



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
AUGUST 11, 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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Menuet and Badinerie

J.S. Bach

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are children of God:

All: Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

One: We are citizens of a nation:

All: Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.

One: We are members of a community:

Called to know each other, to accept each other, and to welcome all.

All: We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

One: So may our hearts be as one. Let us worship our God!

Hymn 403

This hymn
originally had
five verses.
Written by
Benjamin
Schmolck, he
supported
himself while
in seminary by
writing poetry for
wealthy citizens.
He wrote over
900 hymns and
was the most
popular German
hymn writer at
the time.

† HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving and merciful One,

we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,
for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.

Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.

We push aside those who we believe are the least in your Kingdom.

We fail to see your Kingdom in parables

because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.

Form us into your vision of community

In which we are filled with perfect love.

We pray for the sake of your Kingdom

that both is and is not yet.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 14, VERSE 5

DIX

*For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

† 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

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30)

Grace Caroline Richards

Daughter of Caroline and Steve Richards

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Galatians 3:28

SERMON

*This **IS** Church: Part Two*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

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

(8:30)

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

(10:30)

Like Rivers in the Desert

Diane McAninch

† 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!*

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 17

This tune was originally a love song composed in 1575 by Johann Steurlein. WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN gets its name from its original use as a setting for Martin Behm's hymn text that began with those words in 1581.

† HYMN 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 14, VERSE 4

DIX

*For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress

Dietrich Buxtehude

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Ansley B. Page

Mr. Wade Cooper Neely

Mr. William W. Lancaster

Dr. Donald H. McClure

Miss Sara Catharine Evans

R. Holt Andrews, Director

Marcia C. Andrews, Organist

Genesis Choir

Summer Choir

Mrs. Janet R. Kuntz, flute

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 loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas G. Fanos by Jerry and Jennifer Howe.

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-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 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 11 and 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 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 11, 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.

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.

TODAY'S SUMMER SIZZLE: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Following the 10:30 worship services today, join your church family in the Social Hall for fellowship and a hot dog lunch with all the trimmings.

UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT FAITHS & FINDING COMMON GROUND

The world we live in is vastly diverse, and it can sometimes be difficult to understand those we perceive as being "different" from us. On Wednesday, August 14, the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance invites you to a lunch with a panel discussion on discovering commonalities with your neighbor and learning how to better comprehend faiths that are not your own. Lunch will be provided, and the panel of interfaith representatives will be moderated by our own Christi Brown. **Location:** Masjid Insh' Allah, 377 Successful Way, Spartanburg, 20306. **Time:** 12:00-1:00pm.

Register at www.eventbrite.com or contact The Spartanburg County Foundation.

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 THIS Friday, August 16.**

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

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!

YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF PARTY – SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Our Sunday Night Youth Ministry is about to get back into full swing! All middle and high schoolers are invited to join us for the Fall Kick Off Party on Sunday, August 18, 5:00-7:00pm at the Family Life Center. We'll have food trucks from Fuddruckers and Bruster's Ice Cream, several tournaments with prizes for the winners, music, fellowship and more!

To sign up: Email Carrie Coleman; ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org.

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.

TOWER ROOM ENTRANCE – NEW HANDICAPPED DOOR

We have installed a new handicapped door at the tower room entrance to better serve our members, guests, and visitors as well as become ADA compliant. The door will open automatically with a swipe of an active badge during normal business hours. During Sunday services and special events, the door will operate with the push buttons located on the outside and inside walls. Or you can simply push the door to exit. We will continue to monitor the opening mechanism and adjust as needed. We will also have signs placed indicating door operations.

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.

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.

CALENDAR

AUGUST 11

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

Sunday School (9:30am)

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

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

*Summer Sizzle: Dog Days of Summer!
(11:30am - Social Hall)*

AUGUST 16

*Registration Deadline for
Church Retreat*

AUGUST 18

Youth Fall Kickoff Party

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 11

*WAF Resumes
Children's Choirs Begin*

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Church Retreat

SEPTEMBER 20-25

Cuba Mission Trip

OCTOBER 27

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

NOVEMBER 3

Ecumenical Blood Drive

*A complete calendar is available at
fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.*

FLC HOURS

Monday-Thursday:	6am-9pm
Friday:	6am-5pm
Saturday:	8am-Noon
Sunday:	Noon-4pm

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, 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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