



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.”

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

AUGUST 4, 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: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.  
**All: The Lord will provide for our needs.**  
One: Come this day to the table of the Lord.  
**All: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.**  
One: Come to this time of gathering and praise  
**All: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits  
to receive your gracious gift of love.**  
One: Let us worship God together!

### Hymn 35

The last psalm in  
the Bible, Psalm  
150, ends with  
this invitation:  
"Let everything  
that has breath  
praise the  
LORD. Praise the  
LORD." German  
composer  
Joachim  
Neander gave  
us words to do  
just that when  
he wrote his  
most well-known  
hymn, "Praise  
to the Lord, the  
Almighty."

## † HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

## † RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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.*

GLORIA PATRI

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us greet each other as we share the love and peace 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.

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 1 and 2 (selected verses)

### SERMON

*This **IS** Church*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*So Art Thou to Me*

K. Lee Scott

(10:30)

*O Lord, Our Lord*

Robert Powell

#### † DOXOLOGY

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

Hymnal Page 35

#### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

(10:30)

*Who at My Door is Standing*

K. Lee Scott

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

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.

Hymn 515

Hymn author,  
Brian A. Wren,  
wrote this  
communion  
hymn in Hockley,  
Essex, England,  
in July 1968 and  
revised it in 1970.  
He wrote this text  
to summarize  
a series of  
sermons on the  
meaning of the  
Lord's Supper,  
specifically as  
a post-sermon  
hymn to help  
illustrate the  
presence of  
Christ in the  
sacrament.

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 515

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 3

AR HYD Y NOS

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Festival Postlude*

Domenico Zipoli

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. L. Craig Foster

R. Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia C. Andrews, Organist  
Summer Choir  
Mr. Andrew Meredith, horn

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*The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby Freeman by his 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 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Clark Building, Room 201 (red door)

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will join the youth classes for Sunday School.

## YOUTH

(Rising 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the Middle School Sunday School class. Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the High Schoolers as well. 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.*

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.*

### ***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

AUGUST 4, 2019

Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

## 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.*

## 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](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/retreat).*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

If you are looking for a way to serve that allows you a flexible schedule, with 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 5:30pm.

*Interested? Contact Dana Halliday; [danahalliday1@charter.net](mailto:danahalliday1@charter.net) / 864-237-0330.*

## NEXT WEEK'S SUMMER SIZZLE: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Next Sunday, August 11, join your church family in the Social Hall following the 10:30 worship services for fellowship and a hot dog lunch with all the trimmings.

## BUS DRIVERS

We are frequently in need of drivers for our church buses - short day trips, long day trips, and occasionally an overnight trip as well. A CDL is not required, but all drivers must be at least 25 years old, submit a background check, and go through a training session with our Facilities Administrator Chris Everette. Everyone who intends to drive one of the buses must go through this process - regardless of whether you have driven the old buses or the new buses before! To begin this process, please download and complete the Background Check Authorization (found on the church website) and return that, along with a copy of your driver's license and insurance card, to Lynise Clarke in the church office. Afterwards, training with Chris Everette can be scheduled.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Children's Choirs and First Steps in Music Classes will begin in mid-September. Online registration is now open!

## SPARTANBURG OPPORTUNITY CENTER

The Spartanburg Opportunity Center is hosting Open Houses. The center will provide services for the homeless and nearly homeless of our community. First Presbyterian Church generously supported this project during the 2017 Witness Season, and now it is finally becoming a reality! The center, located at 701 Saxon Avenue, will be open to the public from 4-6pm on the following dates: **Monday, August 5 and Wednesday, August 7.** Stop by and check it out!

*For more information, please contact Karl Rogozenski at [spopcenter@gmail.com](mailto:spopcenter@gmail.com).*

## 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.*

## ALL RECOVERY ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUP

All Recovery is a F.A.V.O.R. (Faces and Voices of Recovery) support group. The group focus is to have a conversation with each other and learn more about recovery from addiction. This group is for anyone who has suffered from addiction to a substance and/or who has been affected by the symptoms and/or disease of addiction. The group **meets every Wednesday, 6:00–7:00pm, in the Arthur Center.**

*For more information,  
contact Lauren Gilmore (864-357-4376) or Beth Cecil (864-208-2136).*

## 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 simple, but the rewards for you and for the people you visit are huge.

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

## 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;  
[583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST 4

*Men's Breakfast*

*Communion in All Services*

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

*Sunday School (9:30am)*

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

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

### AUGUST 5-8

*CAST Camp*

### AUGUST 11

*Summer Sizzle:  
Dog Days of Summer*

### AUGUST 16

*Registration Deadline for  
Church Retreat*

### AUGUST 21

*Young Adult Fellowship*

### 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*

### OCTOBER 27

*Kirkin' o' the Tartans*

### NOVEMBER 3

*Ecumenical Blood Drive*

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget:	\$3,023,835
Received to date:	\$1,295,700
Needed to date:	\$1,744,520

## 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:** Quarterly 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; Kairos Prison Ministry; MLK, Jr. Celebration

**Education:** Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); 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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