

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 24, 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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
ACOLYTE (11:00)

arr. Dale Wood

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As the Creator and the Savior are one,
All: **May we all be one.**
One: So that the world may see Christ,
All: **May we all be one.**
One: So that the nations will know the love of God for them,
All: **May we all be one.**
One: As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,
All: **May we all be one.**
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.

Hymn 20

Whether we're
in a park, on a
mountain, at
the sea or a
lake, or simply
driving down the
highway with a
glorious sunset
behind us, it is
not difficult to
find ourselves lost
in the beauty of
God's creation.
Let us lift our
voices in praise
to our maker,
the creator of all
things bright and
beautiful.

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
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-
1st grade are
welcome to
attend Children's
Worship.

Pick-up Location:
Clark Building, 2nd
floor

Nursery is
available for
infants through
age 3.

† HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

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.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

8:45

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:21-43

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Talitha Cum

Rev. Christi O. Brown

11:00

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43 (selected verses); Mark 2: 1-12

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Stand On Up and Let's Go

Rev. Ansley B. Page

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CONFIRMATION

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

CONFIRMANDS (Listed by Covenant Families)

Adom Asante Appiah	Suzanne Elizabeth Colbath	Makayla Grace Durham
Isabelle Frances Edwards	Jack Robert Foster	James Sidney Fulmer, III
John Davis Gaubert	William Michael Holmes	Ella Grace Marsh
Sarah Chapman McMeekin	Steven McClure Mullen, Jr.	Jackson William Phillips
Margaret Kennedy Phillips	William Melton Pressley	Florian Raphael Sloan
Charles Finley Reid	Paige McKee VanGeison	James Boyce Waters

COVENANT FAMILY LEADERS

Ashley Millinor	Rob Hammett	Rob Elliott
Jane Breeden	Mary Elizabeth Evans	Donna White

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

One: Dear God ... for the gift of faith, we give you thanks.

All: Defend, O Lord, these your children with your heavenly grace that they may always love, know, and serve you, growing each day in wisdom and grace until at last they come to your eternal kingdom.

One: And may the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory, confirm you to the end that you shall be found faithful on the day of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: And may we as your people, continue to nurture, support, encourage, and strengthen them, striving side by side for the advancement of your kingdom and the reconciliation of this world. Amen.

Today, during the 11:00am worship service, our 9th graders who have been examined by the Session will reaffirm the vows taken at Baptism and will be confirmed for full participation in the mission and governance of the church.

The Confirmands are receiving stoles as a sign of "ordination" for Christ's service as new members of the church. This "ordination" is not to be seen in the same light as an ordained minister or elder, but to exemplify the symbolism of Christ's invitation to bear His yoke and be God's servants in His Church and for His Kingdom.

After the 11:00 worship service today, the Confirmands will be in on the Front Lawn. We invite you to greet them and welcome them into full membership in the church.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45)

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

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.

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Dodd Lamberton

(11:00)

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

† 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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

(Verses 1-3)

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 307, VERSE 4

CWM RHONDDA

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the search of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Ansley B. Page
Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. L. Craig Foster

Mrs. Suzanne H. McDaniel, Elder

Miss M. Helen Colbath, Acolyte

Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir
Janet Kuntz, flute

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty and J.D. Trout 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.

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)
1st Floor Clark Bldg

Preschool (3K-5K)
1st Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)
2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6th-12th Grade)
2nd 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 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.

LIFE @ FIRST

MARCH 24, 2019

Complete details at 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.

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. 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.

FAITH SUMMIT ON CHILD POVERTY - APRIL 10 & 11

Recently the Racial Equity Index has exposed deep ills within our town on the topic of poverty. To create sustainable change in Spartanburg will require us to open our hearts to people all across our community. In partnership with the Spartanburg County Foundation, **we are hosting a Faith Summit on Child Poverty to discuss these issues**. Please join us for Worship and an interactive kick-off workshop on Wednesday evening, April 10, 6:00pm-8:30pm and then a day of speakers, relationship-building, and table discussions on Thursday, April 11, 8:30am-3:30pm.

Questions? Contact Joy Jones; 864-583-4531; jjones@fpcspartanburg.org.

To register for the Faith Summit on Child Poverty, please go to:

<https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/faith-summit-on-child-poverty>

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - MARCH 27

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: Salad Bar, Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Green Beans, 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.

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

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5th 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 (will be continued into April).

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.

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 / 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.

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 6th 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 / 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.

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.

KEY-CARD ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Please bring your Sonitrol Card on Wednesday night – and other days during the work week. During WAF, the doors to the Family Life Center will be unlocked and monitored, but other outside doors will be locked. When you have your Sonitrol card with you (and the church is open), the doors to the Tower Room, the Chestnut Street Door, the door near the elevator/Purnell Room, and the door to the Clark Building are accessible. Also, if you have lost your card, please let us know.

To obtain a key card, see Didi Terry in the church office during the week.

CHESTNUT STREET PARKING SAFETY CONCERN

Please make a point to remove ALL parked cars from the Chestnut Street parking spaces before 11:45am each weekday. Parked cars in the pick-up line create a dangerous situation both for children and motorists.

CALENDAR

MARCH 24

Third Sunday in Lent

Confirmation Sunday

MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

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

APRIL 21-28

SPIHN Guests

APRIL 28

One Worship Service at 11:00am
Installation of
The Reverend Leslie Ann Lang

MAY 19

Baccalaureate Sunday

MAY 26

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

JUNE 9

Pentecost

JUNE 9-13

Vacation Bible School

A complete calendar is available at
fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835
Received thru 3/10: \$497,171

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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