



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

OCTOBER 6, 2019

WORLD COMMUNION

8:45AM - CHAPEL

11:00AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**All: for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

All: that the King of glory may come in.

One: Who is this King of glory?

**All: The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

One: Let us worship God.

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion and to be mindful to note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

(from Psalm 24)

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

Hymn 505

This song was part of the musical event connected with the March for Jesus in 1989, which in turn became an album. This celebratory text is based on numerous passages of Scripture that connect the Lord's Supper with its eschatological fulfillment in the Heavenly Banquet.

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

"The disciplines of stewardship and self-offering are a grateful response to God's love for the world and self-giving in Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to lives of simplicity, generosity, hospitality, compassion, and care for creation. Tithing is a primary practice of Christian stewardship and self-offering. We are accountable to God for how we use our material goods, spiritual gifts, and time in God's service."

- Book of Order, W-5.0103

† HYMN 505

The Feast Is Ready

THE FEAST IS READY

(Upon Direction, Please Join in Singing the Refrain.)

ACOLYTE (11:00)



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy One,

we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace,
to serve each other in love and humility, and
to serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,

when our words and actions are not guided by love.

Turn our hearts when we act in folly.

Restore our energy when it is gone.

By your abundant grace, be merciful to us when we fail your call.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: O God, you chose us in Christ to be your children

and called us to proclaim his good news to all the nations.

All: **Let us so live together in this community,**

embracing your world, that others may meet Christ through us.

One: May the peace of God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us share this peace with one another.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 8:18

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

SERMON: *The Purpose of Wealth... To Love God*

(8:45) Mr. J. Robert Bannan

(11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Let Us Come

Karen Marolli

(11:00)

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure

† 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.*

Translation of
*Cantique de
Jean Racine:*

*O divine Word
above, our hope
and consolation,
Eternal light of
the heav'ns
and earth: our
voices greet the
morning;
Look down, O
Lord, and hear
thy people's
prayer.*

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

Hymnal Page 35

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

If you have a
loaf of bread to
offer, you may
bring it to the
table prior to the
service or as you
come forward
to receive
communion.

Hymn 700

All our life is to
be lived in joyful
service to God.
There is no place
in our daily
experiences
and interactions
where we can't
be instruments
of God's love
and work in the
world.

You are invited
to stay and listen
to the Closing
Voluntary,
but you are
welcome to
leave following
the Benediction.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MUSIC

(11:00)

We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 317, VERSE 1

MC KEE

*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In Christ There Is No East or West

Dale Wood

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Mr. J. Robert Bannan
Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Mrs. Holly M. Bannan

Mrs. Monica I. Threatt

Mr. W. Bailey Faris
Mr. Henry S. Phillips

Mr. Wade Cooper Neely, Acolyte

R. Holt Andrews, Pastoral Musician
Marcia C. Andrews, Organist

Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir
Abigail E. Henthorn, soloist

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.

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

LIFE @ FIRST

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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.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION: BREAD OFFERING

Today 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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

Mark your calendars for another season of great food, fellowship, and programming! See the October 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.

October 9: International Missions Spotlight: 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Take a look at our church's investment in the countries of Haiti, Cuba, and the DR.

VACCINATION CLINIC AND HEALTH SCREENINGS

A Vaccination Clinic, Skin Screening, and Hearing Screening will take place this **Wednesday, October 9**. Vaccinations will be available 5:15-7:15pm in the Social Hall; Skin Screening will be available 6:00-7:15pm in the Activity Room; and Hearing Screening will be available 5:15-7:15pm at the Family Life Center Activity Desk. Pre-registration with insurance information is required for vaccinations.

To Register: Beth Cecil; bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2136.

HOP ON THE BUS TO THORNWELL - THIS THURSDAY!

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.

ECHOES MEETING - THIS THURSDAY

ECHOES (Elder Caregivers Helping Others and Encouraging Self) will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 12:00pm in the Senior High Room (2nd Floor of the FLC). This group meets once a month to share the issues facing caregivers as they care for their loved ones. Join us for a time of devotion, sharing, learning and prayer. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks will be provided. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there! - Ansley Page, Beth Cecil, Kay McClure

ACCESS CARD - NEW INFORMATION!

Effective next Sunday October 13, entrances to the Clark Building, Family Life Center, and Main Building (except for the Tower Room and Sanctuary) will require key card access.

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. 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR CHURCH BASKETBALL

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.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS - 8:45 AND 11:00AM

On Sunday, October 27, at 8:45 and 11:00am, we will worship together in the Sanctuary when we hold our Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. Each fall, First Presbyterian holds this powerful historic service, a remembrance of Presbyterianism's Scottish roots through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. In our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future. Lemonade and cookies will be served following both services.

CONCERT OF HOPE - 5:00PM

On Sunday, October 27, at 5:00pm, First Presbyterian Church will host a Free Concert in our Sanctuary to benefit the **Faith Initiative to End Poverty**. This concert will feature performances by First Presbyterian Church Chamber Singers and Children's Choirs, the Meeting Street Academy Chorus, and Dr. John Moody and Friends. Mark your calendars! Bring friends and family!

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 6

Welcome Class

Communion

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

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

*Monthly Fellowship
(10:30am - The Perrin Room)*

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

OCTOBER 9

WAF

OCTOBER 10

*Trip to Thornwell
ECHOES Meeting*

OCTOBER 11-13

Middle School Fall Retreat

OCTOBER 17

JOY Fellowship Trip to Hendersonville

OCTOBER 20

Mom Time

OCTOBER 26

Young Adult Wofford Tailgate

OCTOBER 27

*Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Concert of Hope*

NOVEMBER 3

Ecumenical Blood Drive

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:	\$2,267,876
Received to date:	\$1,612,869
Deficit	< \$655,007>

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

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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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