



# 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.”

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

SEPTEMBER 24, 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

*Adorn Thyself, My Soul*

Johannes Brahms

(11:00) ACOLYTE

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: Take up your cross and follow me.

All: **We have been crucified with Christ;  
now, by God’s grace, we walk in newness of life.**

One: Seek your life on earth and you will lose it;  
but lose your life in Christ and you will find it.

All: **If we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we will also live with him.**

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 41

"In the beginning  
God created  
the heavens and  
the earth." These  
may be some  
of the best-  
known words in  
the Bible, but  
in 1835, Robert  
Grant wrote  
this text that  
helps us see the  
creation story  
in a new light  
(based on Psalm  
104). Rather  
than simply  
paraphrase the  
Bible, Grant  
focuses on  
how creation  
is a testimony  
to God's  
"measureless  
might."

† HYMN 41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord our God,  
we confess that we do not reflect your glory.  
You deliver us from evil,  
but we continue to live in sin.  
You offer us new life,  
but we continue to live in fear.  
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives  
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
so that we may follow you faithfully,  
not counting the cost;  
to the glory of your holy name.  
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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: THE TIME HAS COME

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 9:21-25

#### ANTHEM

(8:45)

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

John Helgen

(11:00)

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

Hal H. Hopson

#### SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 6:1-14

#### SERMON

*Be Like Christ: In New Life*

Rev. L. Craig Foster

#### 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-1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † 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.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*Cornet Voluntary*

George Berg

† 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.

Hymn 774

Rev. David Gambrell is associate for worship in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship and editor of Call to Worship, and an ex officio advisor to the hymnal committee.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 774

*There Is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Pisgah*

Dale Wood

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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.

Rev. L. Craig Foster  
Rev. Jason C. Moore  
Mr. David M. Beacham  
Genesis Choir  
Miss Rookhie Sullivan  
Mrs. Paula B. Baker  
Chancel Choir

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Dr. Amy Michelle Bruce and Dr. Scott William Arendt.*

*Many thanks to Lynn Ritchie (organist) for her musical leadership in the absence of Marcia Andrews, who is assisting her mom as she recovers from elbow surgery.*

*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.*

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K) and Preschool (3K-5K) 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Bldg

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

Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 24, 2017

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, 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](mailto:jhull@fpcspartanburg.org)  
or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/  
[jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto: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 27

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Beef Stew, Rice, Apples, 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...*).

**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. *Riding Tandem: Leaning into the Leading of God* is a discussion Bible Study for busy women. Join Susan Oldham and Ansley Page for a chance to grow in faith and friendships.

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

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

## HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

**Next Sunday, October 1**, please bring canned goods and loose change to Worship to benefit Total Ministries of 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). **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** Some suggestions: Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Soup, and Family-Size Beans and Rice (not 20\*lb bags).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:hannahlanedc@gmail.com))*

*Overnight Host/Supplies: Crystal Workman ([workman06@charter.net](mailto:workman06@charter.net))*

*Overall Questions: Alan Workman ([aworkman@aromacreation.com](mailto:aworkman@aromacreation.com))*

## MOBILE MEALS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Mobile Meals would like to thank the membership of First Presbyterian Church and our community for their faithful support. All are invited to join them for their 40th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, October 3. There will be a Praise and Prayer Service in the Sanctuary at 11:30am, followed by a Lunch in Fogartie Hall (due to limited seating, an RSVP for lunch is required).

*To RSVP for the luncheon, contact Mobile Meals; 864/573-7684.*

## The Time Has Come ... TO MOVE BEYOND OUR WALLS

Retiring the debt from our last capital campaign will allow First Presbyterian to do more for Missions (locally and around the globe). For this reason, the campaign includes debt retirement. And don't worry, the Renovations Team has planned for cost overruns to prevent this from happening again with planned capital improvements. You can help make a difference!

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

## BE A PART OF THE PROCESSION!

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 [hcbear@charter.net](mailto:hcbear@charter.net).*

## FALL SERVICE DAY - OCTOBER 14!

The All in Mission (AIM) Fall Service Day will take place on Sat, Oct 14. One of the projects is Christmas in Action (CIA) for their annual Rebuild Day. Our team needs volunteers to help with minor home repairs - various small projects including replacing a toilet, patching a hole in the wall, and fixing some leaking pipes. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome! Sign up by September 27 and receive a free t-shirt!

*For questions, additional information, or to sign up, please email  
Meg Clayton; [meg@claytonconstruction.net](mailto:meg@claytonconstruction.net).*

## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The ShelbyNext Membership App is available for both Apple and Android devices. Through this app you can search an always up-to-date membership directory, modify your own information, contribute to the church's mission, view your contribution history, and print contribution statements.

After you download and launch the app, enter "firstpres" for the domain and your username and password. To login, you must have a valid email address in our church database. *For detailed information: [fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-gen](http://fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-gen).*

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

*MorningSong Worship (8:45-11am)  
Traditional Worship (8:45-11am)  
Sunday School (9:45am)  
Youth Real Life*

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

*Neighborhood Meal Ministry*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

*Wednesdays at First*

### OCTOBER 1

*World Communion*

### OCTOBER 1-8

*SPIHN Guests*

### OCTOBER 3

*Mobile Meals 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Worship Service;  
BBC with Kirk Neely*

### OCTOBER 4

*Healing and Wholeness*

### OCTOBER 14

*Fall Service Day*

### OCTOBER 22

*Celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartans and  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation;  
Chamber Singers' Concert*

### NOVEMBER 5

*Communion;  
All Saints' Day Observed;  
Daylight Savings Time Ends*

### NOVEMBER 11

*Winter Warmth Distribution  
Volunteers Needed!*

### NOVEMBER 14

*Presbytery Meeting (Easley)*

### 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](http://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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