



The Time Has Come...

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 3, 2017

10:30AM - Sanctuary

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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

Prelude in b Minor

Cesar Franck

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We follow Christ,
All: **Who says take up your cross.**
One: We follow Christ,
All: **Who bids us come and offer ourselves**
One: We follow Christ,
All: **Who summons us to new life.**
One: Let us worship God!

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

"If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all." So said Peter Böhler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of the classic hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise". We stand with the angels before the throne of God, lifting our voices as one church to glorify the one who "bids our sorrows cease." We proclaim Christ's victory as a declaration of hope and lift our song of expectation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ,

as your followers

we are called to be people shaped by your life -

one that is so much at odds with accepted lifestyles of today.

We confess how easy it is

to be drawn into these worldly lifestyles

and we need your constant help

to make our behavior consistent with yours.

Renew us with your Spirit

so that our words and actions

bring you pleasure and not pain.

Make our lives true reflections of Jesus' life,

so that we live, love, and forgive

as graciously and compassionately as he did.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news:

Those who are in Christ are a new creation;

the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

All this is from God

to whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

† 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.

† 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 each other as we share the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR MISSION: THE TIME HAS COME

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 2:5-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Be Like Christ: In Mind

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

SPECIAL MUSIC

Songs Without Words, Opus 30, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Christ the Way of Life Possess Me

K. Lee Scott

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 394, VERSE 4

REGENT SQUARE

*Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

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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.

After the Word for Children

all children will
return to the
pews.

Nursery is
available for
infants through
age 3.

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Lord Most Holy

Cesar Franck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hymn 801

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" first appeared in print in the *Scottish Psalter* of 1650. This Psalter was assembled by the Westminster Assembly, which also gave us the *Westminster Confession* and the *Book of Common Prayer*. In it, portions from various sources were combined to create the beautiful hymn we know today.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 801, vv1-4

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

*Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.*

CRIMOND

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hornpipe

John S. Dixon

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30am

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Mr. David Tate

Miss Katie Jo O'Neal

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 The Reverend Doctor William LaClair Arthur by his family.

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. Thank you. For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 10
9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K) and **Preschool** (3K-4K) 1st Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (5K-5th Grade) 2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6th-12th Grade) 2nd Floor FLC

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210)

CHOIR CLASS (Room 2208)

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Room C212)

EMMAUS CLASS (Room 2207)

FAITH DRIVEN (Room C210)

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2212)

OPEN CLASS (Room 2213)

PURNELL CLASS (Purnell Room)

SPARK (Room 2216)

LIFE @ FIRST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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, check the church website or see one of the Worship Greeters, holding the baskets.

JOINING FIRST PRES...

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please come to the Church Library on the second Sunday of the month at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you.

Additionally, a Welcome Class is held twice a year, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA). **The next Welcome Class will begin on Sunday, September 17 at 9:45 in Room 2200.**

*For more information, contact
Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125/
jhull@fpcspartanburg.org
or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/
jshackleton@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 and your call will be returned as soon as possible. For **pastoral needs for our youth, contact Rev. Jason Moore** (804-9244).

TODAY - HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

As we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong).

NEXT SUNDAY - NEW REGULAR SCHEDULE

8:45am Chapel and MorningSong Worship Service (Fogartie Hall)

9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages

11:00am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) and Sanctuary Worship Services

TWO MORNINGSONG SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 10

MorningSong has been a great success in the seven years that it has existed and starting September 10, you may choose between two MorningSong worship times each Sunday - 8:45am or 11:00am! Invite your friends, and let's fill up both services each Sunday!

And with two services, we will have many more volunteer opportunities ... to set the communion table each week, put out donut holes, greet people, run sound, projections or broadcast, collect offering, turn over the room, etc. If you attend the MorningSong service, find your way to help!

*For more information, contact Susan Polson;
s_polson_wando@yahoo.com / 843.345.1363.*

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 10

Parents - the first day of Children's Sunday School is a time for your voice to be heard! On September 10, children will see their friends in their classrooms, meet new teachers, and hear about one of the most famous kids in the Bible's long history. Parents will meet in the Social Hall to chart the future!

This is how the morning will work: Children will go directly to the new classrooms. There will be helpful door signs and a list of room numbers to help with drop off. Then all parents (exception: one 5th Grade Parent, of each child, is asked to remain in the classroom for information specific to 5th graders) will come to the Social Hall for coffee, muffins, and conversation. At 10:00 we will begin activities designed to chart the course for Children's Ministry in the next ten years. Come to listen or to have your voice heard.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR BOTH 11:00 SERVICES!

We are happy to announce that, beginning September 10, Children's Worship will be available to all families worshipping at 11:00 - in the Sanctuary or MorningSong. Children, ages 4 to the completion of first grade, are invited to leave with the adult leaders after the Word for Children. Children will have an offering time, prayer, a snack, a story, and free play. After worship, parents may pick up children in the Clark Building Room 202.

HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Please pray for the victims and for the first responders and donate what you can to provide aid. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in touch with presbyteries in the area and is ready to respond. If you wish to donate funds to help with the emergency response and recovery efforts, please make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note "Hurricane Harvey" on the check.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, September 10, 2017 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 2020.

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT CAST

On Friday, September 8, at 12:30pm, the Country Club of Spartanburg will be hosting a luncheon to benefit our CAST Program. Lisa Wingate, bestselling author, will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$18 and a portion of book sales will be donated to CAST to benefit children in Spartanburg County who live or have lived permanently in motels. This ministry offers summer enrichment camps, new shoes, school supplies and an opportunity to move to permanent housing.

Contact the Country Club of Spartanburg (864-583-3661) to reserve a seat.

REGISTER FOR FIRST STEPS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Our amazing program for infants, toddlers, and their parents, *First Steps in Music*, will start in mid-September and run for an 8-week session. Spaces are limited! *Children's Choirs* will resume on Wednesday, September 13 for ages 4K-Grade 5. Registration for both music programs are open online at ...

... <https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/worship/music>.

REFORMATION STUDY

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses, we will examine the history of the Reformation with an eye toward the development of the Presbyterian faith. This six-part Reformation study class, *Here I Stand: A Study of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, will provide an exciting examination of Luther and the Reformation using a wide array of documents, pictures, and film. Led by Dr. Rob McCormick, the class will meet on Sundays at 5:00pm in the Arthur Center (September 10-October 15).

"TICKLED PINK" WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES...

...on Tuesday, September 12. If you are looking for connection and a lift for the soul, please come. Each Tuesday, 9:15-10:30am, we gather for a good cup of coffee and Bible Study that is, hopefully, the right blend of thoughtful and fun, nurturing and inspiring, real and uplifting. This fall will be a series of short studies, so you can jump in easily. *Our first four weeks will be Finding Contentment while Under Construction: a Look at Philippians*. We can't wait to see you there!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Sanctuary Worship (10:30am)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day

All Church Facilities Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BBC with Kirk Neely

(10:30am & 7:00pm)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:00am)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Luncheon to Benefit CAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Return to NEW Regular Schedule

Rally Day; Congregational Meeting

Real Life Begins

Reformation Study Begins

SEPTEMBER 12

Tickled Pink Begins (9:15am)

SEPTEMBER 13

WAF Resumes; Piano Dedication

SEPTEMBER 18

Sanctuary Guild (10:45am)

SEPTEMBER 21

Romans Study Begins

SEPTEMBER 20

Evensong Worship

SEPTEMBER 22-26

Cuba Mission Trip

OCTOBER 1

World Communion

OCTOBER 1-8

SPIHN Guests

OCTOBER 3

Mobile Meals 30th Anniversary

Worship Service

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at [fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).

FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget:	\$2,828,008
Needed weekly:	\$54,385
Received 8/27:	\$34,665

This week, please pray for the Church's Capital Campaign.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the blessings you have given to this
church and for our long history of worship and service.

Our one wish is to continue to glorify you
through worship and service
to our members, our community,
our nation, and our world.

We ask that you bless our endeavors
as we raise funds for these improvements
in our worship and gathering spaces.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2017: Fran Bagwell, David Beacham, Roy Berry, Leslie Calicutt, Mark Coleman, Mary Dixon, Ken Frick, Mark Hicklin, David Ike, Kay McClure, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Susan Oldham, Carter Smith, Pat Tatham

Class of 2018: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, Dick Carr, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, 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

DIACONATE

Class of 2017: Marjorie Appiah, Randy Barre, Budge Bean, Margie Beckett, Randall Chambers, Erin Chastain, Max Hyde, Brenda James, Donna Kennedy, Andy Lancaster, Lisa Lefebvre, Melissa Morehead, Juli Robertson, Joy Shackelford, Brand Stille

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

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, *Senior Pastor*; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, *Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship*; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care*; **Rev. Jason C. Moore**, *Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Church Growth*; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, *Pastoral Associate for Missions*; **Holt Andrews**, *Pastoral Musician*; **Marcia Andrews**, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; **Penny Wright**, *Director of Young Adults*; **Beth Burris**, *Director of Children's Ministries*; **Beth Cecil**, *Parish Nurse*; **Colleen McCullough**, *Director of Recreation*; **Jane Mullins**, *Director of Hospitality*



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