



Forward in faith

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 29, 2018

10:30AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Grand Choeur Dialogue

Eugene Gigout

ACOLYTE

INTROIT

This is the Day

Mark Burrows

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

All: **and looking forward to see the path ahead.**

One: We honor those who have gone before us,

All: **learning from their successes and failures.**

One: We celebrate who we are today,

All: **and welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.**

One: We gather to worship,

All: **the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Comforting Spirit,
it is all too easy for us to focus only
on the negative things in life,
instead of celebrating all that you provide
that is positive and good.

Redirect our wayward hearts, Lord.

Refocus our wandering minds.

Remind us of the hope we have in you,

for your love and mercies are without end.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

† RESPONSE

HYMN 643, VERSE 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us;

let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you

All: and also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Translation for
Sanctus, from
*Requiem for the
Living*.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of
Hosts.*

*Heaven and
earth are full of
Thy glory.*

*Hosanna in the
highest!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sanctus

Dan Forrest

SERMON

Nurtured in Tradition

Dr. M. Craig Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

After the Word for Children

all children will
return to the
pews.

Nursery is
available for
infants through
age 4.

† 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

The Lord is My Shepherd

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUDEN

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Lord, you have been our refuge

All: from one generation to another.

One: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the sea were born,

All: from age to age you are God.

One: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayers...

For the church universal, planted in each place for your glory
and for the sake of your kingdom,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For Nazareth Presbyterian Church, and the faithful Christians there,
who in 1843 saw the vision for a Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For the ways your Spirit has moved through this congregation
over the past 175 years,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

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One: For this community of faith in which we gather for praise and prayer,
witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For your presence among us whenever your Word has been proclaimed,
and the sacraments celebrated,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace,
who in this community of faith were cleansed of sin,
buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us,
and open us to the future you promise.
**All: In the years that lie ahead, grant us your encouragement in the work
of ministry, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our
complacency.**

One: Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in
our common life, strength and courage to live in the world for your reign, and
hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

One: And now we boldly pray as taught us by our Lord.
**All: 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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 306, VERSE 1

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

*After the service,
please make your way to the front lawn
for a special 175th Birthday Presentation.*

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. M. Craig Barnes

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Christi O. Brown

Elder Sally Dover

John Mullen, Acolyte

Children's Choirs

Chancel Choir

Instrumentalists:

Tracy Ensley, violin; Brenda Leonard, cello; Janet Kuntz, flute;

Tyerra Clayborne, oboe; Marian Rian Hays, harp

Matt and Adena McDaniel, percussion and timpani

Thomas Cotter, trumpet; Matt Gill, trumpet; Kaci Cotter, horn;

Jeff Kuntz, trombone; John McAllister, trombone

Fan Girls: Mary Soutter Pack, Jane Manello, Anna Evans, Elizabeth Reynolds, Finley Sloan, Mary English Hammett, Martha Barre, Anna Camille Elliott, Lillian Hanna, Trudy Rogers, Grace Faris, Sara Catharine Evans, Addie Usry, Ellie Hallenbeck, Riley Durham

News Boys: David Millinor, Jackson Pingley, William Lancaster, Will Swofford, Bailey Faris, Ben Neely, Garrett Jones, Jack Usry, Thomas Coleman, Wade Cooper Neely, Ben Jones

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God, in honor of the membership of First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg for 175 years, and in loving memory of Elizabeth Chapman Quantz McMeekin by Sarah, Tom, and Thomas McMeekin.

Today we welcome to our pulpit, The Reverend Doctor M. Craig Barnes. Craig was raised on Long Island, New York. After graduating from The King's College and Princeton Theological Seminary, he received a Ph.D. in the History of Christianity from The University of Chicago. Dr. Barnes has served as a pastor to three congregations including The National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. In the fall of 2002, he became the Meneilly Professor of Pastoral Ministry at Pittsburgh Seminary while also serving as the senior pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. In 2012 he was elected president of Princeton Theological Seminary. He has eight published books including *Searching for Home*, *The Pastor as Minor Poet*, and *Body and Soul*. He also serves as an Editor at Large and frequent contributor to *The Christian Century*. Craig is married to Dawne Hess Barnes who is an interior decorator. They have three delightful children and two hairy dogs.

We also welcome our special musical guest and harpist - and Tom's aunt - Marian Rian Hays. International concert and recording artist Marian Rian Hays has performed at Carnegie Hall and at The Kennedy Center, accompanying artists that include Placido Domingo. She has recorded a number of movie soundtracks, including "The Usual Suspects", and has several world premiere recordings with Koch International Classics and, most recently, a Signum Classics UK recording "In Winters Arms," available worldwide on Spotify and iTunes. She is currently principal harpist of the Maryland Symphony.

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.

LIFE @ FIRST

APRIL 29, 2018

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CELEBRATING 175 YEARS!

TODAY: April 29 - THE BIG DAY!

Worship Service // 10:30am // Sanctuary

Worship service celebrating our 175th anniversary in the newly renovated Sanctuary; with guest minister, The Reverend Doctor M. Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. Overflow will be in the Chapel and Fogartie Hall. Nursery provided. (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Lunch on the Lawn // Following the Service

Bring a side dish (serving 6-8) to go with the fried chicken, tea and lemonade, and birthday cake - provided by the church. Beginning at 9am, you may bring your dish to volunteers:

- 1) At the Family Life Center
- 2) Front Lawn on East Main Street

PARKING - April 29: Chestnut Street will be blocked today - from E Main St to the FLC Entrance. **HOWEVER**, volunteers will be at the barricades to allow those with handicapped parking permits into the Upper Lot.

COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENTS

In honor of our church's 175th birthday, porcelain ornaments are available for \$12. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the renovation of the original chapel above the Social Hall. You may purchase these ornaments in Lynise Clarke's office Monday-Friday.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER BASKETS

The Troop 2 Boy Scouts of First Presbyterian Church are selling Mother's Day flower baskets again this year. The baskets are a Spring blooming mix and are \$20 each or \$35 for two. **The deadline to order is Thursday, May 3.**

*Place your order by contacting a Boy Scout.
Questions? Call Melissa Pickens; 497-2363.*

REGISTER FOR VBS 2018 TODAY!

We are very excited to announce this year's VBS - *Rolling River Rampage!* During this fun-filled week of rafting-themed activities, folks of all ages will experience the ride of a lifetime with God! This year VBS is happening a week later than in the past, so make a note and mark your calendars now for June 11-14! **Registration is open April 9 - May 18.**

Volunteers: contact Katherine Halligan; kbhalligan@gmail.com.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

This **Wednesday, May 2**, we will have a Healing and Wholeness Service at 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.

BRING BOX TOPS FOR ARCADIA

Many products have a logo for "Box Tops for Education." Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for a school. Here's where FPC fits in: For over a decade, the church has supported Arcadia Elementary School through our mission VBS, Camp Arcadia. Now, we have a way to help support the programs they already have in place! **Collection jars will be in the Family Life Center Lobby and in the AIM closet.**

Questions? Contact Susi at susanna.wright@sdsgriffin.org.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, April 29	1 Samuel 16-17 / Psalm 48
Monday, April 30	1 Samuel 18-19 / Mark 14
Tuesday, May 1	1 Samuel 20-22 / Mark 15
Wednesday, May 2	1 Samuel 23-24 / Mark 16
Thursday, May 3	1 Samuel 25-26 / Psalm 49
Friday, May 4	1 Samuel 27-28 / 1 Corinthians 1
Saturday, May 5	1 Samuel 29-31 / 1 Corinthians 2

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

*Traditional Worship
10:30am-SANCTUARY!!!*

NO Sunday School

SPIHN Guests Arrive

MAY 2

Healing and Wholeness Service

MAY 3

National Day of Prayer

MAY 6

Communion

*MorningSong Worship
(8:45&11:00am - Fogartie Hall)*

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

Youth End of Year Celebration

MAY 13

Mother's Day

Baccalaureate (11:00am-Sanctuary)

MAY 19

Presbytery Meeting

MAY 20

*Day of Pentecost
Combined Worship
(8:45 & 11:00am-Sanctuary)*

SEPTEMBER

Churchwide Retreat

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

These announcements are just a sampling of the church activities. For complete information, please pick up a First News in the church office - or visit the church website.



**Scan this QR code
for a direct link.**

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**

This week, please pray for these PC(USA) Missionaries: Kristi and Bob Rice (Democratic Republic of the Congo) for Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2018: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, Lewis White

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 Threath, Linda West

Class of 2020: David Beacham, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, Mary Dixon, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

DIACONATE

Class of 2018: Katherine Burns, Harry Clayton, Molly Colbath, Mary Deller, John Donovan, Phillip Glover, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Eunice Knouse, Tommy Rudeen, Denise Stevens, John Tatham, Alan Workman

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, Hannah Lane, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Communications/Operations; **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; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Ginger Shuler**, Intern for Adult Discipleship and Pastoral Care; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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