



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 29, 2019

YOUTH SUNDAY

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

Adagio

Arcangelo Corelli

ACOLYTE (11:00)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Hubert H. Parry

Our Book of Order tells us that young people “bring special gifts to worship and grow in the faith through their regular inclusion and participation in worship.” This week we receive those special gifts as a congregation, discovering the special word God has given them. Let us all give thanks today for the gift of these faithful young people carrying the Spirit of God within them.

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.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today as your people, God:

**All: Young and old,
rule-followers and rule-breakers,
liberals and conservatives,
and every distinction in between.**

One: We gather today as your beloved.

**All: We are a people who are tempted,
who are wilderness wanderers,
who trust in you.**

One: We gather today as children of the covenant.

All: We offer this time of worship to you, O God.

One: Let us worship God.

Hymn 463

This is a hymn
that for over
two centuries
has assured
believers of
the faithfulness
of Christ, the
certainty of
hope, and the
steadfastness
of God and His
unfailing love by
the words we
sing, the word
we are given,
and the WORD
made flesh.

† HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord,

help us to grow from being motivated
by self-centered interests
to being motivated
by self-emptying love.

Expose in us any airs of superiority

and replace them with genuine humility and compassion.

Deliver us from preoccupation with our own feelings and needs

to an effortless energizing awareness of the needs of others.

Help us to enjoy the fruit of gratitude

as it flows from daily confession and prayer.

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

SONG (11:00)

What a Beautiful Name

Ligertwood/Fielding

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 40:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Lesson in Patience

Miss Taylor L. Parker

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

† 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)

Thy Perfect Love

K. Lee Scott

(11:00)

Swell the Full Chorus

G. F. Handel

† 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.*

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, 2nd floor.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

Hymn 353

Edward Mote falls into the rare category of hymn writers who grew up without religious training. Singing hymns was of great interest to him, and he became a prolific hymn writer, composing more than 100 hymns.

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.

Hymn 475

Using imagery
of Christ as the
giver of living
water and
the shepherd
gathering his
sheep back into
the fold, this
hymn reminds
the worshipper
of the ever-
bountiful grace
of God. Like the
hymn author, we
too are "prone
to wander," and
are quick to
seek redemption
through our
own power. But
God continues
to bring us
back from our
wandering.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

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

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. David Cherwien

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Miss Taylor L. Parker

Miss Sallie M. Barre; Miss Reagan N. Collins; Mr. Jack R. Foster;
Mr. Mark G. Gauthier IV; Miss Ellie N. Hallenbeck; Mr. Hugh A. Hayes;
Mr. Michael T. Irwin; Miss Sarah K. Kneisley; Miss Abigail Loscuito;
Mr. S. McClure Mullen Jr; Mr. John N. Mullen; Mr. E. Elias Page; Mr. Andrew B. Pulliam;
Miss Elizabeth C. Rogers; Mr. Andrew P. Sims; Miss Susanna M. Wright

Rev. L. Craig Foster and Mr. J. Robert Bannan

John R. Kuntz, cello

Mr. J. William Beeson III; Miss Abigail E. Henthorn

Miss Finley S. Sloan, Acolyte

Janet R. Kuntz, Guest Conductor
Erica B. Pauley, Guest Organist

Penny M. Wright, soloist
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 Michael R. "Mike" Williams by his wife Jan, and his children, Michael E. Williams and Adrienne W. Enger.

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

9:45AM

CHILDREN

Birth - Kindergarten: Clark Building, 1st Floor
1st - 5th Grades: Clark Building, 2nd Floor

YOUTH

(6th-12th Grades) 2nd 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

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Complete details at www.fpcspartanburg.org.
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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.

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. 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.

HELP PLAN KIRKIN AND ADVENT DECORATIONS

The Sanctuary and Flower Guilds will meet tomorrow morning, Monday, September 30 at 11:00am in the Purnell Room to make plans for decorating the church for Kirkin' of the Tartans and Advent. All are welcome - we look forward to fellowship and many wonderful ideas!

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- 5th 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. There will be a time of prayer and fellowship before diving into the text based on an upcoming sermon.

Poverty Simulation: 6:00-8:00pm, Gym. This special event will be hosted in collaboration with the United Way of the Piedmont. Join us to learn first-hand what it is like to live in poverty.

Please register your participation at www.fpcspartanburg.org.

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!

BRING YOUR ACCESS CARD TO THE CHURCH

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. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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. The bread will be distributed to various missions in our community who feed the hungry.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday, October 6, we will have our monthly fellowship time. Meet in The Perrin Room at 10:30am for doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship with your church family. Parents, please pick up your children from Sunday School by 10:30 so that everyone, including teachers, can enjoy the fellowship time together.

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.

HOP ON THE BUS TO THORNWELL!

Bet 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 / 864-208-2139.

HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN - WEEK OF OCTOBER 27

SPIHN's mission is to help temporarily homeless children and their families become self-sufficient by bringing together community resources to provide essential needs and life skills in a compassionate environment. Our next SPIHN week is October 27-November 3. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction.

If you have any interest, please contact:

Meals: Katherine Burns; marchk2b@yahoo.com

Evening Host: Hannah Zimmerman; hannahlanedc@gmail.com

Overnight Host/Supplies/General Questions:

Crystal Workman; workman06@charter.net

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling with Dr. Kirk Neely is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members. There is no fee; a contribution may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is by appointment on Tuesdays.

To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry;
583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 29

Welcome Class

MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)

Traditional Worship
(8:45am - Chapel)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Traditional Worship
(11:00am - Sanctuary)

OCTOBER 1

BBC with Kirk Neely

OCTOBER 2

Healing and Wholeness Service
WAF

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.

FLC HOURS

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

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget:	\$3,023,835
Needed to date:	\$2,209,725
Received to date:	\$1,585,219
Deficit	< \$624,506>

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

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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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