



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 19, 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.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Wisdom has prepared a feast for us;

All: **let us eat and drink of God’s gifts.**

One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

Pie Jesu:

*Blessed Jesus,
lamb of God,
who takest away
the sins of the
world, grant us
peace and rest.*

Originally
entitled, "Come,
Children, Join
to Sing," the
hymn's name
was changed
when its
author realized
everyone loved
to sing his hymn.
Combining
the praise of
"Alleluia" with the
jubilant assertion
of "Amen" this
hymn resounds
with praise
for Christ our
King. Calling
on Christians
to sing praise
both now and
forevermore, it's
a fitting hymn
for children and
adults alike.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your way.
You bestow the gift of wisdom,
yet we continue in our foolishness.
You provide the bread of life,
yet we persist in the ways of death.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to make better use
of the lives you have given us,
giving glory to you in all things.
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 275, VERSE 2

EIN' FESTE BURG

*Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us;
let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ.
Peace be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 5:15-20

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

SERMON

Making Your Day in the Godly Way:

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

With the Melodies in our Hearts

After the Word for Children,

all children will
return to the
pews.

Nursery is
available for
infants through
age 3.

*Children's
Worship will
resume on
September 9, 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

You Raise Me Up

Josh Groban

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 607

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.

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 450

With its heartfelt
poetry and
moving melody,
"Be Thou My
Vision" beautifully
expresses the
desires of the
Christian heart.
The writer
expresses his
adoration of
God through
the many titles
he gives him:
Vision, Wisdom,
Word, Great
Father, Power,
Inheritance, High
King of heaven,
Treasure, bright
heaven's Sun,
Ruler of all.

† HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 702, VERSE 1

BUNESSAN

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Slane"

Austin Lovelace

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.

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Quartet: Eranga Goonetillecke, Mary Dixon,
Matias Mariani, Paul MacPhail

Summer Choir

The Peace Lilies 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.

We welcome our friends Matias Mariani and Eranga Goonetillecke, who will be lending their considerable musical and vocal gifts to our Chapel and Sanctuary services this morning.

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL THROUGH AUGUST 26 AT 9:30AM

*No Sunday School on September 2;
Regular Schedule Resumes September 9.*

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

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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.

NEXT SUNDAY - SUMMER SIZZLE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Next Sunday, August 26, enjoy fun, food, and fellowship with our Summer Sizzle Back-to-School Bash. After the 10:30 worship service, come to the grassy area outside the FLC (bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets). There will be games and inflatables. You may purchase a hamburger or hotdog plate from Fuddruckers for \$5.00 each (four serving lines). Lemonade and Water provided. After lunch ... come to the Large Private Dining Room and Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae (free)! Relish the final Summer Sizzle of 2018 with your church family!

FIRST STEPS & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS - REGISTER TODAY

FIRST STEPS: Are you interested in learning how to sing and play with your baby? Do you long for some quality one-on-one time with your toddler? Join us for this 8-week class filled with fun and music for Newborns through Age 3. Classes begin the 2nd week of September. Space is limited to the first 10 people (per class).

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: Children's Choirs (4K-5th Grade) meet on Wednesday evenings during the school year. Choirs for younger children concentrate on providing fun and enriching musical experiences with beginning vocal training and an introduction to the music of the church. Choirs for older children continue this emphasis while adding specific musical and vocal training, hymn education, instruments, and opportunities to sing in worship. Choirs will begin September 12 – when WAF begins.

First Steps: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/first-steps-in-music-registration

Children's Choirs: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/childrens-choir

Want more info? Marcia Andrews; mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org / 864/208-2135.

ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 2

There will be One Combined Worship Service on Sunday, September 2 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School. Our regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 9.

CHURCH RETREAT "FINDING REST" – SEPT 14-16

Over-committed? Over-scheduled? Over-programmed? Over-stressed? Today's world is fast-paced, crazy, and often relentless. Take a break from your weariness and find rest in Jesus among your church family in beautiful Montreat, NC. Over the weekend, we will learn about and practice the biblical concept of Sabbath, seeking that promised rest that can go with us down the mountain into our daily lives.

For more information: www.fpcspartanburg.org/retreat.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT – OCTOBER 5-7

The Youth Fall Retreat will be held October 5-7 at Camp Longridge in Ridgeway, SC. The theme will be “unity”. Rev. Geoffrey Grubbs will be our speaker and our worship leader will be Danny Nue. It is going to be a FANTASTIC weekend of faith, fellowship, and lots of fun! The cost is \$130 (plus optional activity fees). HOWEVER, if your student brings two friends with them on the trip, that student gets to go for FREE! We have reserved 60 spots! Deadline for Registration is Friday, September 21. Students are already signing up, so make sure to put it on the calendar today!

Sign up at: www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/youth.

CAMP MONTREAT FOR GIRLS

From 1924 to 1967, Camp Montreat for Girls was owned and operated by Montreat College. Girls from Kansas to North Carolina and New York to Florida attended the camp in the summer for four or eight weeks. Montreat is planning a display at the Heritage Center in Montreat commemorating this special camp that meant so much to so many young women. Anyone who attended Camp Montreat or knows someone who did, they would like to hear from you. They are collecting memorabilia, such as, Indian blankets, navy scarfs, memory books, etc.

*If you have things from the camp or stories about the camp, please contact:
Mr. Bill Walker (Trinity Presbytery) 400 Lake Secession Rd, Anderson, SC 29621;
864.296.4813 or btwalker@prodigy.net.*

MOBILE MEALS FAN CLUB

Many of our Mobile Meals recipients do not have the luxury of air conditioning in their homes. To assist them, we have established the MOBILE MEALS FAN CLUB. We are asking our FPC members to take box fans, oscillating fans, or any fans, and drop them off at Vivian's desk in the volunteer office at Mobile Meals (419 E Main St, Spartanburg). These fans will be distributed to those in need by the volunteer drivers. Fans are relatively inexpensive but bring priceless relief to those without AC in their homes in the hot Southern summer.

For more information contact Jimmy Trout; 864/680-0049.

MOBILE MEALS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Mobile Meals of Spartanburg is looking for volunteers to pick up and deliver meals to our homebound neighbors throughout Spartanburg County! Take up a regular route or substitute when you can.

Contact Vivian at Mobile Meals for more information; 573-7684.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, August 19	Proverbs 23, 24 / Psalms 92, 93
Monday, August 20	Proverbs 25, 26 / 1 Thessalonians 4
Tuesday, August 21	Proverbs 27, 28 / 1 Thessalonians 5
Wednesday, August 22	Proverbs 29, 30 / 2 Thessalonians 1
Thursday, August 23	Proverbs 31 / Psalm 94
Friday, August 24	Ecclesiastes 1-3 / 2 Thessalonians 2
Saturday, August 25	Ecclesiastes 4, 5 / 2 Thessalonians 3

CALENDAR

AUGUST 19

*MorningSong Worship
(8:30am - Sanctuary)*

*Traditional Worship
(8:30-Chapel & 10:30am-Sanctuary)*

Sunday School (9:30am)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

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(8:30am - Sanctuary)*

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Sunday School (9:30am)

Summer Sizzle: Back to School Bash

SEPTEMBER 2

*ONE Combined Worship
(10:30am-Sanctuary)*

No Sunday School

SEPTEMBER 3

*Labor Day
All Church Facilities Closed*

SEPTEMBER 9

*Rally Day
Return to Regular Worship Schedule
Youth Block Party*

SEPTEMBER 12

WAF Returns

SEPTEMBER 14-16

Churchwide Retreat

SEPTEMBER 19

Evensong Worship

OCTOBER 1-5

WDS Book Fair

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.

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 these PC(USA) Missionaries:
Marlene and Gary Van Brocklin (Sri Lanka).

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

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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

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