



# 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 8:45AM - Chapel 11:00AM - 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 From “Rubrics” *The Peace May Be Exchanged*  
(11:00) ACOLYTE

Dan LockLair

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have been given a ministry of reconciliation and sharing.  
All: **God reconciled us to himself  
through the witness of Jesus Christ.**  
One: No longer do we need to fear.  
All: **Hope has been given to us.**  
One: So we are now ambassadors for Christ.  
God is making his appeal to all humankind through us -  
in all that we say, think, and do.  
All: **Praise be to God who has placed his trust in us.  
We will strive to serve God faithfully.**  
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.

Hymn 20

Whether we're  
in a park, on a  
mountain, at  
the sea or a  
lake, or simply  
driving down the  
highway with a  
glorious sunset  
behind us, it is  
not difficult to  
find ourselves lost  
in the beauty of  
God's creation.  
These scenes  
should bring to  
mind Genesis  
1:31: "And God  
saw all that  
he had made,  
and it was very  
good." Let us  
lift our voices  
in praise to  
our maker, the  
creator of all  
things bright and  
beautiful.

† HYMN 20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God,  
we are mindful that each time we come into your presence  
how willing you are to forgive seventy times seven.  
Yet, when people betray us,  
we bear grudges and think ill of them.  
We are quick to anger  
when we feel we've been wronged.  
We do not hasten to seek reconciliation  
even when we would rather things were less stressful and tense.  
Forgive us when we hesitate to emulate your example,  
and help us to seek the peace Christ taught us to practice.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 240, VERSE 4

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."  
Peace be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

During the Word  
for Children,  
all children are  
invited to come  
to the front.  
Afterwards, at  
the 8:45 service  
the children will  
return to their  
pew and at the  
11:00 service,  
children 4 yrs-  
1st grade are  
welcome to  
attend Children's  
Worship.  
Pick-up Location:  
Clark Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

8:45

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Mary Maxine Teague*  
*Daughter of Meghan and Reed Teague*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-22

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Let Us Love One Another*

Arnold B. Sherman

### SERMON

*Forgiveness is a Two-Way Street*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

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11:00

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Creation Will Be at Peace*

Anna Laura Page

### SERMON

*Finding Peace...with the Past...through Forgiveness*

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.

In Baptism each Christian is called to discipleship and sent in service to the world. God also calls people to particular acts of service in the church and world: within the congregation, as teachers, ... These kinds of vocation are appropriately confirmed in the Service for the Lord's Day...

From the *Book of Order*, W-4.0301: Acts of Christian Service

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYING FOR LEADERS IN OUR EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Dale Wood

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 829

† HYMN 829

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

This hymn  
was written  
as a personal  
response to  
the realization  
of what Christ  
meant to  
the author,  
Ray Palmer.  
It is a prayer,  
acknowledging  
that Jesus Christ  
is the only source  
of forgiveness,  
love, comfort,  
and salvation.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

CRIMOND

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

(8:45) † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

From Sonata III *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson and Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull, Rev. L. Craig Foster, and Mr. Mark A. Ashby  
Mr. Bert B. Moore Jr.  
Miss Caroline H. Colbath, Acolyte  
Genesis Choir and Chancel Choir

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*The Flowers in the Sanctuary* are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mike Martinez by his 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.

You are invited  
to stay and listen  
to the Closing  
Voluntary,  
but you are  
welcome to  
leave following  
the Benediction.

SLATE OF NOMINEES  
for the Class of 2021  
OFFICE OF RULING ELDER  
and  
OFFICE OF DEACON  
as proposed by the  
Congregational Nominating Committee.

The Congregational Nominating Committee consists of:

<b>Elders:</b>	Bert Moore, chair; Michael Pack, vice-chair; Tom Webster, Linda West
<b>Deacons:</b>	Molly Colbath, Bryan Pack, Beth Neidenbach
<b>Members-at-Large:</b>	Suzanne Bagwell, Jane Breeden, Wade Crow, Manning Fairey, Ken Frick, David Ike, Norman Pulliam, Laura Ringo, David Tate

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA:**

At the direction of the Session, the congregation is called to meet on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at the conclusion of the 11:00 service of worship. In accordance with the revisions to the Limited Term Plan adopted by the congregation on January 10, 1993, only one person is being nominated for each office. Nominations may be made from the floor. The nominees must have been contacted and expressed a willingness to serve. Information concerning the church activities of any such nominee should be presented at the time of nomination.

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT. It is for information. You must be present at the stated time to vote.

*"Elders and Deacons should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world."*

*The Book of Order  
Presbyterian Church (USA)*



## OFFICE OF RULING ELDER



**Mrs. Ali Cavalaris Beeson**

Member Since: 2001

Spouse: Jay

Children: Will and Anna

Ali is a registered nurse. She has previously served as a Deacon at First Presbyterian and is currently on the Health Committee, Bereavement Committee, and is a Board Member for the Children's Advocacy Center. Ali formerly served as coordinator for the

Faith Driven Sunday School Class.



**Mrs. Carolyn Roser Hammett**

Member Since: 1994

Spouse: Rob

Children: Mary English and Eloise

Callie is a preschool teacher. She has previously served on the Congregational Nominating Committee. Callie is currently on the Children's Education and Discipleship Committee and on the Search Committee for the Director of Children's Ministries

**Dr. David Pinckney Berry**

Member Since: 1984

Spouse: Louisa

David is a physician and currently serves as an Elder. He has previously served as a Deacon at FPC. He is on the Education and Discipleship Adult Ministry Committee and on the Active Medical Staff at Spartanburg Regional and Mary Black. David has previously served as a Trustee of Presbyterian College.



**Mr. Joshua Benjamin Jones**

Member Since: 2013

Spouse: Molly

Children: Ben, Garrett, and Ellie

Josh is a director of real estate. He currently serves as a Sunday School teacher and volunteers with the Pack 2 Cub Scouts. Previously, Josh has coached a church league basketball team.



**Mr. Charles Campbell Cecil**

Member Since: 1966

Spouse: Suzanne

Cam recently retired as the Chief Operating Officer of a health care corporation. He has served on the Purnell Committee.



**Mr. Stanford James Lummus**

Member Since: 1993

Spouse: Scottie

Stan is an environmental engineer. He currently serves as an Elder at First Presbyterian and has previously served as an Elder at another Presbyterian Church. Stan serves as Chair of the Local Missions Committee and as a teacher for the Emmaus Sunday School Class. He has been a member of the Education and Discipleship Committee.

**Mrs. Blair Wetmore Clementson**

Member Since: 2012

Spouse: Charles

Children: Abby, Charlotte, and Charlie

Blair is a dermatologist. She currently serves as the Children's Ministry Coordinator. She has previously served as a 4K Sunday School teacher, on the Winter Warmth Mission Committee, and on the Health Committee.



**Mrs. Donna Smoke Pulliam**

Member Since: 1998

Spouse: Norman

Children: Caroline and Andy

Donna is a stay-at-home mom. She serves as a youth Sunday School teacher, is on the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation Board, and is a member of Women Giving.



**Mrs. Sarah Gosnell Dover**

Member Since: 1959

Spouse: David

Sally is a retired school district administrator and teacher and is an adjunct professor at Converse College. She has previously served as both an Elder and Deacon at First Presbyterian. Sally is vice-chair of the Worship Committee, Secretary/Treasurer of the Sanctuary Guild, and is on the Flower Guild.



**Mr. Samuel Reel Robertson**

Member Since: 1995

Spouse: Juli

Reel is a certified public accountant. He has previously served as a Deacon at another church. Reel is in the Chancel Choir and serves on the Investment Committee. He has previously served on the Recreation Committee.

## OFFICE OF RULING ELDER



**Mr. Richard Leroy Strasburger**

Member Since: 1985

Spouse: Norwood

Richard is a financial advisor. He currently serves as an Elder at First Presbyterian and has previously served as a Deacon at FPC and at another Presbyterian Church. Richard works with our Audio/Visual/Lighting team and is on the Worship Committee.

**Mrs. Charlotte Smeak Verreault**

Member Since: 1998

Spouse: John

Charlotte is currently a part-time accountant at a local non-profit organization that helps children and families. She is an accompanist for the Cherub Choir and is a member of the Music Committee. Charlotte was a former board member at Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg and is a current board member at the Spartanburg Day School.



**Mr. Benjamin Rutledge Wall**

Member Since: 2010

Spouse: Jaime

Children: Rose, Adair, and Rutledge

Ben is a co-founder and managing partner of a local investment firm. He has served on the Board of Trustees at Converse College and on the Board at Spartanburg Regional Health System Foundation. Ben currently serves on our Endowment Advancement Committee.

**Mr. Thomas Frederick Webster**

Member Since: 1985

Spouse: Patricia

Tom currently serves as an Elder at First Presbyterian and has previously served as a Deacon at another church. He is a volunteer at Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg. Tom is on the Congregational Nominating Committee and the Local Missions Committee.



**Mr. William Lewis White**

Member Since: 1995

Spouse: Sally

Lewis is a realtor. He currently serves as an Elder and has previously served as a Deacon at FPC and at another church. He has served on the Board of Directors at the Country Club of Spartanburg. Lewis is co-chair of the Finance Committee and is on the Board of Directors at Carolina Alliance Bank.



## OFFICE OF RULING ELDER CLASS OF 2020



**Mrs. Martha Thompson Bean**

Member Since: 1977

Spouse: Budge

Martha will be filling an unexpired term on the Session. She has previously served as a Deacon. She sings in the Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers and is a choir leader for five-year-olds. Martha currently serves on the Worship Committee and the Music Committee and as a liaison for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

Communities of South Carolina.

## OFFICE OF DEACON



**Mr. David Pinckney Berry Jr.**

Member Since: 1995

Spouse: Brooksie

Children: Juliet

David is in real estate development. He currently serves on the Purnell Committee and has previously served on the Young Adult Committee.

**Mrs. Katherine Kimsey Burns**

Member Since: 1997

Spouse: Bill

Katherine is a housewife. She currently serves as a Deacon and is co-chair of the Meal Ministry. Katherine is a member of the Chancel Choir and volunteers at Mobile Meals and with SPIHN and Women's Ministries.



**Dr. Jeffrey William Cleland**

Member Since: 2012

Spouse: Mary Ann

Children: Camille and Malcolm

Jeff is a dentist. He has served on the Board of Miracle Hill. Jeff is a member of Rotary Club and is a Board Member of Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg.

**Mrs. Mary Grace Close**

Member Since: 1995

Spouse: Grant

Children: Jane, Grant, and Mary

Mary Grace is a registered nurse. She is a Sunday School teacher and has served as co-chair of Vacation Bible School, Winter Warmth, and the Church-wide Retreat. Mary Grace has volunteered with Angel Tree and is a member of the Junior League of Spartanburg.





## OFFICE OF DEACON



**Mrs. Molly Bagwell Colbath**

Member Since: 2012

Spouse: Greg

Children: Annie, Caroline, Helen, and Jane

Molly is a stay-at-home mom and owns a gift and home decor store. She currently serves as a Deacon and is on the Fellowship Committee. She volunteers at Mobile Meals and with our Youth Group.

**Mr. Edwin Louis Cox III**

Member Since: 2018

Fiancée: Erika Shoolbred

Children: Lily

Tres is a banker. He joined First Presbyterian in 1982 and was a member for many years, participating in mission trips. He was a youth advisor. He has volunteered with United Way. Tres moved back to Spartanburg and is a three-year-old Sunday School teacher.



**Mr. Wade Hampton Crow**

Member Since: 1990

Spouse: Kristin

Children: Anna and Wade

Hamp is an engineer. He is a member of ASHRAE, SPACE, the Audubon Society, and The Nature Conservancy. Hamp attends the Faith Driven Sunday School Class.

**Dr. Donna Carol Gutman**

Member Since: 2011

Carol is a retired educator. She currently serves on the Diaconate. Carol is a member of the Bereavement Committee, the Prayer Committee, and the Mobile Meals Flower Committee.



**Mrs. Marsha Kellett Hagins**

Member Since: 2001

Spouse: Morris

Marsha is retired. She currently serves as a Deacon and is a member of the Offering Committee and chair of the Visitation Committee. She serves on the Sanctuary and Flower Guilds. Marsha also is a Women's Ministry Leader.



**Ms. Anne Ivy Hicklin**

Member Since: 1987

Anne is a retired special education teacher. She currently serves as a Deacon and is on the JOY Fellowship Committee. Anne has also volunteered with our CAST Camp.



**Dr. LeAnne Thurmond Holcombe**

Member Since: 1982

Spouse: Edward

LeAnne is a retired Computer Aided Design (CAD) Specialist. She is a current Deacon and is serving as Flower Guild Co-Chair, Sanctuary Guild Chair, and at Mobile Meals as a part-time grant writer.

**Mr. William Winston Hoy III**

Member Since: 2010

Spouse: Jennifer

Children: Maise and Dorothy

Will is a commercial banker. He has served as a Deacon at another church and with Christmas in Action. Will currently serves at Mobile Meals and as an usher.



**Mr. Jon Emmett Shuler**

Member Since: 1981

Spouse: Ginger

Beau is a family wealth consultant. He has previously served as a Deacon at First Presbyterian, as Chair of Stewardship, and as a Sunday School teacher. Beau currently serves on our Endowment Advancement Committee.

**Ms. Denise Howard Stevens**

Member Since: 1995

Children: Jay and Elizabeth

Denise is a sales associate. She currently serves as a Deacon and is on the Communion to the Farthest Pew Committee. She co-teaches the Open Sunday School Class. Denise also participates in Speaking Down Barriers.



**Mr. Amos Alan Workman Jr.**

Member Since: 2013

Spouse: Crystal

Children: Madison and Riley

Alan is in sales. He is a current Deacon and serves as our SPIHN Coordinator and as a member of the Camp Buc Support Team. Alan also has served as a Refugee Family Team Member.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery** (Birth-2K)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

**Preschool** (3K-5K)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

**Elementary** (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Building

**Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

# LIFE @ FIRST

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

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.

## TODAY - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, September 9, 2018, 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 2021.

## TONIGHT - YOUTH FALL BLOCK PARTY

This evening, 5:00-7:00pm, we will kick-off the youth program for the semester with a block party - in and around the FLC! 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!

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - SEPTEMBER 12!!

**Finally - WAF returns this week!** Worship and fellowship aren't just for Sundays. Gather with your church family on Wednesday evenings (September to April) to enjoy fabulous food, motivational music, and educational activities.

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Salad Bar, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, and Slaw, Bread and Dessert.* Dinner costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - with a limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. Dinner Reservations are not necessary.

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

**CRC (Christian Recreation for Children):** 6:15pm in the Activity Room.

**Nursery Care:** 6:15pm in the Gym Nursery

**Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship:** 6:15pm in the Middle School Classroom.

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

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

**Prayer - Finding our Way Home:** 6:30pm in the Chapel. This class, led by Dr. Kirk H. Neely, will be offered on five consecutive Wednesday evenings this fall, September 12 – October 10. Each session will build upon previous sessions, but each session is designed to be self-contained. The seminar will be based on the book by Richard Foster, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*.

**Positive Parenting Program:** 6:15pm in the Purnell Room. Sometimes parenting isn't as easy as we'd hoped, and we all deserve some extra support. These seminars, led by staff members from Hope Center for Children, provide strategies research shows will work and increase your confidence as a parent. *This class is designed for parents with children ages 0-12; a class for parents with children ages 13-18 will be held on Sunday evenings.*

- September 12: Power of Positive Parenting
- September 19: Raising Confident, Competent Children
- September 26: Raising Resilient Children

## WELCOME CLASS

Open to all interested in joining First Presbyterian or members that want to learn more about the church. This class will meet on Sunday Mornings, September 16-October 14, in Room 2200, 9:45-10:45am.

## TRIPLE P FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

This seminar, similar to the Wednesday evening Positive Parenting Program, is designed for parents with children ages 13-18. Led by staff members from Hope Center for Children, it will meet on Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm, in the Purnell Room.

- September 16: Raising Responsible Teenagers
- September 23: Raising Competent Teenagers
- September 30: Getting Teenagers Connected

## 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.

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Join with another member of First Presbyterian Church to regularly pray together for concerns of the church, community, state, nation and world. Prayer Partners pray on a schedule, weekly or monthly, determined by each pair of participants, either in person or via telephone.

*Interested? Contact a member of the Prayer Committee by Friday, September 21: Leah Riggsby; [Leriggsby@spart6.org](mailto:Leriggsby@spart6.org) or Eunice Knouse; [eknouse@charter.net](mailto:eknouse@charter.net) or Carol Gutman; [dcgutman@charter.net](mailto:dcgutman@charter.net)/864-542-8653.*

## APNC NEEDS YOUR INPUT

The APNC would like your help to find an Associate Pastor of Young Adults and Mission. Through your own connections, many of you know potential candidates. Please give one of our Committee members the name and contact information and we will follow up. APNC: Mac White, Chair, Cathy Bagwell, Andrew Darr, Kellie Foster, Laura Stille, Alan Workman, Hannah Zimmerman.

*Send information to APNC Chair Mac White at [MWhite@holcombebomar.com](mailto:MWhite@holcombebomar.com) - OR contact any committee member via the [ShelbyNext Portal](#) (on the church website, click the Member Login Button and then the ShelbyNext Portal graphic).*

## SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg and the search team need your help to find the Director of Children's Ministries we seek! We know the very best candidates are often already linked in some way to the congregation they will serve. Please give one of our search team members the name and contact information and we will follow up! Search Committee: Cesily King, Arthur Jones, Callie Hammett, Anne-Marie Glover, Tim Camp, Celia Cogdell, Craig Foster, Emily Neely.

## 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.

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 9

*Rally Day*

*MorningSong Worship*

*(8:45am - Sanctuary)*

*Traditional Worship*

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

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Congregational Meeting*

*Youth Block Party*

### SEPTEMBER 12

*Christians in the Making Resumes*

*WAF Returns*

### SEPTEMBER 14-16

*Churchwide Retreat*

### SEPTEMBER 16

*Welcome Class Begins*

*Triple P for Parents of Teens*

### SEPTEMBER 19

*Evensong Worship*

### SEPTEMBER 27

*Prayer Coffee*

### OCTOBER 1-5

*WDS Book Fair*

### OCTOBER 2

*Tickled Pink Resumes*

### 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](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sept 9	Isaiah 15, 16 / Psalm 103
Sept 10	Isaiah 17-20 / Titus 1
Sept 11	Isaiah 21, 22 / Titus 2
Sept 12	Isaiah 23, 24 / Titus 3
Sept 13	Isaiah 25, 26 / Psalm 104
Sept 14	Isaiah 27, 28 / Philemon
Sept 15	Isaiah 29, 20 / Hebrews 1

## 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: Leisa Wagstaff (South Sudan).***

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