



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

JUNE 17

8:30AM - CHAPEL

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.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed;

All: **it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs,
and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.**

One: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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.

The text was written by Rev. David Gambrell, an associate for worship in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship and editor of Call to Worship, and an ex-officio advisor to the "Glory to God" hymnal committee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God,

the parable of the mustard seed

teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom.

Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness,

for we walk by sight and not by faith.

Forgive us, Lord;

we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.

We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.

We do not sacrifice ourselves

for the needs of our neighbors.

Renew us with the love of Christ

so that we live no longer for ourselves,

but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us.

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 661, REFRAIN

SPARROW

*I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus,
let us be reconciled to each other.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: and also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Baptism enacts
and seals
what the Word
proclaims: God's
redeeming
grace offered
to all people.
The Baptism
of children
witnesses to the
truth that God's
love claims
people before
they are able to
respond in faith.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30)

*Bowen William Thompson
Son of Jenny and Jon Thompson*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:30)

Write Your Blessed Name

K. Lee Scott

ANTHEM (10:30)

I Am the Vine

Paul D. Weber

SERMON

Branches Upon Branches

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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

Procession

C.S. Lang

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

At the 8:30

service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during The Word for Children.

At the 10:30

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.

Hymn 720

Irish hymn
writer Cecil
F. Alexander
wrote this text
for St. Andrew's
Day and it
quickly gained
popularity. The
thread that
binds the stanzas
together is the
call of Christ. Just
as Jesus called
the fishermen to
be his disciples,
he still calls us
today to be
his followers
and obedient
servants. His
call is for total
commitment, a
"follow me" that
overrides all our
earthly "cares
and pleasures."

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 542

GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens



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
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Mrs. Laura B. Henthorn

Genesis Choir and Summer Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Bryanna Evans and David Bulman on July 16, 2018.

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL THROUGH AUGUST 26 AT 9:30AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-3K) and Preschool (3K-5K)

1st Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (1st-4th Grades)

2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (5th-12th Grades)

2nd Floor FLC

ADULTS

Summer Sunday School Combined Class

(Room 2201)

Lessons from the Old Testament

by Amy-Jill Levine, professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School

Each week we will dip into a part of the Old Testament with a video lecture, followed by a discussion led by one of our own FPCS teachers and pastors. Come whenever you're in town this summer. Dr. Levine is a superb teacher and her insights into the Old Testament are well worth hearing and discussing.

FAITH DRIVEN

(Room C210: Schedule on Classroom Door)

OPEN CLASS

(Room 2213)

PURNELL CLASS

(Purnell Room)

LIFE @ FIRST

JUNE 17, 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 Bldg 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 FATHER'S DAY

Today is a day when we honor fathers and celebrate fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. Father's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day. As we remember our earthly fathers, let us also give thanks to our Heavenly Father - for we are all children of God! Happy Father's Day!

PASTOR CRAIG TO BIKE ACROSS SC FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Recently, Pastor Tom has shared some of his experiences with his father's Alzheimer's. His father is one of 5.7 million people in the US with the disease. This July 13-15, Pastor Craig will take his place among 335 cyclists to make his fifth 252-mile journey from Simpsonville to Mt. Pleasant to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research and care. He would love to hear stories of your loved ones who have or had Alzheimer's, and would be honored to carry their names with him each day as he rides.

*To share stories with Pastor Craig, email him at cfoster@fpcspartanburg.org.
To find out more about the ride and donate: <http://act.alz.org/goto/cfoster>.*

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am Chapel Worship Service and MorningSong (Sanctuary)**

9:30am Sunday School

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

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle - Jun 24, Jul 15, Aug 12, and Aug 26.

There will be One Combined Worship Service on Sunday, September 2 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 9.

*** Due to construction in Fogartie Hall, MorningSong will be held at 8:30am in the Sanctuary. After construction is complete, MorningSong will return to Fogartie Hall at 10:30am. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

PURCHASE YOUR KIRKIN' TARTAN

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Services on October 28. If you would like to order a Tartan, we need your payment no later than **Friday, July 27**. After 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 tartan patterns have already been purchased, please contact Paul McKee; paulmckee202@gmail.com / 621-6939.

CALENDAR

JUNE 17

Father's Day

*Commissioning of CAST Leaders and
Salkahatchie Participants*

*MorningSong Worship
(8:30am - Sanctuary)*

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

Sunday School (9:30am)

JUNE 24

*Summer Sizzle:
Lemonade on the Lawn*

JUNE 25-28

CAST Camp

JULY 15

*Summer Sizzle:
Christmas in July*

JULY 16-19

CAST Camp

JULY 29 - AUGUST 4

SPIHN Guests Onsite

AUGUST 6-9

CAST Camp

SEPTEMBER 2

*Fellowship at 10:00am
ONE Combined Worship at 10:30am
No Sunday School*

SEPTEMBER 9

*Rally Day
Return to Regular Worship Schedule*

SEPTEMBER 12

WAF Returns

SEPTEMBER 14-16

Churchwide Retreat

OCTOBER 28

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

*A complete calendar, including Weekly
Bible Studies, Committee Meetings,
Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings,
is available at [fpcspartanburg.org/
calendar](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

MOBILE MEALS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Mobile Meals of Spartanburg is looking for volunteers to pick up and deliver meals to our homebound neighbors throughout Spartanburg County! Take up a regular route or substitute when you can.

Contact Vivian at Mobile Meals for more information; 573-7684.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, June 17	1 Chronicles 28, 29 / Psalms 70, 71
Monday, June 18	2 Chronicles 1, 2 / Galatians 4
Tuesday, June 19	2 Chronicles 3-5 / Galatians 5
Wednesday, June 20	2 Chronicles 6, 7 / Galatians 6
Thursday, June 21	2 Chronicles 8, 9 / Psalm 72
Friday, June 22	2 Chronicles 10-12 / Ephesians 1
Saturday, June 23	2 Chronicles 13-15 / Ephesians 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Your Congregational Nominating Committee needs the help of our members in nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons. Please return this form with your suggestion of one name. You may submit additional copies of this form with additional suggestions for Elder or Deacon. You may suggest any member of First Presbyterian Church, including yourself.

I suggest the following person(s) to serve as ☐ Elder or ☐ Deacon:

I believe that this person(s) should be considered because:

Your name: _____

Your telephone number: _____

You may submit your suggestion(s) by:

☐ **Returning** this form to the church office.

☐ **Mailing** this form to:

Bert Moore, CNC Chair

First Presbyterian Church

393 E. Main St Spartanburg, SC 29302-1917

☐ **Emailing:** bert@diversifiedcolors.com

Deadline for submittal is noon, Sunday, July 15, 2018.

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: Brenda and Stephen Stelle (Ethiopia).

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, Tom Webster, 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 Threatt, 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; **Mark Ashby**, Director of Youth Ministries; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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