

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 17, 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 *The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God* Benedetto Marcello  
*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*  
Psalm 19:1 (NRSV)

ACOLYTE

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

† CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: God's gifts are as many as the stars,  
All: **God's grace as endless as the evening sky.**  
One: Let us worship the Christ who binds us together,  
All: **the One in whom we place our trust.**  
One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 1  
It is uncommon  
to find a hymn  
included in  
just about  
every hymnal,  
with almost  
universally similar  
text. And yet this  
is the case with  
Reginald Heber's  
greatest hymn,  
"Holy! Holy!  
Holy!" published  
in 1826. The  
few variations  
are found in  
versions sung by  
non-trinitarian  
churches, but  
these alterations  
are few and far  
between.

† HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

PRAYER OF 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.*  
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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.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19:1; Job 38:7; Revelation 5:11-12; James 5:13

### SERMON

*Our Sacred Space: Choir Loft and Organ*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## 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)

*The Heavens Sing Praises*

Ludwig van Beethoven

(11:00)

*O Lord, Our Lord*

Robert Powell

#### † 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.*

### † 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.

#### At the 8:45

service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during The Word for Children.

#### 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:  
Clark Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

#### 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.

# BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

## Hymn 409

Fred Pratt Green  
wrote this text  
early in 1978  
in Norwich,  
England. Russell  
Schulz-Widmar  
had requested  
that Pratt Green  
write a hymn text  
to be sung at the  
closing service  
of an eight-  
month festival  
on worship,  
music, and the  
arts, held at  
the University  
United Methodist  
Church in  
Austin, Texas.  
In that service  
the church  
dedicated its  
new chancel  
furniture and  
the people  
rededicated  
themselves to  
God.

## † HYMN 409

*God Is Here!*  
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

## † 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.*

## (11:00) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## † CLOSING VOLUNTARY (8:45) *When In Our Music God is Glorified*

Charles V. Stanford

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Mrs. Martha T. Bean, Elder

Miss Ellie N. Hallenbeck, Acolyte

Penny Wright  
Chancel Choir  
Kaci Cotter, horn

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

*The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Paula Irene Binovec and Tomas Binovec by their 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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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Nursery</u> (Birth-2K) 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building	<u>Preschool</u> (3K-5K) 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building
<u>Elementary</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Building	<u>Youth</u> (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Family Life Center

### ADULTS

*Sunday mornings offer classes designed to help men and women grow their faith through study and discussion.  
Want more information? Visit our website at [fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults](http://fpcspartanburg.org/grow/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.*

**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)** *This class is largely made up of parents of children and youth and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the 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.*

**LIFT: (MID)LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER (Room 2212)** *This new class is made up of those in the center of their lives with older children in and out of the house. Each week will be a stand-alone, Bible-based study from 10:00-10:30. Join us to find a lift for your spirit and deepen your connection to Christ. Come early at 9:45 for delicious coffee and extra connection!*

**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.

# LIFE @ FIRST

MARCH 17, 2019

Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://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](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.

## TODAY, 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:** This afternoon, 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).*

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 20

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: Salad Bar, Roast Pork w/ Jezebel Sauce, Fried Apples, Green Bean Casserole, Bread, 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; you are welcome to pre-pay online. We take credit/debit cards, and also welcome cash and check.

**Nursery Care** (6 months to 3K): 6:15pm in the Gym Nursery.

**Sit 'n Stitch:** Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

**Children's Choirs Concert:** 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

*Our Children's Choirs will present "There is Music in the Air" 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!*

## 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).*



## 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.

## SPIHN INFORMATIONAL MEETING - APRIL 8

SPIHN (SPartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network) is holding a casual, informational meeting on Monday, April 8, 5:30-7:00pm in the Arthur Center. This is for any potential volunteers and current volunteers. The Director of SPIHN, Beth Rutherford, will update us with what volunteers should expect, a little more info on our families, the direction SPIHN is taking, along with a time for Questions and Answers. Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Email Crystal Workman: [workman06@charter.net](mailto:workman06@charter.net).

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/2NKxUr0>

## 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!

To volunteer, email or text Molly Jones: [mollyjones01@gmail.com](mailto:mollyjones01@gmail.com) / 843-412-1022.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY - THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The ShelbyNext Membership App is available for both Apple and Android devices. Through this app you can search an always up-to-date membership directory, modify your own information, contribute to the church's mission, view your contribution history, and print contribution statements. After you download and launch the app, enter "firstpres" for the domain and your username and password. To login, you must have a valid email address in our church database.

For detailed information: [fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login](http://fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login).

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling with Dr. Kirk Neely is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members. There is no fee; a contribution may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is by appointment on Tuesdays.

To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry;  
583-4531/[dterry@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:dterry@fpcspartanburg.org).

## CALENDAR

### MARCH 17

*Second Sunday in Lent*

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

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

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Congregational Meeting*

*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 3/10: \$422,554  
Witness Season Update: \$25,125

## 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; **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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