



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 2018 - A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

MAY 6, 2018

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

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Ritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: This is Christ's new commandment:

All: **to love one another as he loves us.**

One: And there is no greater love than this:

All: **to lay down one's life for others.**

One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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

Hymn 263

This hymn is a declaration of praise, but it's also much more than that. The words both declare the majesty of Christ and task us with making that majesty known to all. Like many hymns describing the glory of God and the hope that one day all people will see that glory, this hymn alludes to Philippians 2:9-11.

† HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all hope and joy,
we confess that we continue to live in fear.
In Christ, you claim us as children,
but we disobey your commands.
In Christ, you even call us friends,
but we have not been faithful to you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By the power of your Spirit
help us to abide in your love
and share that love with others.
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!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 310, VERSE 1

ST. THOMAS

*I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.*

† 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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

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

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

The Sun Still Shines

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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:

Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Austin Lovelace

(11:00)

Give God the Glory

Heinrich Schutz

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Hegarty

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 366

This hymn reminds us that we are only able to love one another because Christ first loved us. God is love, and we are the mirrors and bearers of that love to each other. Let us pray that we would continually be filled with Love, that we might bless each other, and become more and more like He who loves us.

† HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

*Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.*

CRIMOND

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

How Sure a Foundation

Broughton

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Charles Crenshaw

Genesis Choir

Chancel 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.

Many Thanks to Bruce Campbell (organist) and Janet Kuntz (conductor) for their musical leadership while Marcia and Holt Andrews are away.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)
1st Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)
1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)
2nd 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.*

CHOIR CLASS (Room 2208) *This class uses the Uniform Lesson Series to frame their study and application of Bible texts to daily living. They meet from 10:00 to 10:30am to accommodate choir members, but anyone can join.*

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) *A study for parents of children and youth on the application of the Bible at work and 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.*

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 6, 2018

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 Bldng 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.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS!

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.

REGISTER FOR VBS 2018 BY MAY 18!

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 through May 18.

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

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS

Salkehatchie: June 23-30; Cost: \$230. Must be 14 or older to attend.

Montreat Youth Conference: July 22-28; Cost: \$400. This trip is for rising 9th graders to graduating Seniors.

To register contact Shannon Stewart; sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Foothills Presbytery is partnering with Rise Against Hunger to pack over 30,000 meals for hungry people around the world. So far, they have exceeded their goal for volunteers to pack the meals, but are still short of the fundraising goal of \$8,700 to purchase the food. Want to help?

Donate online:

foothillspresbytery.org/events/rise-against-hunger.

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.

HABITAT'S WOMEN BUILD - MAY 12

Habitat Women Build Week is an annual event in partnership with Lowe's. The program invites women to devote at least a half-day to help families build strength, stability, and independence through housing. The week will spotlight homeownership challenges faced by women; particularly, homes led by single mothers.

We need your help to landscape Cindy Johnson's home, which is generously sponsored by The Wade Family Fund. Cindy, a single mother, has been a wonderful Habitat partner and has completed her sweat equity hours. She is so excited to live in her forever home with her three sons! **Volunteers are needed Sat, May 12 8:30-Noon & 12:30-4:00pm.**

*To volunteer, please contact Carrie Vaughn at Habitat;
591-2221, x105 / carrie.vaughn@habitatspartanburg.org.*

PURCHASE YOUR KIRKIN' TARTAN

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on October 28. At our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans.

The sewing of the banners will be performed by volunteers, but we need sponsors to help with the cost of purchasing the tartan fabric and staff materials. The cost of a banner is \$115.

The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland; we need your payment no later than **Friday, July 27**. Some clans have multiple patterns available. If you want a particular pattern, please indicate below. Otherwise, we will order the most common pattern for that clan. You will receive an acknowledgment of your order and payment. At the conclusion of the 11:00am service on October 28, the tartan banners will be given to the sponsor for storage or display until the next Kirkin'. Only the staffs and banner stands will remain at the church.

To purchase a tartan, please send your name, address, phone, Clan Tartan Name and Pattern, along with \$115 to the church office, Attention: Lynise Clarke. Checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church".

If you have any questions or wish to confirm which tartans have already been purchased, please contact Paul McKee at paulmckee202@gmail.com or (864) 621-6939.

WIRELESS AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian has a Wireless Network that you are welcome to use. Find the Network: "FPC-Guest". No password required; just agree to the terms.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, May 6	2 Samuel 1-2 / Psalm 50
Monday, May 7	2 Samuel 3-5 / 1 Corinthians 3
Tuesday, May 8	2 Samuel 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 4
Wednesday, May 9	2 Samuel 8-10 / 1 Corinthians 5
Thursday, May 10	2 Samuel 11-12 / Psalm 51
Friday, May 11	2 Samuel 13-14 / 1 Corinthians 6
Saturday, May 12	2 Samuel 15-16 / 1 Corinthians 7

CALENDAR

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 Recognition at
11:00am in the Sanctuary*

MAY 19

Presbytery Meeting

MAY 20

Day of Pentecost

*Combined Worship Services
(8:45 & 11:00am-Sanctuary)*

MAY 27

Begin Summer Worship Schedule

*Traditional Worship
(8:30-Chapel & 10:30am-Sanctuary)*

*MorningSong Worship
(10:30am - Fogartie Hall)*

Sunday School (9:30am)

MAY 28-29

All Church Facilities Closed

JUNE 3

No Sunday School

JUNE 11-14

Vacation Bible School

SEPTEMBER 14-16

Churchwide Retreat

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at 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**

This week, please pray for these PC(USA) Missionaries: Emily and Jonathan Seitz (Taiwan) and 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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