



# 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 22, 2019

8:45AM - CHAPEL

11:00AM - 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

*Sinfonia*

G.F. Handel

ACOLYTE (11:00)

CHORAL INTROIT

*O Lord, You Are My God and King*

Hubert H. Parry

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to God, call on God’s name!  
All: **Make known God’s deeds among the peoples.**  
One: Sing to God, sing praises to God!  
All: **Tell of all God’s wonderful works.**  
One: Glory in God’s love and goodness! Let us worship God.

The Acolyte brings the light of God into the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service and carries the light of God out into the world at the end of the service.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn 263

This hymn is a  
declaration  
of praise, but  
it's also much  
more than that.  
The words both  
declare the  
majesty of Christ  
and task us with  
making that  
majesty known  
to all.

† HYMN 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God of mercy,  
we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.  
We hear your promise of renewal  
amid our own sense of self-doubt.  
Hope is proclaimed,  
yet we seek guarantees.  
Christ calls us to obedience,  
but we set conditions.  
When called on to follow,  
we ask to what end.  
We applaud commitment,  
but we treasure our comfort.  
Forgive our reluctance to walk in the Way of Christ.  
Transform us into disciples through and through.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE

HYMN 829, VERSE 2

OLIVET

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

† 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 share this peace with one another.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *I Bind unto Myself Today*

Charles Villiers Stanford

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-19

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 13-21

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Finding Our Footing in Jesus*

Rev. Ansley B. Page

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.

**Nursery** is available for infants through age 3.

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: PRAYER FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

Dan Forrest

(11:00)

*Ye Followers of the Lamb*

arr. Edwin Earle Ferguson

## † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

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.*

### Offering

The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, who has claimed us and set us free. In response to God's love in Christ we offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for God's service.

## † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### 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.

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### Hymn 187

Many  
versifications of  
Psalm 23 act  
as hymns of  
assurance and  
confessions of  
trust. We know  
the text well –  
“The Lord is my  
shepherd, I shall  
not want.” This  
text, attributed  
to Dorothy  
Thrupp, differs  
from those texts.  
Rather than  
an assertion of  
our faith, it is a  
prayer that stems  
from our faith.

### † HYMN 187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### † BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

LAFFERTY

### (8:45) † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Hal H Hopson

### (11:00) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Ansley B. Page  
Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Dr. J. Lewis Johnson  
Mrs. Martha T. Bean

Mr. S. Michael Pack, Jr.  
Miss Anna Camille Elliott, Acolyte

R. Holt Andrews, Pastoral Musician  
Marcia C. Andrews, Organist  
Genesis Choir  
Chancel 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 Samuel B. Shackelford, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joy Glenn by the 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.*

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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## 9:45 AM

### CHILDREN

Birth - Kindergarten: Clark Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### YOUTH

(6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 22, 2019

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.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, September 22, 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.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

*Mark your calendars for another season of great food, fellowship, and programming! 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- 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Weekly Sermon Bible Study:** 6:30-7:15pm, Library. Led by Dr. Tom Evans, there will be a time of prayer and fellowship before diving into the text based on an upcoming sermon.

**Homelessness and Housing in Spartanburg:** 6:30-7:15pm, Sanctuary. Hear from three experts on housing in Spartanburg: Beth Rutherford, Executive Director of SPIHN; Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director for the City of Spartanburg; Kathy Rivers, Director of Community Development for Spartanburg County.

## BRING YOUR ACCESS CARD TO THE CHURCH

As programs get started for the year, please remember to bring your church access card with you each time you come to the church. On Wednesday evenings, the monitored front doors of the Family Life Center are unlocked, but for other unmonitored doors around campus, including the Tower Room, Clark Building and Chestnut Street doors, you will need your access card to get in. This is for the protection of all of us, but especially for the protection of the children in children's choirs on the second floor of both the Clark and the Main buildings. If you do not have your access card with you, please use an interior route to get to after-dinner WAF programming. Access cards can now be made on-site for a cost of \$10.

*To obtain a key card, see Didi Terry in the church office during the week.*



## CHURCH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Basketball Registration is open for Boys and Girls in grades 1-12. The Early Registration Fee is \$75/player. After October 23, the price increases to \$85/player. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 30. You may register online or in the Family Life Center.

*Questions? Contact Colleen Darrall; [cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## WAF POVERTY SIMULATION – OCTOBER 2

On Wednesday, October 2, the United Way of the Piedmont will join us to conduct a Poverty Simulation at a special time: 6-8pm. *Learn first-hand what it is like to live in poverty.* Space is limited, and you won't want to miss this special opportunity.

*Register at: [www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/poverty-simulation-registration](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/poverty-simulation-registration).*

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Please stop by our Weekday School Scholastic Book Fair on the first floor of the Clark Building on Wednesday, October 2, 5:00-5:45pm and purchase some exciting new books for your family!

## HOP ON THE BUS TO THORNWELL!

But you didn't know that the Thornwell Charter School just opened OR that some newer initiatives are being cultivated now. Join this half-day tour on Thursday, October 10 to find out more about this Presbyterian ministry to children and families. We will meet in the Family Life Center parking lot at 9:00am for a 9:15am departure and return by 1:30pm. Lunch is included.

*RSVP: Caroline Goodman; [cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org) / 864-208-2139.*

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6

### BRING YOUR BREAD OFFERING

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 a home baked or store-bought loaf of bread to the service of your choice and place in a basket at the front prior to the start of the service or as you come forward to receive communion. All of the bread will be distributed to various missions in our community who feed the hungry.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP 2020

FPC Spartanburg, with the help of Solid Rock International, has made a medical commitment to the people of the DR who do not have access to regular medical services. Over more than 20 years, the medical clinic has grown to be a hospital. Our teams of doctors, dentists, nurses, and just regular people have provided medical and dental services, as well as built construction projects. Our next trip is February 1-8, 2020. Cost is \$1500.

*Questions? Contact Leslie Lang; [llang@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:llang@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 22

*Welcome Class*

*Congregational Meeting*

*MorningSong Worship  
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)*

*Traditional Worship  
(8:45am - Chapel)*

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Traditional Worship  
(11:00am - Sanctuary)*

*Sunday Night Youth Group*

### SEPTEMBER 20-25

*Cuba Mission Trip*

### SEPTEMBER 25

*WAF*

### OCTOBER 2

*Healing and Wholeness Service*

### OCTOBER 9

*Vaccination / Skin Screening Clinic*

### OCTOBER 11-13

*Middle School Fall Retreat*

### OCTOBER 17

*JOY Fellowship Trip to Hendersonville  
Mineral and Lapidary Museum*

### OCTOBER 20

*Mom Time*

### OCTOBER 27

*Kirkin' o' the Tartans*

### NOVEMBER 3

*Ecumenical Blood Drive*

### NOVEMBER 8-10

*High School Fall Retreat*

*A complete calendar is available at  
[fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## FLC HOURS

Monday-Thursday:	6am-9pm
Friday:	6am-5pm
Saturday:	8am-Noon
Sunday:	Noon-4pm

## 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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