

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 31, 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.

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come as you are, gifted and beloved,

All: and find purpose in God's calling.

One: Come as you are, weary and wary,

All: and find comfort in God's embrace.

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

All: and worship God with gladness.

One: Let us worship God together!

Hymn 459

The prevalent
image in this
hymn is light:
God is the Light;
his Word is a light
for our path; and
we, the church,
must be a light
for the nations.

The author,
William W. How,
first published it
with a subhead
quotation
from Proverbs
6:23: "For the
commandment
is a lamp: and
the law is light;
and reproofs of
instruction are
the way of life"
(KJV).

† HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Ann Palmer Summers
Daughter of Laura and Josh Summers

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:8; John 6:63; Hebrews 4:12; Romans 10:14

SERMON

Our Sacred Space: The Pulpit

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

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)

Foundation

John Rutter

(11:00)

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 802, V6

*And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

ST. COLUMBA

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.

† 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.

Hymn 462

In "The Story Told," which is part two of the poem "The Old, Old Story" from which this hymn is taken, Katherine Hankey briefly summarizes the whole story of the Bible, from the Fall in Genesis 3 to Christ's birth, death, and resurrection to the "scenes of glory" in Revelation. This hymn is a good reminder that when we speak to others of the gospel, we must tell them "the old, old story of Jesus and His love."

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

† 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.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Dr. Blair W. Clementson, Baptism Elder

Miss Camille G. Cleland, Baptism Reader

Miss Elizabeth M. Cann

Genesis 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 Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bertram Barre and Mrs. Sallie Barre James by Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Barre, Dr. and Mrs. William A. James, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bert D. Barre.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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 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 31, 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 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:
www.fpcspartanburg.org/povertysummit*

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 3

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** Salad Bar, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Lima 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.

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

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.

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>

HELP AT NEW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HABITAT HOUSE

Our newest First Presbyterian Church Habitat Home is being built at the corner of Salem and Maxton Streets in the Maxwell Hills/Duncan Park neighborhood. Upcoming tasks include: drywall, siding, and painting (exterior and interior).

To volunteer: Email Carrie Vaughn; carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org.

HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN - WEEK OF APRIL 21!

SPIHN's mission is to help temporarily homeless children and their families become self-sufficient by bringing together community resources to provide essential needs and life skills in a compassionate environment. Our next SPIHN week is April 21-28. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction.

If you have any interest, please contact:

Meals: Katherine Burns; marchk2b@yahoo.com

Evening Host: Hannah Zimmerman; hannahlanedc@gmail.com

Overnight Host/Supplies/Questions: Crystal Workman; workman06@charter.net

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, April 10, 3:00-5:00pm, 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.

If you would like to help, please contact Mary Lorick Thompson:

336-813-2678 / marylorick.thompson@salem.edu.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

On Sunday, April 14, after the 8:45 am Worship Services, come to the Social Hall 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:45am Worship (Chapel and MorningSong)

9:45am Intergenerational Brunch (Social Hall) - Bring a 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 (Sanctuary)

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:30pm Tenebrae Service: A service of readings with Communion, remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before his crucifixion. (Sanctuary)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

8:15am Worship (Chapel)

*Nursery care provided at 8:15am.

12:15pm Worship (Chapel)

EASTER, APRIL 21

6:45am Sunrise Worship (Columbarium)

8:45am Worship (MorningSong and Sanctuary)

10:15am Butterfly Release & Hot Cross Buns (Front Lawn)

11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)

****There will be no Sunday School nor Children's Worship on Easter.****

CALENDAR

MARCH 31

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

APRIL 10-11

Faith Summit on Child Poverty

APRIL 12

Deadline for Easter Flower Orders

APRIL 14

Palm Sunday

APRIL 17

No Wednesdays at First

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 3/24: \$527,845

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

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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. 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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