



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 17, 2017

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

Exsultate

Stanley Vann

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, open your eyes!
Look around!

All: **The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here -
among us and within us.**

One: God’s salvation is close at hand -
nearer than you know.

Open your hearts and minds to the Spirit.

All: **Let’s worship God together!**

† *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 826

In 1887, George William Kitchin wrote the text on which this hymn is based. Emperor Constantine's vision "In this sign, thou shalt conquer" may have been the author's inspiration. Michael Robert Newbolt revised the text in 1916, making it less militaristic. The hymn was not printed in a U.S. hymnal until 1974, when it appeared in *Hymns for the Living Church*. It has since been included in numerous denominational hymnals.

† HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God,

we come to worship today because we love you,
and we want to love you more.

We come to worship needing love in our lives:
love for family, friends, strangers, enemies.

In this hour of worship,

touch our hearts,
fill our hearts,
open our hearts
to your love which passes all understanding.

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

*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.*

HALL

† 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

GREETINGS FROM IGLESIA PRESBYTERIANA DE SANTA CLARA

At the 8:45

service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during The Word for Children.

At the 11:00

service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location:
Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 5:1-2

"O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

- Richard, Bishop of Chichester

SERMON

Be Like Christ: In Love

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

MUSIC

Day By Day

Stephen Schwartz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(8:45) † 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.

(11:00) COMMISSIONING OF CUBA MISSION TEAM

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00)

At the Name of Jesus

Rene Clausen

† 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!*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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 264

Caroline Marie
Noel wrote
this spiritually
powerful text.
It is based on
the confession
of faith that
Paul quotes in
Philippians 2:6-11.

† HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Procession

C.S. Lang

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
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Miss Sallie Barre, Acolyte
Rev. Edelberto Valdez, Pastor of Iglesia Presbyteriana de Santa Clara (Cuba)
Mr. R. Holt Andrews
Caroline Bosworth
Chancel Choir

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Pickens, Sr. and Mr. Benjamin R. Pickens, Jr. by their 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

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 17, 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).

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - SEPTEMBER 20

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Hot Chicken Salad Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Dish, Bread, Dessert.* The dinner cost is \$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 need to be made prior to noon on Monday on our website (*Grow/Registrations...*).

Evensong: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This is a contemplative service of song, prayer, and communion.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children) starts at 6:15pm in the Gym.

Youth Coffeehouse - meets in the Middle School Class Room at 6:15pm.

Worship - Presbyterian Style, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. As we prepare to make renovations to our beautiful Sanctuary, come and learn more about worship in the Presbyterian tradition. We will explore the biblical and historic basis for our worship and discover how it is a foundation for our life of faith.

Women's Study, 6:30pm in the Parlor (see article below).

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

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

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S STUDY

Do you ever feel like you are pedaling faster and covering less ground? A six-week discussion Bible Study for busy ladies, *Riding Tandem: Leaning into the Leading of God*, will meet 6:30-7:15pm on Wednesdays in the Parlor (**Sept 20 – Oct 25**). Please join Susan Oldham and Ansley Page for a chance to grow in faith and friendships.

HURRICANE RELIEF

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the areas hit by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. If you wish to donate funds to help with these emergency response and recovery efforts, please make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note "Hurricane Relief" on the check.

ALL WELCOME TO SANCTUARY GUILD MEETING

The Sanctuary Guild will meet **Mon, Sept 18** at 10:45am in the Purnell Room. Guest Speakers: Tom and Nan McDaniel, presenting Part 1 of "Focusing on Reformation".

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

...on **Tuesday, September 19**. 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!

ROMANS STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK...

Perhaps no other book has been as influential on the Reformation, and our theology since then, than Paul's Letter to the Romans. This 9-week study will meet on Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm (Sept 21-Nov 16), in Room 2208 and will explore Romans through daily Bible readings and in-depth weekly discussions. Study Book is \$16.

*Register by September 14 by contacting Katie Resumovic;
kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-583-4531.*

HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN!

Our next SPIHN week is Oct 1-8. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction. If you have an interest, please contact:

*Evening Host: Hannah Lane (hannahlanedc@gmail.com)
Overnight Host/Supplies: Crystal Workman (workman06@charter.net)
Overall Questions: Alan Workman (aworkman@aromacreation.com)*

TOTAL MINISTRIES OPEN HOUSE

TOTAL Ministries invites everyone to come to their new facility at 976 S Pine Street this Thursday, September 21, 6:00-7:30pm. Dr. Kirk Neely will have a special message at 6:45pm. TOTAL Ministries shares the love of God by assisting our neighbors in Spartanburg County who are facing financial hardships.

WORLD COMMUNION BREAD OFFERING – OCTOBER 1

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. **This year, celebrate World Communion Sunday by bringing bread to the communion table.** You may bring your loaf to the table prior to the service or as you come forward to receive communion. Following the service, we will share the bread with those in need in our community.

BE A PART OF THE PROCESSION - WITHOUT A TARTAN

If you have ever wanted to be a part of the procession of tartans on Kirkin' Sunday, but don't have a tartan, you don't have to wait anymore. There are some tartans whose owners have "retired" in one form or another who would be happy to have their banner in the procession. You would need to attend the procession rehearsal on Wednesday, October 18, at 5:30pm (Kirkin' service is Sunday, October 22). You may process at either the 8:45am or 11:00am service - or both, your choice!

*If you are interested, please contact Martha Bean;
864/585-4843 or hcbean@charter.net.*

The Time Has Come . . .

... for a renovated courtyard and two new gathering spaces. The campaign that started just 2 weeks ago is making great progress. This effort includes designated funds to make our interior courtyard a more welcoming and useful space and create two new gathering spaces - one of which will be connected to the church parlor and the newly refurbished courtyard. Just imagine - a place for coffee with friends before or after a worship service or a spot to take time for quiet reflection.

*For more information, go to fpcspartanburg.org/give/capital-campaign
or pick up a brochure in the church office.*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

*MorningSong Worship (8:45-11am)
Traditional Worship (8:45-11am)
Sunday School (9:45am)
Welcome Class Begins*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

*Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sanctuary Guild*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

*Tickled Pink Begins
Neighborhood Meal Ministry*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

WAF; Evensong

SEPTEMBER 21

Romans Study Begins

SEPTEMBER 22-26

Cuba Mission Trip

OCTOBER 1

World Communion

OCTOBER 1-8

SPIHN Guests

OCTOBER 3

*Mobile Meals 30th Anniversary
Worship Service*

OCTOBER 4

Healing and Wholeness

OCTOBER 14

Fall Service Day

OCTOBER 22

*Celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartans and
500th Anniversary of the Reformation*

NOVEMBER 11

*Winter Warmth Distribution
Volunteers Needed!*

JANUARY 27

Women's Retreat (on-site)

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

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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