



# 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.”

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY 2018 - A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 11

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)

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

Flor Peeters

(11:00)

*Prelude on "Promised Land"*

Don Phillips

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
All: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
One: The Lord of life is lifted up!  
All: **Let us look to him and live.**  
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 361

Samuel  
Sebastian Wesley  
composed the  
tune Aurelia in  
1864. He was  
one of the  
first cathedral  
organists to  
demand a full  
pedal-board on  
the organs that  
he played.

† HYMN 361

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*  
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Redeemer,  
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.  
We grumble and complain  
when you have provided all we need.  
We continue to walk in darkness  
when you have given light to the world.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Help us to trust in you  
so that we may not perish  
but may have eternal life.  
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: STEWARDSHIP

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

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.

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

(8:45)

*He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*

arr. Dale Wood

(11:00)

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

Hal H. Hopson

## SERMON

*A Year in the Life of Jesus:  
Light of the World*

Rev. Christi O. Brown

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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

(8:45)

*O God, Thou Faithful God*

Flor Peeters

(11:00)

*All Praise to Thee, Eternal God*

J.S. Bach

### 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 744

Ruth C. Duck was working on a revision of the traditional hymn "Rise Up, O Men of God" when this adaptation came to her in 1973. It marked the beginning of her involvement in hymn writing.

This was her first text to be accepted for publication in a denominational hymnal.

† 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

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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 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*  
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

FESTAL SONG

† 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 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

Robert Powell

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PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Christi O. Brown and Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Mr. Bert Barre

Mrs. Penny Wright; Chancel Choir

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*The Lenten Greens in the Social Hall* 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.

*Thanks to* Bruce Campbell (organist) and Paul MacPhail (conductor) for their musical leadership today.

*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)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

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

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

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

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## READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

### This week's readings:

Sunday, March 11  
Monday, March 12  
Tuesday, March 13  
Wednesday, March 14  
Thursday, March 15  
Friday, March 16  
Saturday, March 17

Numbers 28, 29 / Psalm 31  
Numbers 30, 31 / Acts 23  
Numbers 32, 33 / Acts 24  
Numbers 34, 35 / Acts 25  
Numbers 36 / Deuteronomy 1 / Psalm 32  
Deuteronomy 2, 3 / Acts 26  
Deuteronomy 4, 5 / Acts 27



# LIFE @ FIRST

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Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org).  
Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

## GIRL SCOUT RECOGNITION

Tomorrow, March 12, marks the 106<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 MorningSong service, we will recognize our Girl Scouts.

## SIGN UP FOR DIRECTORY APPT

We need you to make our new Pictorial Directory complete! **Additional** photography sessions are now available.

*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.*

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 14

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Irish Stew, Mashed Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, 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.

**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.

**DR and Haiti Mission Presentation:** 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Learn more about First Presbyterian's ministry in the Dominican Republic and Haiti from our mission teams.

## 2018 UKIRK STAKEHOLDERS DINNER

On Friday, March 23, we will be hosting a Stakeholders Dinner to support UKirk College Ministry. The dinner will be in the Family Life Center at 6:30pm. There will be Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, and Silent Auction. Rev. Kirk Neely will be our guest speaker.

*RSVP via email [spartanburgukirk@gmail.com](mailto:spartanburgukirk@gmail.com)  
or call Mary Ann Cleland; 864/504-4956.*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Calling all parents and Sunday school teachers of nursery, preschool, and elementary aged children (and others who just love our children)! Ministry Architects, a church consulting firm will be at First Presbyterian next Sunday, March 18, to assess our children's ministry programs and make recommendations for the future. Please make plans to share your thoughts in one of these listening group sessions:

- 9:45-10:45am in the Faith Driven Class (Room C210)
- 12:30pm in the Purnell Room
- 1:45pm in the Purnell Room
- 3:00pm in the Purnell Room

*To RSVP for one of these sessions,  
please contact Emily Neely; [eneely@gmail.com](mailto:eneely@gmail.com).*

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:45am Worship (Chapel and MorningSong)

9:45am Intergenerational Brunch (Gym) -

*Bring your favorite breakfast food to share.*

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)

*No Cost; RSVP by Tuesday, March 27*

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

8:15am Worship (Chapel)

12:15pm Worship (Chapel)

### EASTER, APRIL 1

7:00am Sunrise Worship (Columbarium)

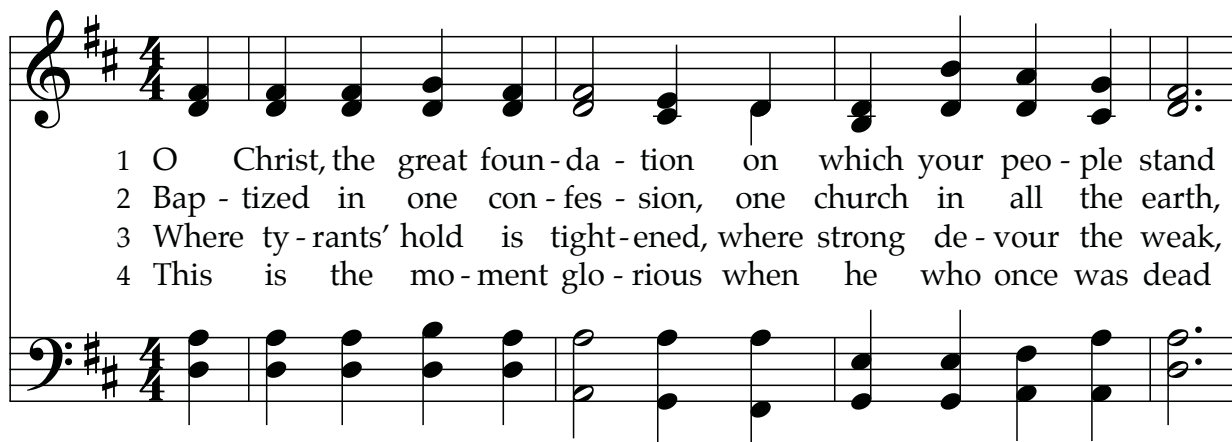
10:00am Butterfly Release & Hot Cross Buns (Front Lawn)

11:00am Worship (Twichell Auditorium - Converse College)

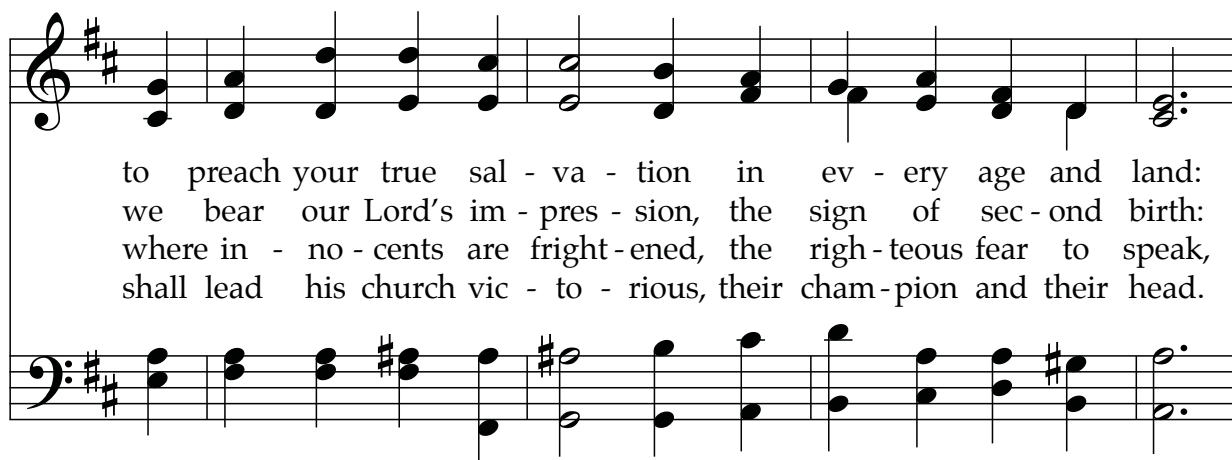
## ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Guild provides an opportunity for you to honor loved ones and friends in a commemorative booklet which will be available by Easter, April 1. Your contribution of \$15 will provide flowers and lilies on Easter and help endow the flower fund for floral arrangements throughout the year. See the order form on the back page.

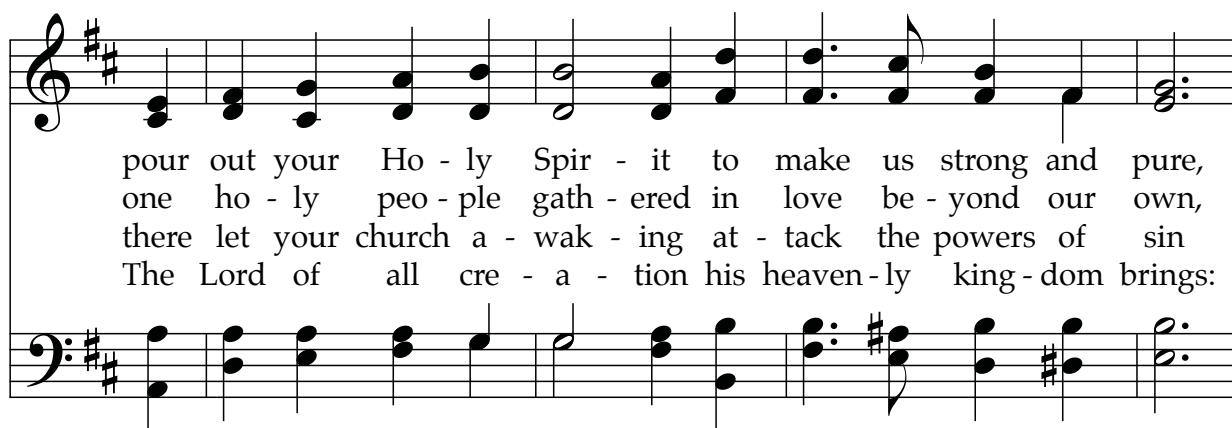
# O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



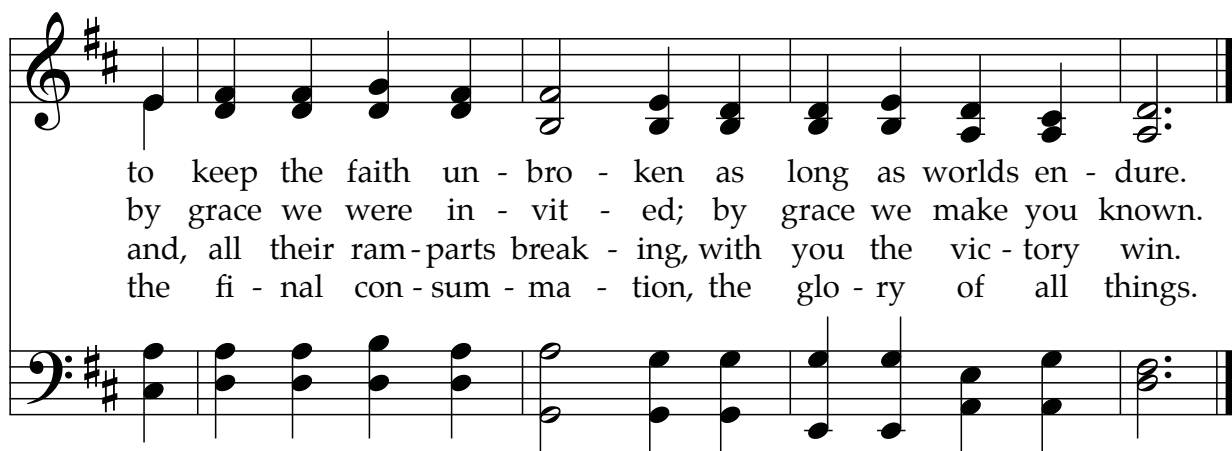
1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand  
2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,  
3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,  
4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:  
we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:  
where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,  
shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.



pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,  
one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,  
there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin  
The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.  
by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.  
and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.  
the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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## HONOR AND REMEMBER FAMILY AND FRIENDS THIS EASTER

### Easter Lily Order Form

I would like \_\_\_\_ contribution(s) at \$15 each.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgment to \_\_\_\_\_ (if you wish to have an acknowledgement card sent, please include the address(es)).

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Drop off or mail this form, with check payable to "First Presbyterian Church" attn: Lynise Clarke, by Friday, March 23.*