



# 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 23, 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      *"Siciliano" from Sonata No. 2*

J. S. Bach

(11:00) ACOLYTE

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praise and shout for joy!  
All: **The Lord God is in our midst.**  
One: Rejoice in the Lord always.  
All: **Again, rejoice! The Lord is near.**  
One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

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

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn, and it was first published in 1744 in his brother John's *Collection of Moral and Sacred Poems*. Wesley originally wrote six stanzas, but hymnals vary on which of these are included today. Some form of this text is now found in almost every English-language hymnal in the world.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

It is getting more and more difficult, Lord,  
for us to keep our attention on the holy things.  
We get side-tracked too easily and exhausted,  
we fall into restless sleep.  
The cries of those in need abound,  
and we are overwhelmed by the need.  
Too often we turn a deaf ear  
because we feel we just can't meet  
all the needs that are presented to us.  
Heal our hearts and spirits, Lord.  
Help us understand that you do not ask us  
to heal everything,  
but rather to find a simple way  
in which we might lighten someone else's burden,  
as you have lightened our lives.  
You have brought hope and peace to us.  
Now cause us to rejoice in the wondrous things that you have done.  
Teach us to use our gifts for the common good,  
and that in helping, we find great and abundant joy.

## 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION:  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

*Thompson Brake Blanton  
Son of Anna and Steven Blanton*

## SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

John 16:31-33

## SERMON

*Finding Peace... in the Future.... through Faith*

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.

# 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

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Be Thou My Vision*

Alice Parker

(11:00)

*I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills*

René Clausen

## † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!*

## 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 378

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

MERLE'S TUNE

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### † BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Eternal Father, guide our way,  
Eternal Light, within us shine.  
Eternal Son, show us your peace,  
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.*

O WALY WALY

### † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*

Charles Callahan

### The Prayer of St. Francis of Assissi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Amen.

## PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown, Rev. Joanne R. Hull, and Rev. L. Craig Foster

Elders Mr. Kam W. Neely and Mrs. Valerie K. MacPhail

Miss Eleanor L. Coleman, Acolyte

Genesis Choir and Chancel Choir

Mrs. Janet R. Kuntz, flute

### Hymn 378

This text was the winner of a hymn search sponsored by the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada in 2010, looking for a new text on peace and justice. It was premiered at that summer's annual conference at Samford University in Birmingham, AL.

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: 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.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Nursery</u> (Birth-2K) 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building	<u>Preschool</u> (3K-5K) 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building
<u>Elementary</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Building	<u>Youth</u> (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 23, 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.

## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in action, assessing and meeting both the short- and long-term needs of those affected by Hurricane Florence. For more information or to give to PDA, click on the event "Hurricane Florence Disaster Assistance" on the church homepage.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - SEPTEMBER 26

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Beef Stew, Rice, Apples, Bread and Dessert.* Dinner costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required, but you can Avoid the Line, by Pre-paying Online. We take credit/debit cards online and in the line.

**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.

**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. This seminar, led by staff members from Hope Center for Children, provides strategies that will work and increase your confidence as a parent. *This class is designed for parents with children ages 0-12 (a class for parents of teens will be held on Sunday evenings).*

- September 26: Raising Resilient Children

**Weekly Sermon Study:** 6:30pm in the Parlor. For those that cannot attend on Thursday mornings (see description below).

## WEEKLY SERMON STUDY WITH YOUR PASTORS

A new Bible Study meets on Thursdays, 7:30-8:15am in the Church Parlor. Led by Tom, Craig, Joanne, and Christi, we share prayer and fellowship together and then dive into the text (based on the sermon 10 days from the study date). Together, we explore the passage and wrestle over what it means for our lives today. Update: Also meets on Wednesday Evenings!

## SIGN UP TODAY FOR CHURCH BASKETBALL

Church Basketball Registration is open for Boys and Girls in Grades 1-12. Practices will begin in mid-November. Cost is \$75. Deadline is Wednesday, October 31.

*For more information or to sign up online, visit [fpcspartanburg.org/basketball](http://fpcspartanburg.org/basketball).*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS & PARENTS

If you have a child who has turned two but is not yet in the 3-year-old Sunday school class, you may be interested in *"First Steps in Faith"*. This short-term class will help you introduce your toddler to concepts like love, faith, and God in a way that is easy for them to understand. Parents and children will meet together, on Sundays, September 30 – October 21, 10:00-10:30, in Room C104 to have fun with a specially selected Bible story.

*Registration is required and can be completed online. Click on the "First Steps in Faith" event on the church homepage.*

## 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 Fri, Sept 21: Leah Rigsby; [Lerigsby@spart6.org](mailto:Lerigsby@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.*

## REGISTER NOW FOR THE DR MISSION TRIP

Please join other members and staff of the church on our annual international mission to the Dominican Republic, February 2-9, 2019. Partnering with Solid Rock International, FPC Spartanburg sends a team of doctors, dentists, nurses, and just regular people to provide medical and dental services, as well as build construction projects.

*For More Information:*

*[www.fpcspartanburg.org/serve/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/serve/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic)*

## TICKLED PINK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Are you looking for a little extra joy, a little more hope, or connection? Tickled Pink is a women's Bible study with optional homework and stand-alone lessons that focus on lifting spirits and looking to God for encouragement and direction. If you are a woman between the ages of 22 - 99, you are invited to join this group of faithful, fun loving women on Tuesdays (Oct 2-Nov 13, 9:15am-10:30am in Fogartie Hall) to share coffee, explore Scripture, and connect in faith. This fall they will focus on New Testament women and their encounters with Christ. Give them a try and be prepared to be inspired.

## READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, September 23  
Monday, September 24  
Tuesday, September 25  
Wednesday, September 26  
Thursday, September 27  
Friday, September 28  
Saturday, September 29

Isaiah 45, 46 / Psalm 107  
Isaiah 47, 48 / Hebrews 7  
Isaiah 49, 50 / Hebrews 8  
Isaiah 51, 52 / Hebrews 9  
Isaiah 53, 54/ Psalms 108, 109  
Isaiah 55, 56 / Hebrews 10  
Isaiah 57, 58 / Hebrews 11

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 23

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

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

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Welcome Class Begins*

*Triple P for Parents of Teens*

*Youth Sunday Night Fellowship*

### SEPTEMBER 27

*Prayer Coffee*

### OCTOBER 1-5

*WDS Book Fair*

### OCTOBER 2

*Tickled Pink Resumes*

### OCTOBER 3

*Healing and Wholeness*

### OCTOBER 7

*World Communion*

### OCTOBER 10

*Vaccination Clinic*

### OCTOBER 28

*Kirkin' o' the Tartans*

### NOVEMBER 4

*All Saints' Day Observed*

### NOVEMBER 10

*Winter Warmth Distribution*

### NOVEMBER 11

*Youth Sunday*

*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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## 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.

## 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: Ingrid Reneau Walls (Ghana).***

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### SESSION

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

**Class of 2020:** David Beacham, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, Mary Dixon, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

### DIACONATE

**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

**Class of 2020:** Marjorie Appiah, Fran Bagwell, Budge Bean, Marsha Calvert, Alice Eberhardt, Karen Edwards, Sharon Hill, Brenda James, Andy Lancaster, Hannah Lane, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters

## STAFF

**Dr. Thomas E. Evans**, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Communications/Operations; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mark Ashby**, Director of Youth Ministries; **Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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