



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 21, 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.

Hymn 401
Hymn author,
Marty Haugen,
describes his
inspiration for this
hymn: "Gather
Us In" was written
after I first heard
the wonderful
[former
Jesuit Dutch
theologian and
poet Huub]
Oosterhuis
text "What Is
This Place?" I
wanted to craft
something that
might say a
similar message
to North
American ears.

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Paul tells us the marks of a true Christian -
All: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
One: Love one another with mutual affection;
All: Outdo one another in showing honor.
One: Contribute to the needs of the saints;
All: Extend hospitality to strangers.
One: His challenge to us is great: If it is possible, live peaceably with all.
All: May it be so, O God! Let us worship you with our whole lives.
One: Let us worship God!

(Based on Romans 12)

† HYMN 401

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)
[verse 1: Solo; verses 2-4: All]

GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God,
You graciously welcome us into your loving arms
without any reservations or expectations.
What a model you have set for us!
We humbly come before you
to confess the ways we have fallen short of your example:
For the times we have been afraid of the stranger --
Lord, forgive us.
For the times we have stereotyped the stranger
as hostile, as dangerous, or as inferior --
Lord, forgive us.
For the times that we are so busy trying to serve our own needs
that we overlook the true needs of others --
Lord, forgive us.
Help us to see your face in the other.
Open our hearts to receive all as you have received us.

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: Before the foundation of the world Christ forgave us and forgives us still today. Let us
forgive as we have been forgiven 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: CHENANIAH MINISTRIES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30)

Malone Jewel Mayfield
Daughter of Courtney and Andy Mayfield

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Genesis 18:1-8, 16

SERMON

Learning from CouchSurfing

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

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.

During the Word for Children, all children are invited to come to the front. Afterwards, they 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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

I'll Walk with God

Nicholas Brodsky

(10:30)

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

† DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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.

† 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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 203

"Jesu, Jesu"
is Thomas S.
Colvin's most
popular hymn.
The melody is
adapted from a
Ghanaian folk
song he heard
during his years
of missionary
service in that
country. The
tune name
CHEREPONI comes
from a town in
northern Ghana,
where the hymn
was written.

† HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on Old 100th

Henry Purcell

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Dr. Leland G. Close, Jr., Elder
Mr. Stanford J. Lummus, Elder
Pastor Suvarna Raju Mallipudi
Mr. Noah Deal
Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews
Summer Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallace Chapman (Susan) by their 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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM

CHILDREN

Birth-age 2 – Clark Building, Room 105

Completed 3K-5K – Clark Building, Room 110

Completed 1st-4th Grade – Clark Building, Room 201 (red door)

Rising 6th graders will join the youth classes for Sunday School.

YOUTH

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

We will have two youth Sunday School classes this summer led by Robert, our youth interns and other volunteer teachers. Rising 6th graders are invited to join the Middle School Sunday School class. Rising 9th graders are invited to join the High Schoolers as well. In July, both groups will look at "Friendships and Peer Pressure" through the Book of Proverbs. In August, they will do a series called "Busting Myths" and, guided by the book of Ephesians, tear down myths about being a Christian.

ADULTS

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

*July 21: Housing: Chris Story (City of Spartanburg), Joe White (Christmas in Action),
Lee Close (Habitat for Humanity)*

July 28: Foster Care: Chamlee Loscuito (Hope Center) / Jonathon Sampson (Thornwell)

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

August 18: Experiencing God through Youth Mission

GOING TO THE GOOD BOOK (Room 2200) *This summer open your Bible!*

Led by Ansley Page, Jason Loscuito, and John Lefebvre.

Kicking it Old Testament

July 21 and 28: Minor Prophets

James: Faithful Living

August 4: James 1 Faith and Wisdom

August 11: James 2 & 3 Faith without Works / Words Matter

August 18: Joint Class with Youth Mission Report

August 25: James 4 & 5 Patience and Faith

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.*

LIFE @ FIRST

JULY 21, 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.

PASTOR SUVARNA RAJU MALLIPUDI

Today, we welcome Pastor Suvarna Raju Mallipudi with Chenaniah Ministries in India. He will be giving the Moment for Mission in all services. In the last year, our church has generously provided funding to his ministry to dig a bore well in one of the villages they serve.

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: 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.

SUMMER HANGOUTS WITH HOLLY CONTINUE...

Come and spend some time with our Children's Director, Holly Bannan. Be ready to play games in the gym/outside, share a special snack, and talk about your Summer "God Sightings!" We will meet from 1:00-3:00pm on the following dates:

July 25: For rising 3rd and 4th grade; August 1: For rising 5th grade

Please drop your kids off and pick them back up inside the gym.

THIS AFTERNOON - YOUNG ADULT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This afternoon, all young adults are invited to Happy Hollow Park in Converse Heights (3-5pm). Ice cream provided - Bring a topping to share!

Questions? Contact Rev. Leslie Lang; llang@fpcspartanburg.org.

PURCHASE YOUR KIRKIN' TARTAN

First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service on October 27. The cost of a fabric Tartan 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.

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, contact Paul McKee; paulmckee202@gmail.com / (864) 621-6939.

CALENDAR

JULY 21

Traditional Worship
(8:30am-Chapel)

Sunday School (9:30am)

MorningSong Worship
(10:30am - Fogartie Hall)

Traditional Worship
(10:30am-Sanctuary)

JULY 21-27

Montreat Youth Conference

JULY 22-25; AUGUST 5-8

CAST Camp

JULY 25

Hangouts with Holly (rising 3rd-4th)

JULY 28-AUGUST 4

SPIHN Guests

AUGUST 1

Hangouts with Holly (rising 5th)

AUGUST 4

Men's Breakfast

AUGUST 11

Summer Sizzle: Dog Days of Summer

AUGUST 16

Registration Deadline for
Church Retreat

AUGUST 25

Last Day of Summer Worship Schedule
Summer Sizzle:
Wet and Wild Back-to-School Bash

SEPTEMBER 1

One Worship Service @ 10:30am

SEPTEMBER 8

Regular Sunday Morning Schedule

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Church Retreat

SEPTEMBER 20-25

Cuba Mission Trip

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835

Received to date: \$1,233,937

Needed to date: \$1,628,219

HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN - WEEK OF JULY 28!

SPIHN's mission is to help temporarily homeless children and their families become self-sufficient by bringing together community resources to provide essential needs and life skills in a compassionate environment. Our next SPIHN week is **July 28 - August 4**. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction.

We are specifically in need of overnight hosts for: **Monday, July 29.**

Please contact: Crystal Workman; workman06@charter.net

CHURCH RETREAT: "FAMILY CAMP" – SEPT 20-22

Come experience time in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina with your church family at Montreat Conference Center! This year's Church Retreat will be **Family Camp** for families of **ALL** ages, shapes, and sizes - with plenty to do together with and among families. There will also be plenty of time to relax and do your own thing as well. This year, we are also opening the retreat up to commuters. We very much hope that everyone who can will opt for the whole weekend, but if you can only come for Saturday, we are glad to welcome you! Registrations are due by Friday, August 16.

For more information and to register: www.fpcspartanburg.org/retreat.

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: Michael Pack, CNC Chair
First Presbyterian Church, 393 E. Main St Spartanburg, SC 29302
- ☐ **Emailing Michael Pack:** mpack@dsdlegal.com

Deadline for submittal is noon, Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

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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