

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 15, 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)

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.

Father, we pray today in Jesus' name that You would send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide us, let them bring us to Your holy mountain to the place where You dwell. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our joy and our delight.

(Psalm 43:3-4)

(8:45)

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

J.S. Bach

(11:00)

Holy is the Lord

Franz Schubert

ACOLYTE (11:00)

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.

INTROIT (11:00)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Johann Rudolph Ahle

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

In lieu of signing
the Friendship
Pad, see
instructions inside
the back page
of the worship
bulletin.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

One: O Lord, you are full of compassion
long-suffering and abounding in mercy.

**All: Lord, you call us to go into all the world
and proclaim your good news to the whole creation.**

One: You are the source of strength
for all the host of heaven sing your praises

**All: and your glory is forever and ever.
Let us worship the Lord, our God.**

(Mark 16:15)

† HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Have mercy on us, God, according to your steadfast love.

For we know the things we should do,
but we fail to do them.

We see evil being done,
but we don't speak out.

We see people in need,
but we walk past.

We have good intentions,
but we do not carry them out.

Have mercy on us, God.

Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.

(Psalm 51)

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: Lord, you have given us the Scripture
to teach us, to correct us when we fail you.
We are free from the burden of sin because of your forgiveness.
Thank you for your boundless mercy and your love
that we may do good works for you,

**All: In your name, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

(2 Timothy 3:16)

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.*

The "Kyrie,
eleison" (or
"Kyrie" for
short) has been
a traditional
penitential
prayer of the
Christian liturgy
for centuries.
"Kyrie, eleison" is
from the Greek
for "Lord, have
mercy."

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As Jesus has shared his peace through the written word,
let us share that peace with each other. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet each other in Peace on this third Sunday in Lent.

*Children are invited to come forward for The Word for Children
during the Passing of the Peace.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Georgia Jean Berry
Daughter of Becky and Jeff Berry

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

Taize community

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:14-15

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Growing Toward God in Worship:
The Proclamation and Reading of the Word*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

You shall not dishonor the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Honor your father and mother.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not be a false witness.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbor.

(Exodus 20)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We invite everyone to **Pass the Peace** with their neighbors with verbal greetings, instead of a handshake. Or if you prefer, you may place your hand over your heart as a way to express Christ's call to reconciliation in the church and world.

Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.

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.

Please **drop off your Offering/Tithe** as you exit the building today. Ushers will be at all exits to receive your gifts. Thank you.

Today's closing hymn is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. We are assured of the steadfastness of God and His unfailing love by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh.

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY		
(8:45)	<i>Holy is the Lord</i>	Franz Schubert
(11:00)	<i>Christ, Around Your Word Assembled</i>	John Leavitt
† DOXOLOGY		
HYMN 606		OLD HUNDREDTH
<i>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.</i>		
† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
God of love and mercy, We praise you for your goodness, for your steadfast love that endures forever and your faithfulness from generation to generation. We thank you for gifts so graciously granted to us, and in return we humbly offer to you only a portion of those gifts. We pray that you will use us and these gifts to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...		
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)		
BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD		
† HYMN 463	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	FOUNDATION
† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
† BENEDICTION RESPONSE		
HYMN 175, VERSE 1		LAFFERTY
<i>Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!</i>		
† CLOSING VOLUNTARY	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Claude Murphree

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Mr. Stanford J. Lummus

Mr. Jackson E. Usry, Acolyte

Holt Andrews, Director; Marcia Andrews, Organist
Genesis Choir
Handbell Choir
Chancel Choir

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Linford Lee Shaw and Robert Shaw by Frances McDowell and Janet and Jim Shaw.

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 15, 2020

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WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest!

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.

Or come to a **Welcome Class**, which is open to anyone interested in learning more about the First Presbyterian. The next four-week class begins: April 19.

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 also available.

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. Copies are available throughout the church facilities.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 18

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 18: Baked Spaghetti

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

"Singing to Servanthood!" Our talented Children's Choirs will present a spring concert at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. "Singing to Servanthood" 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!

JOY FELLOWSHIP TRIP, THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Join your JOY Fellowship friends for a trip to the historic Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport. We will have a tour and learn some of the history of Spartanburg's largest asset. Meet at the Family Life Center at 10:45am to take the church bus to the airport; we will enjoy lunch at Fuddruckers after the tour.

RSVP to Joanie Shackleton: jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org; 864-208-2132.

YOUNG ADULTS AT TOPGOLF - SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Enjoy an afternoon at TopGolf with other Young Adults of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 22, 2:00-5:00pm.

To reserve your spot, RSVP to Rev. Leslie Lang; llang@fpcspartanburg.org.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION AT MONTREAT: AUGUST 14-16

This event features New York Times bestselling author Jen Hatmaker, Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, and Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgell! The first 20 women to sign up for this extraordinary conference, through FPC, will receive a deeply discounted price of only \$200 (This is half the cost of the full registration and includes conference registration, a double-occupancy room, and five meals). Register before April 1 to get your first choice of workshops!

To Register: email Shannon Hutcheson; shutcheson@fpcspartanburg.org.

LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST PRES

Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 5

8:45am Worship Services // Chapel and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong). There will be a Palm Procession* during both worship services.

9:30am Intergenerational Brunch // 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, to the Sanctuary.

11:00am Worship Service // Sanctuary

7:00pm Chamber Singers Concert // Sanctuary

** Palms provided by the Sanctuary Guild*

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 // Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong)

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 // Sanctuary

The Cross of Flowers is an annual Easter event. Members and guests are invited to place flowers in the rough-hewn cross, which is erected by the Sanctuary Guild on the Lawn of the church, as they come to worship on Easter. This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

In an abundance of caution - to help prevent the spread of illness - we have put the Fellowship Pads away and will not pass the Offering Plates. For the next few weeks, please follow the instructions below.

HOW DO I SIGN IN TO WORSHIP?

To sign in to worship, please do one of the following:

FOR OUR VISITORS

- 1) **Complete an Online Form:** Go to the church's homepage and click on the Event "Sunday Worship Check In."
- 2) **Complete a Visitor Form:** Locate a single-use Visitor Form in the Pew Rack or ask an Usher for a copy. Place the form in the Offering Plate as you leave Worship.
- 3) **Call the Church Office:** Call the church office 864-583-4531 and leave a message for Didi Terry.

FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS:

- 1) **Check-in Electronically:** (*If you have the ShelbyNext Membership App, go directly to "3."*)
 1. **Set up** your ShelbyNext Account by going online and clicking Member Login on the church's homepage - fpcspartanburg.org. Click the "Email my Username and Password" button and follow the instructions.
 2. **Download** the ShelbyNext | Membership App (available for both Apple and Android devices). After you download and launch the app, enter "**firstpres.shelbynextchms.com**" for the domain and your username and password.
 3. **Open** the ShelbyNext App
 4. **Click** Check In
 5. **Click** Your Name
 6. **Choose** which Worship Service you are attending.
 7. **Click** "DONE".
- 2) **Complete an Online Form:** Go to the church's homepage and click on the Event "Sunday Worship Check In."
- 3) **Call the Church Office:** Call the church office 864-583-4531 and leave a message for Didi Terry.

HOW DO I PRESENT MY OFFERING?

Please drop off your Offering as you exit Worship. Ushers or Deacons will be at the exits to receive your gifts.

Gifts can also be given electronically on the church website, via text, or through the ShelbyNext App. For detailed instructions, visit fpcspartanburg.org/give or pick up a "*Your Guide to E-Giving*" brochure located throughout the church.

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

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

Class of 2022: Vic Bailey IV, Palmer Ball, Kathryn Bridges, Charlie Burns, Randall Chambers, Lee Close, Andrew Darr, Lynn Edwards, Melissa France, Debbie Kocisko, Craig Long, Kay Maddox, Stephen Parrott, Jessalyn Story, Mary Lorick Thompson

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

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Leslie A. Lang**, Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions; **Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.**, Associate Pastor of Youth and Campus Ministries; **Rev. Ansley B. Page**, Pastoral Associate; **Mr. R. Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Mrs. Susan H. Oldham**, Pastoral Associate for Evangelism; **Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mrs. Holly M. Bannan**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Mrs. Carrie H. Coleman**, Youth Program Administrator; **Ms. Beth S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Mrs. Colleen M. Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Mr. Pano J. Stathakis**, Director of Hospitality



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