

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 28, 2019

INSTALLATION OF  
THE REVEREND LESLIE ANN LANG

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 *Toccata on "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

arr. James Biery

ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

All: **let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Psalms 34:3; Psalm 95:1

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God,

you have called us to be your people

and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.

We have been timid and frightened disciples,

forgetful of your powerful presence

and the strength of your Spirit among us.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.

As you have chosen us,

and claimed us in our baptisms,

strengthen us anew

to choose Christ's way in this world.

Give us your Holy Spirit

that each one in ministry

may be provided with all the gifts of grace

needed to fulfill our common calling.

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 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.*

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.

### Hymn 475

In 1752, Robert  
Robinson  
attended an  
evangelical  
meeting to  
heckle and  
make fun of the  
proceedings.  
Instead, he  
listened in awe  
to the words  
of George  
Whitefield.  
Years later,  
he became a  
Christian and  
penned the  
words: "Come,  
thou fount of  
every blessing,  
tune my heart to  
sing thy grace."

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

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.  
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

##### SCRIPTURE

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

Exodus 3:1-14

##### SOLO

*How Beautiful are the Feet*

G. F. Handel

##### ANTHEM

*Great Was the Company of the Preachers*

G. F. Handel

##### SERMON

*Keep the Flame Lit*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

##### THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

##### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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##### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

##### OFFERING

*Please bring your offering forward when you receive Communion and place it in the offering baskets.*

##### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Because You Live, O Christ*

Shirley Erena Murray

##### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during **The Word for Children**. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.  
**Pick-up Location:** Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.



# SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

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

Ordination and  
installation, while  
not sacraments,  
stand firmly on  
the foundation  
of baptism. The  
service is built on  
the sacrament  
of Baptism.  
Baptism is the  
basic Christian  
"ordination." In  
baptism, we are  
all claimed to be  
disciples of Jesus  
Christ and to  
serve him in the  
service of others.

- from the "Book  
of Order" and  
the "Book of  
Occasional  
Services"

## INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, yet it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit, to be used for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it...

(from 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

One: In her baptism, Leslie was clothed with Christ. She was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Middle Tennessee Presbytery, and she is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as Associate Pastor of this congregation.

**All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our sister to serve among us as associate pastor.**

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PASTOR

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you, in your own life, seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- i. Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

## QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

- a. Do we, the members of the Church, accept Leslie Lang as our Associate Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

- b. Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

- c. Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and to share her joys? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**We do and we will.**

## PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

## DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

## CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 733

## We All Are One in Mission

# ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## † BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 3

AR HYD Y NOS

*"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

arr. Robert Powell

Hymn 733

The word "mission" often communicates a 19th-century vision of missionaries heading to foreign lands. Author, Rusty Edwards, provides Christians with a hymn that articulates a contemporary vision of the mission of the church.

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

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Leslie A. Lang; Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. Christi O. Brown; Rev. L. Craig Foster; Mr. J. Robert Bannan

Miss C. Adeline Usry, Acolyte

Chancel Choir; Mrs. Valerie K. MacPhail  
Mr. R. Holt Andrews; Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews

### Members of the Installation Commission:

Ms. Connie L. Carson, Elder, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville  
Rev. Debbie G. Foster, Associate Stated Clerk, Foothills Presbytery  
Mrs. Cathy M. Bagwell, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg  
Rev. Kate B. Taber, Associate University Chaplain, Furman University  
Dr. Thomas E. Evans, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg  
Rev. L. Craig Foster, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Sally D. and Philip F. Foster and Philip F. (Flip) Foster, Jr. by their family.*

*For the hearing impaired: 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.*

## WELCOME RECEPTION!

You are cordially invited to a  
Welcome Celebration Reception in honor of  
The Reverend Leslie Ann Lang  
in Fogartie Hall  
immediately following today's worship service.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

CHILDREN (Birth-5<sup>th</sup> Gr): Classes in the Clark Building

YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Gr): Meets in Family Life Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

### ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE	Room 2210	CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES	Room C212
EMMAUS CLASS	Room 2207	FAITH DRIVEN	Room C210
FELLOWSHIP CLASS	Room 2201	LIFT	Room 2212
OPEN CLASS	Room 2213	PURNELL CLASS	Purnell Room

# LIFE @ FIRST

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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 our Greeters.*

## 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](mailto: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.

## JOY FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON

The JOY Fellowship Committee is excited to invite you to our annual Spring Luncheon, Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:mollyjones01@gmail.com) / 843-412-1022.*

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: [www.fpcspartanburg.org/vbs](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/vbs).**

## FLOWER BASKET SALE

The Troop 2 Boy Scouts are selling hanging flower baskets for Mother's Day. Each basket is a varied mix of spring-blooming flowers, grown locally by a Spartanburg supplier. They are \$20 each or \$35 for two. They can take full sun and are great container plants! Orders must be placed and pre-paid by May 1. Check should be made out to First Presbyterian Church. Flowers will be available for pick up Saturday, May 11, 10am-12pm at the Scout Hut.

*To purchase, contact a Troop 2 Boy Scout. For any other questions or special pick up arrangements, call Melissa Pickens at 497-2363.*

## HELP AT FPC

### 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.

*Email Carrie Vaughn; [carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org](mailto:carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org).*

## FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 5 will be our Fellowship Sunday. As a slight change, instead of children giving adults stickers as they talk to them, we're *asking the adults to pick up a few stickers from the table in the Tower Room* and strike up a conversation with a child by giving him or her a sticker.

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## CALENDAR

**MAY 19**

*Baccalaureate Sunday*

**MAY 20**

*Chamber Singers Spring Concert (7pm)*

**MAY 26**

*Summer Worship Schedule Begins*

**JUNE 9**

*Pentecost*

**JUNE 9-13**

*Vacation Bible School*

*A complete calendar is available at [fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

## 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; **Mr. R. Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mrs. Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Ms. Beth S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Mrs. Colleen M. Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Mrs. C. Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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