



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 18

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)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Robert Elmore

(11:00)

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Velma Burnett

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**
One: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.
All: **We are God’s people; the Lord is our God.**
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 629

"Jesus the very thought of thee" was originally penned by Bernard of Clairvaux in the 1100s. The son of a knight, Bernard grew up with wealth, power, and opportunities. Instead of pursuing these things in his adult life, however, Clairvaux abandoned his earthly luxuries and became a monk. In this hymn we can see how devout and sincere Clairvaux was. The text expresses the feeling of joy and bliss that only Christ can provide.

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.

† HYMN 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
(Hymn Printed in Back of Bulletin)

ST. AGNES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Redeemer,
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
You write your law in our hearts,
yet we pretend we do not know you.
You lifted up Christ for all to see,
yet we turn away from your glory.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to delight in your way,
to seek you with all our hearts,
and to trust in your saving love.
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 12:20-22

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

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

ANTHEM

(8:45)

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

(11:00)

Give Me Jesus

L. L. Flemming

SERMON

*A Year in the Life of Jesus:
A Man Called Jesús*

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.

(8:45) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

† 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

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 service of
ordination and
installation shall
focus upon Christ
and the joy and
responsibility
of serving him
through the
mission and
ministry of the
church.

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 450

With its heartfelt
poetry and
moving melody,
"Be Thou My
Vision" beautifully
expresses the
desires of the
Christian heart.
Though its
popularity rose
only in the past
fifty years or
so, the hymn
actually has
a rich history
dating back
to the eighth
century.

† HYMN 450

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SLANE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

† (8:45) CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue Sur Les Jeux D'Anches*

Francois Couperin

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown

Mrs. Nan McDaniel

Genesis Choir

Handbell Choir

Chancel Choir

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 Social Hall are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Linford Lee Shaw and Robert Linford Shaw by Janet and Jim Shaw.

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 18
Monday, March 19
Tuesday, March 20
Wednesday, March 21
Thursday, March 22
Friday, March 23
Saturday, March 24

Deuteronomy 6, 7 / Psalm 33
Deuteronomy 8, 9 / Acts 28
Deuteronomy 10, 11 / Romans 1
Deuteronomy 12-14 / Romans 2
Deuteronomy 15, 16 / Psalm 34
Deuteronomy 17, 18 / Romans 3
Deuteronomy 19, 20 / Romans 4

LIFE @ FIRST

MARCH 18, 2018

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

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
contact Didi Terry in the Church Office.*

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

This Wednesday, March 21 at 3:00pm, join your church family, young and old, in the Large Private Dining Room of Fogartie Hall to make crosses out of palm fronds for each person who will worship with us on Palm Sunday. Bring your clippers or scissors - and stay for dinner at WAF (reservations required).

*Questions? Contact LeAnne Thurmond Holcombe;
leanne.thurmond@gmail.com / 864-621-0213.*

2018 UKIRK STAKEHOLDERS DINNER

On Friday, March 23, First Presbyterian will be hosting a Stakeholders Dinner to support the UKirk College Ministry. The dinner will be in the Family Life Center at 6:30pm - and include a Silent Auction and guest speaker, Rev. Kirk Neely.

*RSVP via email spartanburgukirk@gmail.com
or call Mary Ann Cleland; 864/504-4956.*

NEXT WEEK - PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Next Sunday, March 25, after the 8:45 am Worship Services, come to the Gym and enjoy brunch with your church family! Bring your favorite breakfast food to share - coffee cake, fruit, breakfast casserole, muffins, biscuits. After a delicious brunch, head out to Montgomery Commons for the Palm Procession.

**There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday.*

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Guild provides an opportunity for you to honor loved ones in a commemorative booklet which will be available by Easter, April 1. Your contribution of \$15 will provide flowers on Easter and help endow the flower fund for arrangements throughout the year. Order forms can be found in the church office and are due by Friday, March 23.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 21

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** Salad Bar, Fried Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Green Beans, 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.

Evensong: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This is a contemplative service of song, prayer, and communion.

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.

Children's Choir Program: 6:30pm in the Social Hall. The children have been having fun this new year learning lots of new songs and are excited to share them with their own families and our church family. Following the program, there will be an Ice Cream Sundae party in Fogartie Hall for everyone! Come join in the fun!

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)

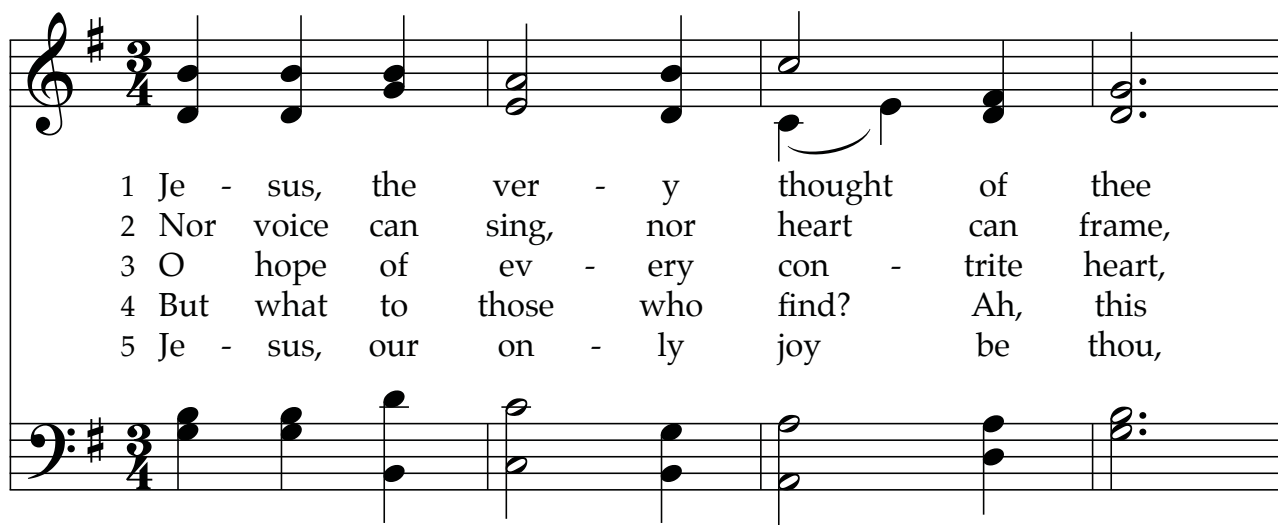
EASTER, APRIL 1

7:00am Sunrise Worship (Columbarium)

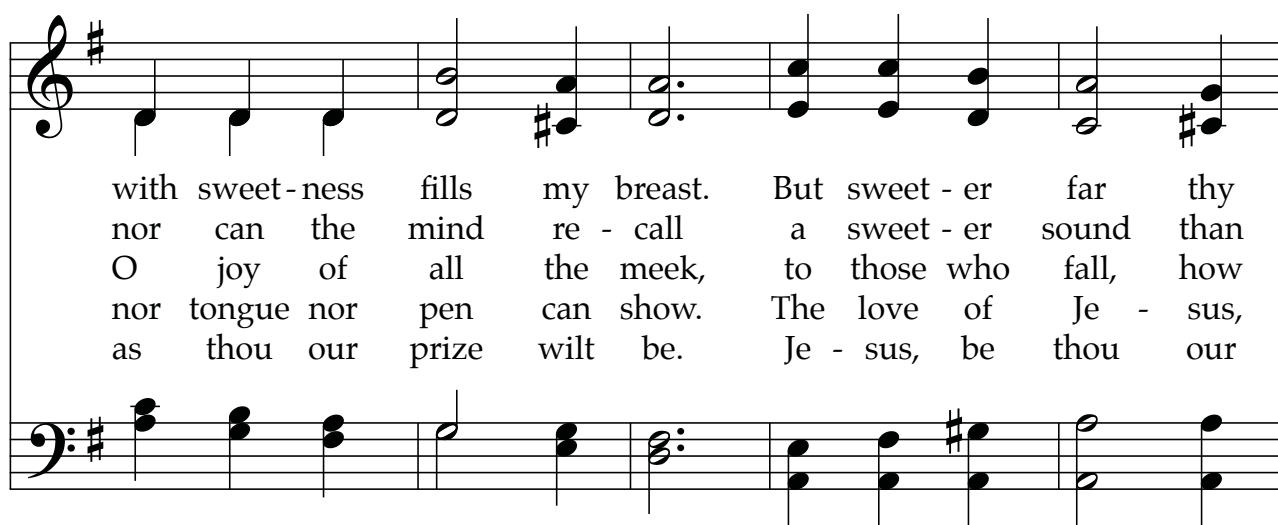
10:00am Butterfly Release & Hot Cross Buns (Front Lawn)

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

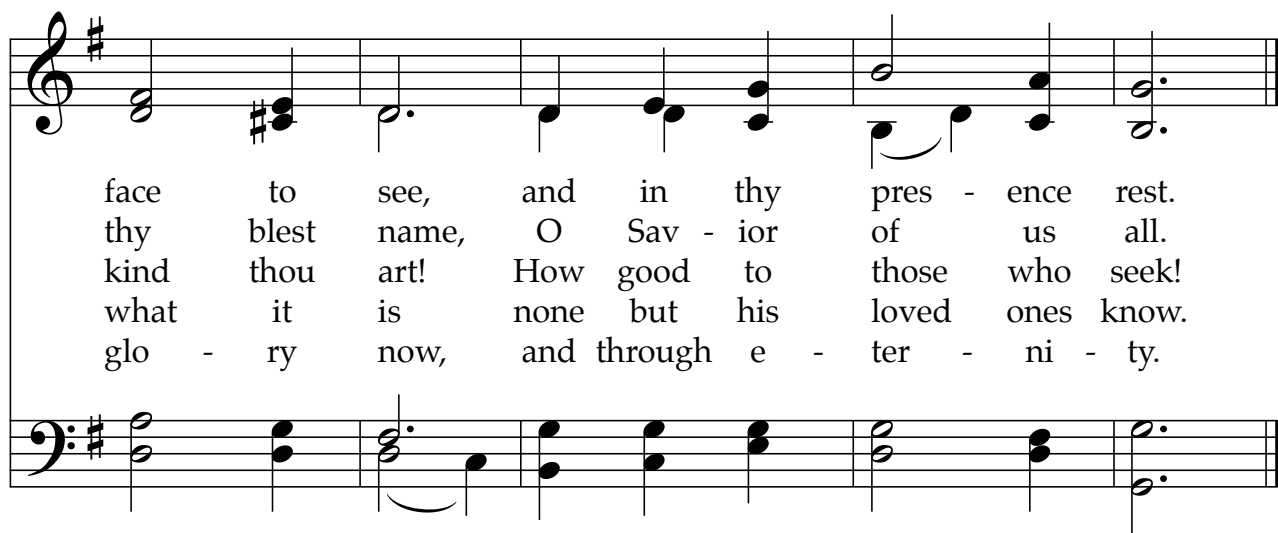
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,



with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our



face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

(G)

(D/F#)

(A7)

(D)

E \flat A \flat E \flat /GB \flat 7E \flat 

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

(D)

(G)

(A)

B \flat E \flat A \flat B \flat 

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

(D)

(F#m7)

(G)

(A)

A \flat E \flat

Gm7

A \flat B \flat 

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

(D/F#)

(G)

(D)

Cm

E \flat /GA \flat E \flat 

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.