy a wide variety of music from both groups, which are recognized around the southeast for their high standards and innovative programming.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 8:45am Worship (Chapel and MorningSong)
- 9:45am Intergenerational Brunch (Gym)
- 10:40am Blessing of the Palms and Procession with Church of the Advent and St. Paul Catholic (Montgomery Commons)
- 11:00am Worship (Social Hall and MorningSong)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:00pm Agape Feast (Fogartie Hall)

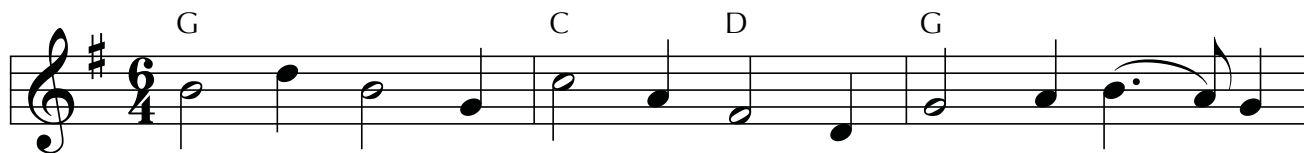
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

- 8:15am Worship (Chapel)
- 12:15pm Worship (Chapel)

EASTER, APRIL 1

- 7:00am Sunrise Worship (Columbarium)
- 10:00am Butterfly Release & Hot Cross Buns (Front Lawn)
- 11:00am Worship (Twichell Auditorium - Converse College)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



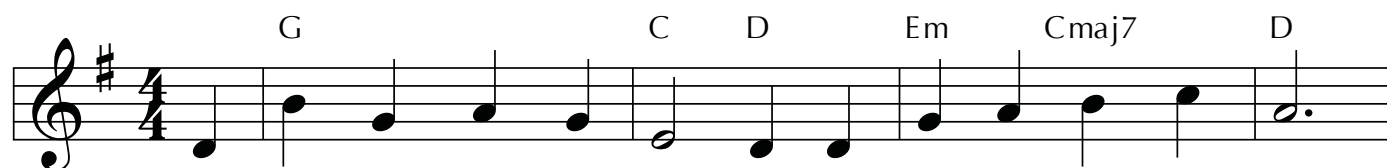
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



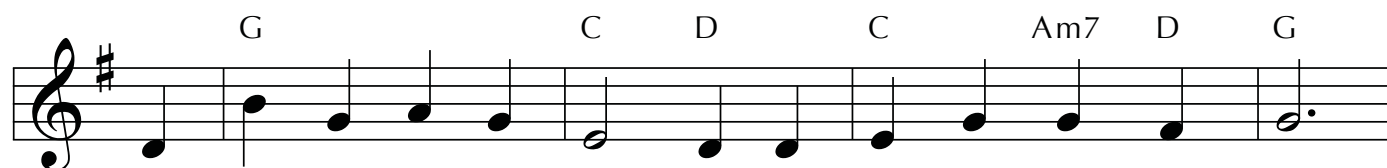
help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



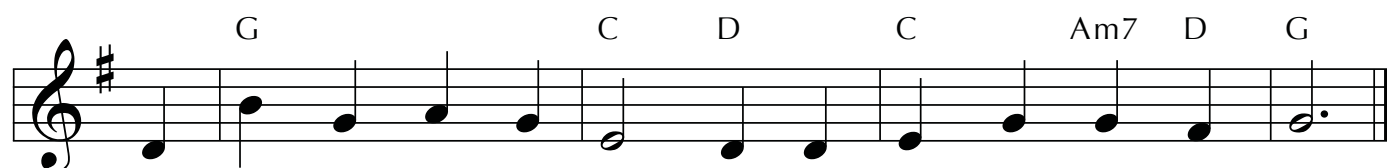
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long-ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en-trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.