

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 21, 2019

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:45AM and 11:00AM - SANCTUARY

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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 *Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound*

G. F. Handel

ACOLYTE (11:00)

The Acolyte
brings the light
of God into the
Sanctuary at
the beginning
of the service
and carries the
light of God out
into the world at
the end of the
service.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christos anesti!
All: **He is risen indeed!**
One: El Messieh kahn!
All: **He is risen indeed!**
One: Le Christ est réssuscité!
All: **He is risen indeed!**
One: Cristo ha resucitado!
All: **He is risen indeed!**
One: Christ is risen!
All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life,
forgive us when we would rather mourn the old.
God of resurrection,
forgive us when all we can see is death.
God of faithfulness,
forgive us when we are certain that we are alone.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Make us aware of the depth of your grace,
that we might respond with lives of faithfulness.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE

HYMN 233, VERSE 1

LANCASHIRE

The Resurrection
of the Lord (or
Easter Sunday) is
the center of the
Christian year.
On this occasion
the church
joyfully proclaims
the good news
that is at the
very heart of
the gospel: that
Jesus Christ is
risen from the
dead.

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
"Peace be with you!"
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
All: and also with you.
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-5

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

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:50-53; Matthew 28:1-6

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

Afterwards, they may return to their seats; there is no Children's Worship today.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Simon Lindley

SERMON

The Curtain is Torn

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN To JOY

† EASTER LITANY

One: Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. For your victory, we worship you:
All: Praise to you O Christ.
One: Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. For your victory, we worship you:
All: Praise to you O Christ.
One: Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven and worshiped on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:
All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Today's Easter Litany has been adapted from the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship.

Hymn 238
 This hymn perfectly displays the glory and brilliance of Christ's resurrection. The first stanza discusses the power of the resurrection, the second verse tells Christ's people to shed their doubt now that Christ has conquered the grave, and the third verse tells us to quench our fear now that the Prince of peace reigns. The powerful lyrics and the universally-liked tune no doubt led to the hymns' enormous popularity.

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

One: O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your church and ruler of the universe. By your goodness we pray:
All: Hear us, Lord of glory.
 One: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* Robert Powell

† DOXOLOGY
 HYMN 609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

† 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 238 *Thine is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE G. F. Handel

*Hallelujah,
 for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
 The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
 and He shall reign forever and ever.
 King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata from Symphony V* C M Widor

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. Ansley B. Page
Mr. J. Robert Bannan
Mr. S. Michael Pack Jr., Elder

Mr. R. Holt Andrews
Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews, organ

Thomas Cotter and Matthew Gill, trumpet
Kaci Cotter, horn
Jeff Kuntz and John McAllister, trombone
Matt McDaniel, timpani

Chancel Choir

Easter Flower Memorial Booklets are available throughout the church.

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

APRIL 21, 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.

EASTER!

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

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

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. LESLIE A. LANG

Next Sunday, April 28, there will be ONE Service at 11:00am in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the installation of the Rev. Leslie A. Lang, our New Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Missions. Sunday School will happen as usual. After the service there will be a reception in Fogartie Hall for all to welcome her into ministry with our congregation.

FINAL WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 24

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** Salad Bar, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Slaw, 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.

Healing and Wholeness Service: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This service provides an opportunity to pray for the healing of oneself and others, reflect on the components of healing, receive communion, and experience God's blessing.

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.

Poverty Summit Recap: 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Were you unable to make it to the Faith Summit on Child Poverty? Or maybe you came and you want to know what's next. Next Wednesday, April 24, we will hear about what happened in that amazing 2-day event and where things will go from there as we as a church, together with the broader faith community in Spartanburg, seek to put an end to child poverty in our area.

This will be the final Wednesdays at First - until September 2019!

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY, TUESDAY, APRIL 23

We are happy to serve a southern, home-cooked meal! We will need the following donations for the meal: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, green peas, fresh fruit, rolls, dessert and tea. Volunteers please arrive between 4:15-5pm, dinner is served at 5:15pm. Other donations needed are: book bags, sleeping bags, individually wrapped food items, water bottles, men and women's spring clothing, tennis shoes, baby wipes, toilet paper, razors, and deodorant.

Will DeLaney, Beth Perry & Tina Hamilton; 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.

JOY FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON

The JOY Fellowship Committee is excited to invite you to our annual Spring Luncheon, Thursday, May 2nd, at 11:30 in Fogartie Hall. We'll have great fellowship, food and entertainment. If you need transportation, please let us know when you make your reservation.

RSVP: Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2132.

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

There are still a few slots open for you to participate in the building of our newest First Presbyterian Church Habitat Home, which 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 21

Easter

*Cross of Flowers
(All Day - Front Lawn)*

*Sunrise Worship
(6:45am - Columbarium)*

Fellowship Following in Perrin Room

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

*Traditional Worship
(8:45-Sanctuary)*

*Butterfly Release and Hot Cross Buns
(10:00am - Front Lawn)*

No Sunday School

*Traditional Worship
(11:00am-Sanctuary)*

No Children's Worship

APRIL 21-28

SPIHN Guests

APRIL 22

ALL Church Facilities Closed

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 4/14: \$621,926

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. Leslie A. Lang**, Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions; **Mr. J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Youth and Campus Ministries; **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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