



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 18, 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.

{Tom}

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*O God, Thou Faithful God*

Flor Peeters

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

{Leslie}

One: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**All: sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!**

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**All: So great is your power that  
all the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you."**

One: Let us worship God!

### Hymn 2

In this hymn, we  
praise God as  
our King and  
Ruler, addressing  
each Person of  
the Trinity in turn,  
and end with  
a request that  
"His Sovereign  
majesty  
May we in glory  
see."

## † HYMN 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

{Leslie}

Lord, the great and awesome God,  
who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him  
and keeps his commandments,  
we have sinned and done wrong.

We have been wicked and have rebelled;  
we have turned away from your commands and laws.

We have not listened to your servants the prophets,  
who spoke in your name to our kings,  
our princes and our ancestors,  
and to all the people of the land.

Yet, even though we have rebelled against You;  
or kept the laws Lord you are merciful and forgiving.

(Daniel 9:4-6; 9-10)

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

{Leslie}

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

{Leslie}

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

{Tom}

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

{Leslie}

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:32

One: The Word of the Lord.

{Tom}

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*The Ways in Which We Experience God...  
Holy Revelation*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

*"If you continue in my word...  
You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free..."*

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

{Leslie}

### 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

{Leslie}

## OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*I Will Sing of Thy Mercies*

Felix Mendelssohn

(10:30)

*Acquaint Now Thyself With Him*

Raymond Haan

## † 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

{Tom}

### 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 451

This hymn text was written in 1895 shortly before author Clara H. Scott's death. Each stanza reveals an increasing receptiveness to the "Spirit divine." Open eyes lead to "glimpses of truth." Open ears lead to "voices of truth." An open mouth leads to sharing the "warm truth everywhere." An open heart leads to sharing "love to thy children."

### † HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

{Tom}

### † BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 707, VERSE 4

HALL

*Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;  
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.*

### † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Father, Dwell in Every Heart*

J.S. Bach

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Mr. R. Holt Andrews, Director  
Mr. Bruce Campbell, Organist  
Mr. Noah Deal, Soloist  
Summer Choir

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 John W. (Jack) West, Minnie Sangster Duck, and Susie Auten West by Linda Sangster West.

*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 3 – 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 18: Experiencing God through Youth Mission

August 25: Tom Evans, Experiencing the Holy

**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 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 18, 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 Sizzle: 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.*

## TONIGHT: YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF PARTY

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 tonight, 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!

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Beginning next Sunday, August 25, all Youth are invited to congregate and grow closer to Christ and each other. Bringing friends is always encouraged! Our schedule will be:

5:00-5:45pm High School time with Robert;  
Middle School recreation in the Gym

5:45-6:15pm Snack Supper

6:15-7:15pm Middle School time with Robert;  
High School recreation in the Gym

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP, AUGUST 21

If you are age 22-35(ish), join us at RJ Rockers on Wednesday, August 21, 5:30-7:30pm for the first Young Adult Fall Fellowship Event!

*Questions? Contact Leslie Lang; [llang@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:llang@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## FINAL SUMMER SIZZLE: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Next Sunday, August 25, pack a lawn chair or blanket, and join us on the lawn after the 10:30 worship services. Enjoy games, inflatables, music, and lunch from one of the food trucks on site!

## 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!

## ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 1

There will be One Combined Worship Service on Sunday, September 1 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School. Our regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 8.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR CUBA MISSION TRIP

The Cuba Mission Team is in need of the following items: Feminine hygiene products, adult vitamins, Tylenol (regular and arthritis strength), Children's vitamins (not gummy), Ibuprofen, razors (men and women), tooth brushes & toothpaste, twin sheet sets (new), and towels (new). Donations should be marked "Cuba" and dropped off in the mission closet by September 15.

## 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.*

## 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*

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST 18

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

*Sunday School (9:30am)*

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

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

*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](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## FLC HOURS

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

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget:	\$3,023,835
Received to date:	\$1,354,765
Needed to date:	\$1,860,821

## 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

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## 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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