



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 25, 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: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

**All: But there is only one Spirit.**

One: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

**All: But it is the same Lord we all serve.**

One: There are many activities we can do to serve God:

teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

**All: But all these are activated by God.**

**God gives to each as God chooses. Thanks be to God!**

One: Let us worship God!

### Hymn 611

This joyful ode is  
one of the best-  
known hymns  
in the English  
language.  
Author Henry  
Van Dyke was  
inspired in 1907  
by the beauty  
of the Berkshire  
mountains where  
he was serving  
as a guest  
preacher at  
Williams College,  
Williamstown,  
Mass.

## † HYMN 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy Spirit of the Living God,

you alone enable us

to recognize and profess Jesus as Lord,

and by your grace alone

are we able to share our gifts for the common good.

We confess that we have gone astray from your will,

pursued many diversions,

and, through our speech and conduct,

undermined our profession of faith.

Forgive us, Holy One,

and restore us with the river of your delights,

that we may render you the service you desire

in all its rich variety.

SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## † RESPONSE

HYMN 370, VERSE 2

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ,  
let us also share that grace with each other.

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)

*Helen Pinckney Berry  
Daughter of Brooksie and David Berry*

## SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 12:7

## SERMON

*Ways We Experience God...Holy Gifts* Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
*"Each has been given a spiritual gift for the common good"*

## 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)

(10:30)

*Feed My Lambs  
Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Natalie Seeth

Allen Pote

### † 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!*

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.

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.*

### 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 305

Hymn author,  
Brian Dill, served  
as Associate  
Pastor of North  
Lakeland  
Presbyterian  
Church and  
then as pastor  
at Chapel in the  
Grove, Lakeland,  
Florida. "Come  
Sing, O Church,  
In Joy" was  
the 1989  
bicentennial  
hymn for the  
Presbyterian  
Church (USA).

### † HYMN 305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### † BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 269, VERSE 3

LANCASHIRE

*Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears;  
your cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!*

### † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune*

Craig Phillips

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Ansley B. Page

Mr. J. Robert Bannan

Dr. David P. Berry, Elder

Miss Jane Manello, Reader

Miss Abigail L. Threatt

Miss Anna E. Beeson

Mr. R. Holt Andrews, Director

Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews, Organist

Genesis Choir

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 Margaret and Joe Kellett and Helen and Finley Hagins by Morris and Marsha Kellett Hagins.

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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**No Sunday School on September 1.  
Regular Schedule Resumes on September 8,  
beginning at 9:45am.**

### CHILDREN

Birth - Kindergarten: Clark Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### YOUTH

(6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Family Life Center

### ADULTS

**BIBLE ALIVE!** Room 2210

**CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES** Room C212

**EMMAUS CLASS** Room 2207

**FAITH DRIVEN** Room C210

**LIFT (MID)LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER** Room 2201

**OPEN CLASS** Room 2213

**PURNELL FELLOWSHIP CLASS** Purnell Room

**WELCOME CLASS** Room 2200

*Begins September 15*

**YOUNG ADULTS** Room 2216



# LIFE @ FIRST

AUGUST 25, 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 10:30am. 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.

## LAST DAY OF 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.*

## TODAY!

### FINAL SUMMER SIZZLE: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Today, August 25, 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!

## TONIGHT - SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP BEGINS!

On Sunday evenings, all youth are invited to congregare 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

## NEXT SUNDAY

### 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.

## WELCOME CLASS!

This Class is open to anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or members who want to learn more about the church. This class will meet on Sunday Mornings, September 15 - October 13, in Room 2200, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45am).

## 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!

## 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.

## TOM'S SABBATICAL JOURNEY

On Wednesday, September 4, come hear about Tom's adventures out West, along with preliminary results from the Church-wide Survey. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm.

## ECHOES: ELDER CAREGIVERS HELPING OTHERS AND ENCOURAGING SELF

Caring for a loved one who is aging or sick is a special ministry. If you are engaged in this and would appreciate Christian encouragement, please join Rev. Ansley Page, Rev. Joanne Hull, and Parish Nurse Beth Cecil on the second Thursday of each month beginning September 12, 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Senior High Room. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy this time of devotion, prayer, and sharing. Let your church family help you in this sacred work.

*Register with Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@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.*

## 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.*

## PRAYER REQUEST BOXES

Confidential Prayer Boxes and Prayer Request Forms are located in the Hall outside the Tower Room (across from the Receptionist's Office) and in the Lobby of Fogartie Hall. Prayer requests submitted on this form will be seen and brought to God in prayer by our ministers. They will only be shared if permission is given.

## CHESTNUT STREET PARKING SAFETY CONCERN

Please make a point to remove ALL parked cars from the Chestnut Street parking spaces before 11:45am each weekday. Parked cars in the pick-up line create a dangerous situation both for children and motorists.

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST 25

*Last Day of Summer Worship Schedule*

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

*Sunday School (9:30am)*

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

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

*Summer Sizzle:*

*Wet and Wild Back-to-School Bash*

*Sunday Night Youth Group Begins*

### SEPTEMBER 1

*One Worship Service @ 10:30am  
No Sunday School*

### SEPTEMBER 8

*Regular Sunday Morning Schedule*

*MorningSong Worship  
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)*

*Traditional Worship  
(8:45am - Chapel)*

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Traditional Worship  
(11:00am - Sanctuary)*

### SEPTEMBER 11

*WAF Resumes  
Children's Choirs Begin*

### SEPTEMBER 15

*Welcome Class Begins*

### SEPTEMBER 20-22

*Church Retreat*

### SEPTEMBER 20-25

*Cuba Mission Trip*

### OCTOBER 27

*Kirkin' o' the Tartans*

## FINANCIAL NEWS

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 2019 Operating Budget: | \$3,023,835 |
| Received to date:      | \$1,918,972 |
| Needed to date:        | \$1,394,106 |

## 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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