

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

APRIL 14, 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 Glory, Laud and Honor

J. S. Bach

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Passion /
Palm Sunday
begins Holy
Week, a time
in the church
year when we
remember how
Christ gave his
life in love for the
world.

**Today's Palm
Procession**

8:45 Chapel

You will receive
palms as you
enter the
Chapel.

11:00 Sanctuary

Today, we
join with the
Episcopal
Church of the
Advent and St.
Paul Catholic for
a brief service
in Montgomery
Commons at
10:40am. If
you did not
receive palms
there, you will
receive palms
as you enter the
Sanctuary.

If you would
like to join the
procession,
please make
your way to the
Narthex during
the Opening
Voluntary.

Feel free to take
the palms with
you when you
leave.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

Hymn 196

This hymn text was written by St. Theodulph of Orleans in 820 while he was imprisoned in France for conspiring against the King. Today we praise the "Redeemer, King" because we know just what kind of King He was and is – an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem, but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise Him with glory, laud, and honor.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.
All: During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles and mysteries.
One: Now the Lord comes to us in victory.
All: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.
One: Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!
All: Hosanna in the highest! AMEN.
One: Let us worship God together!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 197, VERSE 3

ELLACOMBE

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

† 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

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

*Cooper Alexander Ashby
Presley Reagan Ashby
Son and Daughter of Jessica and Mark Ashby*

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

SERMON

Our Sacred Space: The Baptismal Font

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Today's Affirmation of Faith

As we look to
Christ's journey
on the cross,
we speak these
words from
Philippians
reminding us of
Jesus' sacrifice.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let the same mind be in [us] that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Children of the Heavenly Father

Paul Christiansen

(11:00)

See What Love

Felix Mendelssohn

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 93, VERSE 1

TRURO

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

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 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 215, VERSE 1

WONDROUS LOVE

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Epilogue on St. Theodulph

Healey Willan

Hymn 216

"Beneath the cross of Jesus," focusing on the shelter of the cross, was first published three years after the author's death in 1872 under the title "Breathings on the Border," perhaps a double entendre referring to a geographical location near Melrose, the Scottish Borders, and a reference to the border between life and death.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Dr. Leland G. Close Jr., Elder
Mr. Wade Cooper Neely, Acolyte
Miss Camille G. Cleland, Reader

Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir

The Lenten Palms in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Chapman Quantz McMeekin by Sarah, Tom, and Thomas McMeekin.

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.

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

LIFE @ FIRST

APRIL 14, 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.

YOUTH PIZZA PARTY WITH ROBERT - TONIGHT!!

Tonight at 5:15pm, come to the Youth Room at the top of the FLC stairs for a Pizza Party with our new Director of Youth and Campus Ministries, Robert Bannan. This is an awesome chance to meet or reintroduce yourself to Robert and to learn more about upcoming trips and events. We'll have time for food and fellowship at the beginning of the event, then Robert will meet individually with the Middle Schoolers while the High Schoolers have time in the gym. Then we'll switch it up, giving each group their own chance to hang out with him for a bit. Come prepared to ask any questions you may have about Robert, the future of the youth program, or both. All are welcome. Bring a friend!!

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.****

BUTTERFLY RELEASE ON FRONT LAWN

On Easter, April 21, the Butterfly Release will take place on the Front Lawn of the church at 10:15am. We are not taking individual orders, but instead will release them all at once from a single enclosure. Be a part of the celebration - and enjoy Hot Cross Buns with your church family!

** NO WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 17 **

Please enjoy time with your family and friends
and reflect on what this week truly means.

CUBA MISSION TRIP, SEPTEMBER 2019

Travel with First Presbyterian to Cuba September 20-25! We will meet various groups through our sister church, Santa Clara Presbyterian Church, attend worship services and spend some time sightseeing. Exceptional food, music, and fellowship are guaranteed. Cost is \$1500 per person. Applications **must be submitted by April 15**, along with a deposit to Katie Resumovic in the church office.

Pick up an application in the church office or download a form on our website. Questions? Contact Kam or Emily Neely or Pat Tatham.

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

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 **on Sunday, June 9, during a special Summer Sizzle** with a sing-along, a chance to meet EP3-20 and time to pick up t-shirts and music CD's. June 10-13 will be 9am to noon. 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. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: www.fpcspartanburg.org/vbs.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY

In 2018, the Neighborhood Meal Ministry served dinner on 36 Tuesdays to our friends at the Arthur center. We averaged around 45 guests each week, along with 10-12 volunteers. Some of the folks are homeless, some are low on resources, and others just enjoy the fellowship. All have shown kindness and appreciation. Several individuals, groups, and Sunday School classes have stepped up to make this happen. Most of the remaining Tuesdays for 2019 are already covered but **the following are available: May 21, July 16, July 30, September 17, and November 15.**

** If you, your group, or your Sunday School Class are **interested in hosting** one of these dinners, contact John Tatham; jtatham1@charter.net.*

** If you would like to **contribute financially** to these dinners, please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and note for Neighborhood Meal Ministry.*

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: painting, flooring, and cleaning.**

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

CALENDAR

APRIL 14

Palm Sunday

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

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

*Brunch (9:45am - Social Hall)
No Sunday School*

Youth Fellowship (5:15pm)

APRIL 15

Communion at Eden Terrace (4:00pm)

APRIL 17

No Wednesdays at First

APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday

APRIL 19

Good Friday

APRIL 21

Easter

APRIL 21-28

SPIHN Guests

APRIL 24

Last WAF

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 4/9: \$595,492

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. Leslie A. Lang**, Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate; **Rev. Ansley B. Page**, Pastoral Associate; **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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