



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
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
10:30AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: I was glad when they said to me,
All: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Air and Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
All: for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
One: He determines the number of the stars;
All: he gives to all of them their names.
One: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
All: his understanding is beyond measure.
One: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
All: Praise your God, O Zion!
One: Praise the LORD!

(from Psalm 147)

Hymn 12

This hymn
was originally
published under
this Scripture:
"Now unto the
King eternal,
immortal,
invisible, the only
wise God, be
honor and glory
for ever and
ever. Amen"
(1 Timothy 1:17
KJV). After
paraphrasing
this verse in the
first stanza, the
author goes on
to elaborate on
the themes of
light, immortality,
and glory in
the following
stanzas.

† HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord our God,
we confess that we do not reflect your glory.
We devote ourselves to small things
while you work for a greater purpose.
We distract ourselves with grand designs
while you surprise us with hidden wonders.
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
so that we may know your will,
seek your way, and share your work,
to the glory of your holy name.

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Youth Missions

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:28

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Ways We Experience God....
Holy Work: The Power and Providence of God*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

*We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28

Heidelberg Catechism. Question #27:

What do you understand by the providence of God?

*The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty -
all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

If God Be For Us

Clifford McCormick

† DOXOLOGY

*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!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*
All: *And also with you.*
One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*
All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*
One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*
All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 803

Psalm 23 remains
the most well-
loved and often
recited psalm,
and Isaac
Watts' powerful
paraphrase,
coupled with
the peaceful yet
strong American
folk tune, make
this hymn a
moving rendition
of that psalm.

† HYMN 803	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	RESIGNATION
† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
† BENEDICTION RESPONSE		
HYMN 801, VERSE 5	<i>Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.</i>	CRIMOND
† CLOSING VOLUNTARY	<i>God of Grace</i>	Paul Manz

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. Leslie L. Lang; Mr. J. Robert Bannan

Dr. Leland G. Close, Elder

Janet R. Kuntz, Guest Conductor
Lynn Ritchie, Guest Organist
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 James L. Burnett by his wife Julia B. Burnett and daughter Letitia B. Uyak.

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

SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN

Birth - Kindergarten: Clark Building, 1st Floor

1st - 5th Grades: Clark Building, 2nd Floor

On Rally Day, September 8,

Grades 1-5 will first meet in the Social Hall,
before going to their classrooms.

YOUTH

(6th-12th Grades) 2nd 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

SEPTEMBER 1, 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 10:30am. 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.

THIS WEDNESDAY - 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.

NEXT WEEK - REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE!

8:45am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

8:45am Chapel Worship Service

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Sanctuary Worship Services

NEXT SUNDAY - RALLY DAY!

Rally Day is next Sunday, September 8! Children who are in pre-school (K3-K5) should be dropped off in their new classrooms on the 1st floor of the Clark Building at 9:45 and picked up in that same location at 10:45. Children in 1st through 5th grade will gather in the Social Hall at 9:45am and should be picked up in their new classrooms in the Clark building. Check your child's postcard for the location of each age and grade level.

Questions? Please contact Holly Bannan; hbannan@fpcspartanburg.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, September 8, 2019, for the purpose of receiving and acting on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee relative to the election of Ruling Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2022 and Deacon to the Class of 2020 to fill an unexpired term.

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).

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), Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Twin sheet sets (new), and Towels (new). Donations should be marked "Cuba" and dropped off in the mission closet by September 15.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Children's Choirs and First Steps in Music Classes begin next week. Register online today!

ECHOES (ELDER CAREGIVERS HELPING OTHERS & 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.

UPCOMING BIBLE AND BOOK STUDIES:

BBC with Kirk Neely: Tuesday, September 3, The Arthur Center, 10:30am or 7:00pm, September Selection: *Textile Town*, by Betsy Wakefield Teter.

Mom Time: Encouragement for Moms of Teens and Tweens, Monthly, beginning Sunday, September 8, 5-6pm, Church Parlor. Led by Ansley Page.

Tuesday/Thursday Study Group: Led by Tom and Nan McDaniel, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 10, 12:00pm, Arthur Center (Tuesdays) & Church Library (Thursdays), *Peacemakers: Caring for the Planet*.

Christians in the Making: Led by Jennifer Biber and Lynn Edwards, Wednesdays beginning September 11 at 10:30am in the Church Library.

Portraits of Jesus: Beginning September 11, this class, led by Ansley Page, will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm in the Purnell Room. Register with Ansley at apage@fpcspartanburg.org.

Tickled Pink: Tuesdays: Sept 17-Nov 5, 9:15-10:30am in Fogartie Hall.

Invitation to John: Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:00am, in the Purnell Room, beginning September 12. An in-depth Disciple study of the Gospel of John. Register with Ansley at apage@fpcspartanburg.org (\$15.00 study guide).

Men's Studies: Wednesdays, 12:00pm in the Large Private Dining Room; Fridays, 6:30am in the Small Private Dining Room; Fridays, 7:00am in the Arthur Center.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Mark your calendars for another season of great food, fellowship, and programming starting September 11. See the September edition of *First News* for menus and programming options.

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Meal costs are \$8 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$7 for Seniors (55 and over), \$5 for Children - limit of \$25 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required.

Children's Choirs meet at 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5th grade): 6:15pm, Activity Room.

Nursery Care (6 months to 3K): 6:15pm in the Gym Nursery.

Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship (grades 6-12): 6:15pm, Middle School Classroom.

Sit 'n Stitch: Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF calories on the track.

CALENDAR

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)

Sunday Night Youth Group
Mom Time

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

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

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION

Received to date: \$1,394,106

Needed to date: \$1,918,972

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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