



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 26, 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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Though storms rage around me,
I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.
All: **I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.**
One: I will place strength and determination
as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.
All: **I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.**
One: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.
All: **The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit
will accompany me on my journey.**
One: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.
All: **I place my confidence and trust in God always.**
One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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

Timothy T'ingfang
Lew was a
leading Chinese
educator,
author, and
editor. He was
educated in
China and
at Columbia
University. His
Bachelor of
Divinity degree
was from
Yale and he
studied at Union
Theological
Seminary,
where he also
taught Christian
education. He
wrote this hymn
while teaching
at Yenching
University in
Peking.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Patient Lord,

we are a culture that wants the quick and easy
answers to all of life's problems.

We want to be able to open the Bible

and place our fingers on the passage

that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts.

It is difficult for us

to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance.

Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings.

It took a long time for them to understand fully

what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond.

We are no different.

The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend.

Forgive us, Lord,

when we are so impatient;

when we just want to "get on with it" and be where the action is.

Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship,

through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike.

Push us in our ministry of help and compassion

to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others.

Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment

that we may truly serve you by serving others.

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 630, VERSE 4

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

† 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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30)

Eleanor Isabell Martin
Daughter of Julie and Patrick Martin

Sarah Berry Powell
Daughter of Coker and Alex Powell

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Making Your Day in the Godly Way:
Standing Strong in the Faith

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

All Things Work Together for Good

John Carter

(10:30)

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Jody Lindh

† 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.*

† 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.

Hymn 39

Hymn author,
Thomas
Chisholm,
was born in a
log cabin in
Kentucky in 1866
and lived an
unremarkable
life. The hymn
reminds us that
God doesn't only
work in dramatic
or miraculous
ways, but also in
simple, everyday
ways. It also
reminds us that
Jesus has never
failed us in the
past, so we
have no reason
to doubt his
faithfulness in the
future.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN2, VERSE 4

ITALIAN HYMN

*To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Pisgah

Dale Wood

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
Mr. R. Holt Andrews
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Genesis Choir
Summer Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Price (Gretchen) by the family.

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.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School on September 2;
Regular Schedule Resumes on September 9, beginning at 9:45am.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Nursery</u> (Birth-2K) 1 st Floor Clark Building	<u>Preschool</u> (3K-5K) 1 st Floor Clark Building
<u>Elementary</u> (1 st -5 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Clark Building	<u>Youth</u> (6 th -12 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Family Life Center

ADULTS

Sunday mornings offer classes designed to help men and women grow their faith through study and discussion.
Want more information? Visit our website at fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults.

BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210) A talented and experienced teaching team leads this class for those who want to study the Bible in-depth, book by book.

CHOIR CLASS (Room 2208) This class uses the Uniform Lesson Series to frame their study and application of Bible texts to daily living. They meet from 10:00 to 10:30am to accommodate choir members, but anyone can join.

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Room C212) This class explores and studies contemporary issues from a variety of perspectives using the Bible, the Christian faith and life, the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, and World Christianity to form its conclusions.

EMMAUS CLASS (Room 2207) Join us on our journey as we welcome everyone, with eyes open towards Jesus. We are the loud class at the end of the hall, enjoying fellowship, coffee, and a fresh, new, scripture-based lesson each week.

FAITH DRIVEN (Room C210) This class is largely made up of parents of children and youth and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2201) Special, distinctive, and important: The host presents a scholarly and factual study of selected books of the Bible presented with a mature flair and wisdom. All ages feel at home with this loyal group.

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.

NOTE: All rooms with a C in the room number are located on the 2nd floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2nd floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

LIFE @ FIRST

AUGUST 26, 2018

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.

TODAY! SUMMER SIZZLE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

After the 10:30 worship service, come to the grassy area outside the FLC (if you forgot your lawn chairs, there are tables and chairs). 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)! Have fun with games and inflatables. Enjoy the final Summer Sizzle of 2018 with your church family!

NEXT WEEK - ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE - SEPT 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.

LOCAL MISSIONS LUNCH-N-LEARN – SEPTEMBER 6

On Thursday, September 6, at 12:00pm in the Large Private Dining Room, learn more about our local mission partners, as well as enjoy a delicious lunch cooked by Jane Mullins. Lunch cost is \$7. Special panel guests will be senior staff from: Hope Center for Children, Children's Advocacy Center, Angels Charge, St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic, SAFE Homes/Rape Crisis Center.

RSVP by Sept 4 for Lunch (\$7): www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/lunch-n-learn or contact Katie Resumovic; kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPT 9

8:45am Chapel Worship

8:45am MorningSong (Sanctuary or Fogartie Hall?? - stay tuned!)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Sanctuary Worship

YOUTH FALL BLOCK PARTY – SEPTEMBER 9

On the evening of Rally Day (Sept 9, 5:00-7:00pm, in and around the FLC), we will kick-off the youth program for the semester with a block party! There will be party favors, a GIANT gutter sundae (it is as it sounds!), an inflatable obstacle course, a Jacob's ladder, a video game trailer, and more! This will be a HUGE outreach event! All youth are invited! So, pass the word and invite your friends!

WIRELESS AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian has a Wireless Network that you are welcome to use. Find the Network: "FPC-Guest". No password required; just agree to the terms.

THORNWELL FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE – SEPT 15

The Thornwell Foster Care Conference offers the opportunity to learn from experts about their experiences and strategies for managing children from hard places. This Conference, to be held on Saturday, September 15, 8:30am-4:00pm at Simpsonville First Baptist Church, is for current and prospective foster parents, social service professionals, therapists, pastors, youth ministers, etc. Come see first-hand how Thornwell supports and trains foster families to succeed! A keynote address entitled “Facing Challenges and Reaping Rewards” will be delivered by Dr. John DeGarmo, Director, The Foster Care Institute.

Cost: \$40 (includes small breakfast, snacks, lunch, childcare, and childcare lunch).

For more information and to register: thornwell.org/conference.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT – OCTOBER 5-7

The Youth Fall Retreat will be held Oct 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.

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 mid-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.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, August 26	Ecclesiastes 6, 7 / Psalms 95, 96
Monday, August 27	Ecclesiastes 8, 9 / 1 Timothy 1
Tuesday, August 28	Ecclesiastes 10, 11 / 1 Timothy 2
Wednesday, August 29	Ecclesiastes 12 / 1 Timothy 3
Thursday, August 30	Song of Solomon 1, 2 / Psalms 97, 98
Friday, August 31	Song of Solomon 3, 4 / 1 Timothy 4
Saturday, September 1	Song of Solomon 5, 6 / 1 Timothy 5

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

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

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

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

*MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Location TBA)*

*Traditional Worship
(8:45-Chapel & 11:00am-Sanctuary)*

Sunday School (9:45am)

Youth Block Party

SEPTEMBER 12

WAF Returns

SEPTEMBER 14-16

Churchwide Retreat

SEPTEMBER 16

Welcome Class Begins

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 this PC(USA) Missionary: Kristi Van Nostran (El Salvador).

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

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, Hannah Lane, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Communications/Operations; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mark Ashby**, Director of Youth Ministries; **Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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