



# 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

#### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 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

(11:00) ACOYTE

*Adoro Te, Devote*

Dale Wood

(11:00) INTROIT

*Eat This Bread and Never Hunger*

Daniel Damon

† 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.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to a feast!

**All: The table is set,  
and we will come from east and west,  
from north and south to sit at Christ's table.**

One: Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

**All: We come to share our stories and Your story,  
to share our hope and our pain,  
to share our wisdom and our laughter.**

One: The table is set, so come let us worship God together!

Hymn 321

This well-known hymn arose out of a theological controversy in the mid-nineteenth century. The text portrays the Christian church as rooted in the Savior, Jesus Christ.

† HYMN 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,  
although you made all people in your image,  
we confess that we live with deep divisions.  
Although you sent Jesus to be savior of the world,  
we confess that we treat him as our own tribal god.  
Although you are One and the Body of Christ is One,  
we fail to display that unity in our worship, our mission, and our fellowship.  
Forgive our pride and arrogance,  
heal our souls, and renew our vision,  
for the sake of your Son, our savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God.  
In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are  
assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives.  
What wondrous love is this?  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 659

(Senior Choristers)

*Mungu ni mwema. Mungu ni mwema.  
Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.*

(Congregation)

*Know that God is good. Know that God is good.  
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.*

*Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

MUNGU NI MWEMA

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come.  
As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background,  
no matter what their social status;  
as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders,  
foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives.  
Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. 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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:15-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*500 Years of Reformation:  
Sola Scriptura*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord*

Camille St. Saens

(11:00)

*On God and Not on Human Trust*

Johann Pachelbel

#### † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### 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.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

All communion  
bread and  
wafers are  
gluten free.

## THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

(8:45)

*Eat This Bread and Never Hunger*

Daniel Damon

(11:00)

*Let Us Break Bread together on our Knees*

arr. Craig Carnahan

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### Hymn 538

This Sotho text  
operates in two  
directions: the  
refrain is directed  
to God, and  
the stanzas are  
directed to the  
worshipping  
community.  
The stanzas  
celebrate the  
meaning of the  
Lord's Supper for  
a life of faith and  
service.

### † HYMN 538

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

(Upon direction, please sing the refrain.)

*Hallelujah! We sing your praises;  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

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all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(11:00) † CHORAL RESPONSE *Great God of Every Blessing*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

### † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune*

Robert C. Lau

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## PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. L. Craig Foster, and Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Miss Alle Marie Marsh and Mr. Jay Blanton

Mr. Foster Neely

Ms. Caroline Bosworth

Senior Choristers

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 Mr. and Mrs. James A. Chapman 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. 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

OCTOBER 1, 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).

*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).

## TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### World Communion and 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. Today, we are celebrating 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 today's worship services, we will share the bread with those in need in our community.

### Help Relieve Hunger in 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).

## 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 for those that have pre-registered.

## SPECIAL GUEST: DR. CHAKRAVARTHY THIS WEDNESDAY

Join us on **Wednesday, October 4 at 11:15 am in the Purnell Room** for a special opportunity to hear Pastor Praveen Chakravarthy tell us about his work rescuing child slaves in India. He has been recognized and received numerous awards from the Indian Government for his work rescuing children and in community development. We are honored to host Dr. Chakravarthy at First Presbyterian!

## AFGHANI REFUGEE TO SPEAK

Please join Boy Scout Troop 2 for a special event on **Monday, October 9 at 7:00pm in the Chapel**. Farahnaz, a Bonner Scholar and senior at Wofford College, will speak about her family's experience fleeing Afghanistan as refugees, how she made her way through school in England and then to Wofford, and her plans for the future. This event is open to the congregation, and local elected officials will be present to hear her story as well.

## VACCINATION CLINIC - OCTOBER 11

The Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 during Wednesdays at First. If you would like to receive your flu shot or other vaccination, contact Beth Cecil to pre-register. Skin and oral screenings will be available on a limited basis.

*If you are interested, please contact Beth Cecil;  
[bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org); 864/208-2136.*



## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - OCTOBER 4

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Fruit Bar, Ham & Egg Casserole, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage Links, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits.* 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...*).

**Healing and Wholeness Service:** 5:15pm in the Chapel. This service provides an opportunity to pray for the healing of oneself and others, reflect on the components of healing, receive communion, and experience God's blessing.

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

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

**Weekday School History & Tour,** 6:30pm in the Purnell Room. Learn about the history, programming, and events at the FPC Weekday School with Winnie Walsh and Moira Scheel. The presentation will conclude with a tour of the school.

**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.

## The Time Has Come ...

We are almost there!! As members of The First Presbyterian family, we have generously given of our time, our talent and, yes, our treasure. If you have not yet made your commitment, please do it this week. Pledges can be fulfilled over 3 years and any amount will help close the gap.

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

## 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!

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

## WINTER WARMTH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

On the morning of Saturday, November 11, our congregation will distribute over 1,200 winter coats to children in Spartanburg County during our annual Winter Warmth Mission. It takes many people to lead this event, and we need your help with event set up, registration, fitting children with coats, managing traffic, and clean up. **This year we are excited to offer infant-4K childcare for parent volunteers with advance sign-up.** Donations of new or knitted caps, scarves, and gloves are needed to give to the toddlers of Winter Warmth families. Please bring items to donate to the mission office across from the church library.

*To volunteer, contact Shannon Stewart; 208-2139/[ss Stewart@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ss Stewart@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

*World Communion*

*MorningSong Worship (8:45&11am)*

*Traditional Worship (8:45&11am)*

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*SPIHN Guests Arrive*

*Youth Real Life*

### OCTOBER 3

*Mobile Meals 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Worship Service;*

*BBC with Kirk Neely*

### OCTOBER 4

*Healing and Wholeness*

*Wednesdays at First*

### OCTOBER 14

*Fall Service Day*

### OCTOBER 22

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

### OCTOBER 29

*Nominations for CNC Due*

### 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](https://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget:	\$2,828,008
Needed weekly:	\$54,385
Received since 9/11:	\$68,120

*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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