

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

MAY 5, 2019

8:45AM - CHAPEL

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

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.

(8:45)

O Hail This Brightest Day of Days

J. S. Bach

(11:00)

Carillon

Cathy Mocklebust

ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to the LORD, all you who strive to be faithful.

All: **We give thanks to God's holy name!**

One: God's anger is but for a moment; but God's favor lasts a lifetime.

All: **Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

One: The Lord turns our mourning into dancing; our sorrow into joy.

All: **O Lord our God, our souls will not be silent.**

May we give thanks to the Lord forever!

One: Let us worship God together!

Psalms 30

Hymn 246

Hymn author,
Brian A. Wren, is
an internationally
published hymn
writer. He was
ordained in
Britain's United
Reformed
Church and
holds BA and
PhD degrees
from Oxford
University. In
2000 he was
appointed the
first John and
Miriam Conant
Professor of
Worship at
Columbia
Theological
Seminary in
Atlanta.

† HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery,

you reveal yourself to us in many ways

to remind us of your constant presence in our lives.

We confess, however,

that we often miss you when you are right in front of us.

We are so busy looking for the burning bushes that we overlook the small flickers;

we brace ourselves to encounter you in the booming thunder,

yet we drown out your gentle whispers with white noise.

Forgive us, loving God.

Send your Spirit upon us so that our hearts may be opened to your presence everywhere,
and especially in the ordinary moments.

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.*

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.

John 21:1-14, 25

SERMON

(8:45)

Our Gracious Host

Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00)

Glitter on the Floor

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

8:45

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Timothy Shaw

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

Hymnal Page 35

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

At the 8:45

service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during The Word for Children. Afterwards, they will return to the pews.

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.

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.

11:00

OFFERING

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 526

Frederik Herman Kaan wrote this text in 1975 to fit this music. Doreen Potter had heard this Jamaican folk melody and envisioned the possibility of using it as a hymn tune. The combination was first sung together at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi, Africa, in 1975.

† HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

† 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 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

arr. Healey Willan

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster, Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. Ansley B. Page, Mr. J. Robert Bannan, Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Miss Mary Claire Threatt; Miss Camille G. Cleland
Miss Finley S. Sloan, Acolyte

Mr. R. Holt Andrews and Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews
Genesis Choir; Chancel Choir
Katy Carlton, oboe
Handbell Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrew McKee, Sr. and Ms. Betty McKee Baker by the Paul Andrew McKee, Jr. 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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)

2nd Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

2nd 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

MAY 5, 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.

TODAY IS FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Join your church family for Fellowship at 10:30am in The Perrin Room (after Sunday School). As a slight change, instead of children giving adults the stickers, we are *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.

CALLING MOMS OF TEENS AND TWEENS

Moms need each other. Let's lighten our load by sharing the joys and the struggles of the crazy wonder of parenting in 2019. This **Sunday, May 5 at 5:00pm** - - when you drop your youth off at Fogartie, join Rev. Ansley Page in the Church Parlor for a little refreshment for the body and soul. We'll share stories, a laugh, and a devotion around the blessings and challenges of parenting middle and high schoolers. Drop in for as long as you can. Come in comfy clothes and bring a friend!

Questions? Email Ansley at apage@fpcspartanburg.org.

BBC WITH KIRK NEELY

Come to the Arthur Center at 10:30am or 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 7 and join in the discussion on "Deep South" by Paul Theroux. Paul Theroux has spent the past fifty years roaming the globe, describing his encounters with people in remote places. Now he explores a part of America, the Deep South.

HABITAT HOUSE PASTORS' CHALLENGE DAYS

As we come into the home stretch on our Habitat for Humanity home build, your pastors want to challenge you to work alongside of us to get this house finished! Look at your schedules and join us on the following days at 123 Salem St. (in the Duncan Park neighborhood)!

- ☐ Tuesday, May 7 (morning) – **Craig** needs your help to finish up the floors!
- ☐ Saturday, May 18 (morning) – **Ansley** will be working on Columns/Handrails!
- ☐ Thursday, May 23 (morning) – **Tom** needs your assistance with some touch-up painting!

Work continues on other days as well. See www.fpcspartanburg.org/habitat for the schedule and information about how to volunteer.

HABITAT WOMEN BUILD DAY – SATURDAY, MAY 11

Calling all ladies! Our Habitat for Humanity Women Build Day is a great opportunity to join with other women to make our Habitat house ready to be a home for a wonderful family. Landscaping will be the project of the day (laying sod, spreading mulch, spreading seed, straw, planting shrubbery, etc.). The house is located at 123 Salem St. You can work 8:30am-noon OR 12:30-4pm OR both!

Visit www.fpcspartanburg.org/habitat to sign up.

BLOOD DRIVE - MAY 19

The next Ecumenical Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. First Presbyterian, along with 6 other churches, will once again join together for this "Blood Sunday" event. So far this year \$1080 has been donated to First Presbyterian because of your willingness to donate blood. We are over half way to reaching the goal to fund the Tower Room door assist. Please contact Beth Cecil to schedule a time for you to donate.

Contact Beth Cecil to schedule a time to donate:
bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2136.

CHAMBER SINGERS SPRING CONCERT - MAY 20

The First Presbyterian Chamber Singers will present their spring concert on Monday, May 20 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Titled *A Day in the Life*, the program begins with music from first thing in the morning, charts the course of a day and concludes at night, with much of the music having a Biblical slant. The one-hour concert will be repeated at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Charleston on Saturday, May 25 at 1:00pm as part of Piccolo Spoleto.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26

We will begin the Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, May 26:

8:30am Chapel Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) and Sanctuary Worship Services

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle - Jun 9, Jun 23, Jul 14, Aug 11, & Aug 25.

*There will be **One Combined Worship Service on Sunday, September 1** at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 8.*

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING - THURSDAY, MAY 30

Join the Young Adults for a summer kick-off fellowship event - 5:30-7:30pm at the home of Cathy and Billy Blackwell (1000 Thomas Rd.). Come meet the Rev. Leslie Lang, our new Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Mission, as well as connect with old and new friends! Beverages and appetizers will be provided. Just bring yourself!

RSVP at <http://evite.me/58kSW7Gg9n> or email llang@fpcspartanburg.org.

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. The schedule on Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 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.

CALENDAR

MAY 5

Communion

MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)

Traditional Worship
(8:45-Chapel)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Fellowship (10:30am - Perrin Room)

Traditional Worship
(11:00am-Sanctuary)

Youth Fellowship (5:00pm)

MAY 19

Baccalaureate Sunday

MAY 20

Chamber Singers Spring Concert (7pm)

MAY 26

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

MAY 27

Church Facilities Closed

JUNE 6

JOY Fellowship Tea and Scones

JUNE 9

Pentecost

Summer Sizzle: VBS Launch Party

JUNE 9-13

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 24-27, JULY 8-11, AUGUST 5-8

CAST Camp

JUNE 29-JULY 5

Youth Wyoming Mission Trip

JULY 12-27

Montreat Youth Conference

A complete calendar is available at
fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835

Received to date: \$754,311

Needed to date: \$988,561

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; **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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