



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

JULY 1, 2018

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.**

HYMN SING (8:30)

† OPENING VOLUNTARY (10:30) *Over in the Gloryland*

Zach Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Love the Lord your God,

All: **with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

One: Love your neighbor as yourself,

All: **with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

Today's Chapel
worship service
will open with a
Hymn Sing. Be
ready to call out
your favorite;
we'll sing a verse
or two of as
many as we can.

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

Hymn 307

This hymn is a prayer, in which we ask for God's wisdom and courage to face the problems of our day. We beg for God's power, confess our fear and pride, and affirm a desire to seek social justice.

† HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;
and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit.
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 345, V4

NETTLETON

*We who hear your word so often
choose so rarely to obey;
Turn us from our willful wandering;
give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;
hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.*

† 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON

*Mom, Sunday School, and Civics Class:
How Christians can Improve America*

Mr. R. Holt Andrews

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

(10:30)

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

† 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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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.

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

(10:30)

Trio Sonata, Op. 2

Arcangelo Corelli

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 338

Each stanza
of this hymn
combines
appreciation
of America's
beauty with
prayers to God
for His blessings
on and aid
for the nation.
In petitioning
God to "mend
[America's]
every flaw," we
acknowledge
our imperfection
as a country.
In praying for
the unity of
brotherhood
"from sea to
shining sea," we
acknowledge
that the disunity
that exists is
undesirable.

† HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 331, v4

NATIONAL HYMN

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Charles Ore

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.

Mr. R. Holt Andrews

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Genesis Choir

Summer Choir

The Peace Lilies in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of all those who served in the United States of America military, and in loving memory of Florence and Henry Bell and Henry Bell, Jr. by Sherron Bell Langley.

We welcome instrumentalists Chloe Sodonis, Natalie Jackson, and Joseph Raby to our 10:30 service this morning. They join us from the Masterworks Festival which is being held at Converse College this summer. To learn more about the Masterworks Festival, please see your handout or ask our players, or their faculty coach, Jonas Thoms.

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

JULY 1, 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.

NEXT WEEK - SUMMER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - JULY 8

Our first summer youth fellowship will be held on Sunday, July 8, 6:00-7:30pm, in the Social Hall. We will have a meal together (dinner provided), Family Worship, and small talk. Afterwards, the parents will meet with Mark while the students are playing games. We will discuss the fall semester, have a volunteer sign up, and talk about the future of the youth group!

TWO NEW FREE LIBRARIES!

Our rising 5th and 6th graders had a blast serving at VBS Plus. They cooked a full meal with the help of Jane Mullins and served it to our Neighborhood Meal Ministry friends, they ran Mobile Meals routes, and they painted and installed two "Free Little Libraries" into our community!! One of these libraries is installed outside of the Arthur Center and the children have dedicated it to "Ms. B" for her love and service to the children of our church. They installed the other one at the Prince Hall Housing Authority and, within the first day of installation, almost all the books had been borrowed! Their hope is that these books will reach children and parents who might not otherwise have access. They will be maintaining both libraries throughout the year and welcome any gently used book donations from our congregation!

Please place donated books in the Mrs. B Little Library by the Arthur Center or bring them to the AIM Closet at the church.

PASTOR CRAIG TO BIKE ACROSS SC FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Recently, Pastor Tom has shared some of his experiences with his father's Alzheimer's. Tom's father is one of 5.7 million people in the US with the disease. This July 13-15, as part of *A Ride to Remember*, Pastor Craig will 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 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 - July 15, August 12, and August 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.*

CALENDAR

JULY 1

MorningSong Worship
(8:30am - Sanctuary)

Traditional Worship
(8:30-Chapel & 10:30am-Sanctuary)
Sunday School (9:30am)

JULY 8

Summer Youth Fellowship

JULY 15

Summer Sizzle: Christmas in July

JULY 16-19

CAST Camp

JULY 29

Celebration of the
Ministry of Beth Burris

JULY 29 - AUGUST 4

SPIHN Guests Onsite

AUGUST 6-9

CAST Camp

AUGUST 12

Summer Sizzle: Sundae Sunday

AUGUST 26

Summer Sizzle: Big Sizzle Cookout
and Back to School Bash

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.

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.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

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| Sunday, July 1 | 2 Chronicles 33, 34 / Psalms 75, 76 |
| Monday, July 2 | 2 Chronicles 35, 36 / Luke 1:39-80 |
| Tuesday, July 3 | Ezra 1, 2 / Luke 2 |
| Wednesday, July 4 | Ezra 3, 4 / Luke 3 |
| Thursday, July 5 | Ezra 5, 6 / Psalm 77 |
| Friday, July 6 | Ezra 7, 8 / Luke 4 |
| Saturday, July 7 | Ezra 9, 10 / Luke 5 |

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 and phone 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
- ☐ **Emailing Bert Moore:** 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 this PC(USA) Missionary: Chenoa Stock (Bolivia).

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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