



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
JUNE 23, 2019
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.

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Love is patient; love is kind;

All: love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

One: Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

All: it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

One: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

All: Love never ends.

One: Let us worship God!

(based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Hymn 14

Folliot Sandford
Pierpoint was
taking a walk
one late Spring
day, in the lovely
area surrounding
his home in
Bath, England.
Overwhelmed
with the beauty
he saw, he
sat down and
wrote "For the
Beauty of the
Earth." Not only
does Pierpoint
thank God for
His beautiful
creation, but
also for family,
friends and other
gifts God has
bestowed upon
us.

† HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful One,

you know when we are afraid to love;

you know when we are too cowardly

to show mercy.

Remind us again

that perfect love casts out such fears.

Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,

even in the face of our imperfections.

Imbue us with a love so strong,

with such growth toward perfection,

that we may cast aside our pride

and embrace the power of love.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen, amen.

† 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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

8:30

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Drawing Near to God's ... Love

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!*

10:30

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Experiencing God through Love

Rev. L. Craig Foster

After the Word for Children,

all children will
return to the
pews.

Nursery is
available for
infants through
age 3.

Children's
Worship will
resume on
September 8, at
the 11:00 service
only.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† 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

Offering

The Christian
life is marked
by the offering
of one's self to
God. In worship,
God presents us
with the costly
self-offering of
Jesus Christ, who
has claimed us
and set us free.
In response to
God's love in
Christ we offer
our lives, our
gifts, our abilities,
and our material
goods for God's
service.

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

(10:30)

Even Here

Mark Miller

† DOXOLOGY

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

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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 307, VERSE 1

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans; Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Leslie A. Lang; Mr. J. Robert Bannan
Mr. R. Holt Andrews; Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews
Summer Choir; Noah Deal, soloist

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 our God who loves us.

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

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of the wedding of Katherine Elizabeth Inclan and Timothy William Britton, and in honor of Mrs. James Levi Duncan, Sr. and in memory of Dr. James Levi Duncan, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Alexander Pollack, Jr.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM

CHILDREN

(Birth-Rising 5th Grade)
Classes in the Clark Building

YOUTH

(Rising 6th-12th Grades)
2nd Floor of Family Life Center

ADULTS

EXPERIENCING GOD (Room 2201) *Through the lens of Tom Evans' sabbatical work and through the work of several of our local mission partners, this Summer Series will explore the ways that we experience God.*

June 23 & 30: Tom Evans: *Experiencing the Holy*

July 7, 14, 21 & 28: Local Mission Partners

August 4, 11, 25: Tom Evans: *Experiencing the Holy*

August 18: *Experiencing God through Youth Mission*

ENCOUNTERING JESUS (Room 2212 - Heritage Chapel) *This summer open your Bible! Throughout the month of June, this Summer Series will explore five passages from John's Gospel, using Encounters with Jesus by Francis Taylor Gench as a guide. She writes about John, "When we read it, the person and promises of Jesus Christ seem more immediate and available. Jesus seems up close and personal in John and we find ourselves in direct encounter with him." Additional chapters of this summer series for July and August are in the works and may include one of the minor prophets and one of the New Testament epistles. Led by Ansley Page, Jason Loscuito, and John Lefebvre.*

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

JUNE 23, 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 10:00am. 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! BOOK SWAP & COFFEE SHOP SUMMER SIZZLE!

After today's 10:30am worship services, come to the Social Hall and sit a spell with some coffee and treats and swap some books for summer reading!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE!

8:30am Chapel Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School

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

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzles

June 23, July 14, August 11, and August 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 September 8.

YOUNG ADULT COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN JUNE

Young Adults, ages 22-35ish, are welcome to meet in the Small Private Dining Room of the Family Life Center, 9:45-10:15am, in June for coffee and fellowship (and sometimes snacks). This will be an informal time for fellowship, sharing of joys and concerns, and building connections. Even if you're only around for a week or two in June, we'd love to have you! (PS – Childcare is provided in the Clark Building during this time).

*If you have questions,
please contact Rev. Leslie Lang; llang@fpcspartanburg.org.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

If you are looking for a way to serve First Presbyterian that allows you a flexible schedule, once-a-week interaction with someone who is desperately in need of some Christian caring, this is the place for you! The new class starts Monday, August 5 at 5:30.

Interested? Contact Dana Halliday; danahalliday1@charter.net / 864-237-0330.

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir began Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day. Open to anyone high-school age and above, the Summer Choir meets at 9:45am on summer Sundays and rehearses music for that day's 10:30am Sanctuary service. Since we only practice music for that day's service, anyone can come in on any Sunday in the summer and participate. High school singers, visiting friends and relatives, college students, and adults who like to sing but aren't able to be a part of the Chancel Choir are especially welcome.

Like more info? Contact Holt Andrews; rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org.

BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

Do You Have an Hour a Month to Brighten Someone's Life? In this busy world that may seem like a loaded question. But an hour of your time each month could mean the world to a homebound member of our congregation. We need men, women and couples to visit and help connect the homebound to their church. The task is so simple, but the rewards for you and for the people you visit are huge. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to become a church visitor.

Call Marsha Hagins at 864-431-3725 for more information.

USHERS NEEDED

We are seeking additional ushers willing to help pass out bulletins and assist seating during the 11:00am service in the Sanctuary (10:30 during the summer months!). Ushers serve a month at a time, twice a year.

*To volunteer: Contact Marsh Rogers; mrogersjr@tworog.com
or Bryan Pack; bryanpack@gmail.com.*

PURCHASE YOUR KIRKIN' TARTAN

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on October 27. 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.

We need sponsors to help with the cost of purchasing the tartan fabric and staff materials. The cost of a banner is \$135. The tartan fabrics are ordered from Scotland; we need your payment no later than **Friday, July 26**. 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. After the 11:00am service on October 27, 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 \$135 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.

BRING YOUR ACCESS CARD TO THE CHURCH

For the safety of our members, staff, guests, and facilities, an access card is required to enter the building at times other than Sunday morning. Please be sure to bring your FPC access card with you each time you come to the church. Access cards can be made while you wait and cost just \$10.

To obtain a key card, see Didi Terry in the church office during the week.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling with Dr. Kirk Neely is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members. There is no fee; a contribution may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is by appointment on Tuesdays.

To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry;

CALENDAR

JUNE 23

*Traditional Worship
(8:30am-Chapel)*

Sunday School (9:30am)

Young Adult Fellowship (9:45am)

*Traditional Worship
(10:30am-Sanctuary)*

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

*Summer Sizzle
(11:30am - Social Hall)*

JUNE 22-29

Youth Salkehatchie Mission Trip

JUNE 24-27; JULY 8-11; AUGUST 5-8
CAST Camp

JUNE 29-JULY 5

Youth Wyoming Mission Trip

JULY 4-5

Church Facilities Closed

JULY 14

Summer Sizzle: Undies and Sundaes

JULY 21-27

Montreat Youth Conference

JULY 28-AUGUST 4

SPIHN Guests

AUGUST 11

Summer Sizzle: Dog Days of Summer

AUGUST 25

Last Day of Summer Worship Schedule

Summer Sizzle:

Wet and Wild Back-to-School Bash

SEPTEMBER 1

One Worship Service

SEPTEMBER 8

Return to

Regular Sunday Morning Schedule

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Church Retreat

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835

Received to date: \$1,065,477

Needed to date: \$1,395,616

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. Ansley B. Page**, Pastoral Associate; **Mr. R. Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mrs. Holly M. Bannan**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Mrs. Carrie H. Coleman**, Youth Program Administrator; **Ms. Beth S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Mrs. Colleen M. Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Mrs. C. Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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