

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 10, 2019

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

(8:45)

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Wilbur Held

(11:00)

*This is My Father's World*

Sandra Eithun

ACOLYTE

† 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.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the season of Lent, we lay down our heavy burdens,  
All: **for the weight of the world is not ours to carry,  
and the life of the church is not ours to save.**  
One: Repent and believe,  
All: **for the calling of Christ leads us to follow,  
and the grace of God offers us transformation.**  
One: Let us worship God!

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.

Hymn 826

George W. Kitchin wrote the original version of this text in 1887 for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The hymn was intended to be used for a festival service at Winchester Cathedral, England.

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 Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, they will return to the pews. Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

† HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace and mercy,  
you create a new order for our lives:  
service before success,  
faith before knowledge,  
partnership over independence,  
the cross over the crown.  
Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world,  
rejecting your call through our action or inaction.  
Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world  
in the light of your great love.  
Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

† RESPONSE (Join in singing upon direction.)

HYMN 654

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus,  
let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us greet each other as we share the love and peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(11:00) MOMENT FOR MISSION: Girl Scouts

8:45

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:18-26; 1 Corinthians 1:18

One: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Cross*

Rev. L. Craig Foster

11:00

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-2

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18; 1 Peter 2:24; Luke 9:23; 1 Peter 1:3

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Our Sacred Space: The Cross*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

### At the 11:00

service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

## 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)

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

Jeffrey Honore

(11:00)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Gilbert Martin

### † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 802, v6

ST. COLUMBA

*And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.*

### 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.

Hymn

The cross and  
its meaning for  
believers are the  
themes of this  
hymn. The joy  
that is found in  
contemplating  
the cross is not  
found in the  
shame, but in  
the promise  
that someday  
the saints will  
exchange  
the labor of  
sanctification  
for the crown of  
life (James 1:12,  
Revelation 2:10).

† 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

*The Old Rugged Cross*

OLD RUGGED CROSS

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Refrain:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]*

*In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]*

*To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 307, VERSE 1

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Lift High the Cross*

Donald Busarow

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

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster; Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Rev. Christi O. Brown; Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Mrs. Janet R. Kuntz, Elder

Heather Mullman, Girl Scout Leader

Girl Scout Readers: Miss Lettie M. Brown, Miss Camille G. Cleland, Miss Lilla M. Langley, Miss C. Adeline Usry

Mr. Sam Mitchell, Acolyte

Genesis Choir; Chancel Choir; Handbell Choir

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*The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin John Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson Crow by the 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.*

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## COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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

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

**Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor FLC

### ADULTS

**BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210)**

**EMMAUS CLASS (Room 2207)**

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2201)**

**OPEN CLASS (Room 2213)**

**CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Room C212)**

**FAITH DRIVEN (Room C210)**

**LIFT (Room 2212)**

**PURNELL CLASS (Purnell Room)**

*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.*

# LIFE @ FIRST

MARCH 10, 2019

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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](mailto: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](http://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.

## GIRL SCOUT RECOGNITION

Tuesday, March 12, marks the 107<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Girl Scouts. It commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. During today's 11:00am Sanctuary Worship service, we will recognize our Girl Scouts, past and present.

## FOCUS GROUP FOR ECONOMIC MOBILITY - TUESDAY

The Spartanburg County Foundation is participating in an initiative focused on changing the odds of economic mobility for youth between the ages of 14-24 in the City of Spartanburg. Participate in this focus group on Tuesday, March 12, 11:00am-12:00pm, in the Large Private Dining Room of our FLC.

*RSVP to Travis Wharton, Spartanburg County Foundation; [twharton@spcf.org](mailto:twharton@spcf.org).*

## JOY FELLOWSHIP OUTING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Join the JOY Fellowship at the Spartanburg Public Library for a presentation on the art work of James Walker, to be followed by "Music Sandwiched In." The presentation begins at 11am, but we will leave the church at 10:45am to travel there together by bus. \*\* Bring money to purchase lunch at the library. \*\*

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 13

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Salad Bar, Taco Night (Beef/Chicken), 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.

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

**CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reflections on My Sabbatical:** 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Dr. Tom Evans will share thoughts and stories from his sabbatical (continued on March 27).

## 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; [carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org](mailto:carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org).*



## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17:

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 17, immediately following the 11:00 worship service to hear and act upon a recommendation from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to call an Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Missions and to approve the terms of call.

**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.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - MARCH 18

A new Grief Support Group with Anna Rickell, MSW, LISW-CP, CGP and Beth Cecil, RN will begin Monday, March 18 at 5:30pm in Room 2213.

*To register: Joanie Shackleton; 864-208-2132 / [jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CONCERT – WED, MARCH 20

Our Children's Choirs will present a spring concert on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. The program will include lots of music the children have worked on over this school year. Please join us for this special evening and support our young singers - - and feel free to invite extended family and friends! We will follow it up with an Ice Cream Sundae Party for all!

## 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.

*RSVP by Friday, March 22: [www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/thornwell-luncheon](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/thornwell-luncheon).*

## CPR CLASS - MARCH 28

An American Red Cross Heart Saver CPR class is scheduled to be taught on Thursday, March 28 in the Arthur Center. Enrollment is limited. The cost is \$25.

*To register: Contact Beth Cecil; [bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org) / 804-208-2136.*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 9-13

Mark your calendar now for June 9-13 to be part of this year's Vacation Bible School. We'll kick off the week for the children during a special Children's Worship session (for rising 4K to rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade) on Sunday, June 9, and continue the fun with our first Summer Sizzle after the service. We hope you'll join us as we deepen our faith in God and have fun while we do it!

*Want to volunteer?*

*Contact Molly Jones via email: [mollyjones01@gmail.com](mailto:mollyjones01@gmail.com) or text: 843-412-1022.*

## CALENDAR

### MARCH 10

*First Sunday in Lent*

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

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

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

### MARCH 15-17

*Youth Spring Retreat*

### MARCH 17

*Sanctuary Rededication (4:00pm)*

### MARCH 20

*Children's Choir Concert*

### MARCH 24

*Confirmation Sunday*

### MARCH 26

*Thornwell Luncheon*

### APRIL 10-11

*Faith Summit on Child Poverty*

### APRIL 12

*Deadline for Easter Flower Orders*

### APRIL 14

*Palm Sunday*

### APRIL 18

*Maundy Thursday*

### APRIL 19

*Good Friday*

### APRIL 21

*Easter*

### JUNE 9

*Pentecost*

### JUNE 9-13

*Vacation Bible School*

*A complete calendar is available at  
[fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835  
Received thru 3/3: \$384,482

Witness Season Update: \$22,875

## 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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