



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 8, 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

Choral

Joseph Jongen

(11:00) ACOLYTE

(11:00) INTROIT

Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

arr. Gary Alan Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.

All: **By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.**

One: By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.

All: **By faith, we till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.**

One: By faith, we follow where God leads.

All: **By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst.**

One: By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.

† *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.

The words of
"Sing Unto the
Lord a New
Song" are
paraphrased
from Psalm 149,
the melody is
from the Spanish
Renaissance,
and arranged by
Gary Alan Smith.

This hymn is a prayer, in which we ask for God's wisdom and courage to face the problems of our day. We beg for God's power, confess our fear and pride, and affirm a desire to seek social justice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God,

we are not always people who live by faith.

We know that we were created in your image,

but we treat ourselves and each other

in ways that do not honor your presence within us.

We know your laws and your commandments,

but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our neighbors.

We hear your call to reach out to those most in need,

but instead we turn our backs on them and on you.

Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be.

We ask this in the name of 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 275, V2

EIN' FESTE BURG

Today's Response is a verse from "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", often referred to as "the battle hymn" of the Reformation.

*Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

† 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Chamberlain Bell Langley
Daughter of Leigh Anne and Ryan Langley

Romans 3:21-22

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

500 Years of Reformation:
Sola Fide

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

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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.

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hal H. Hopson

(11:00)

Give God the Glory

Heinrich Schutz

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 624, V2

TOULON

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

† 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 463

"How Firm a Foundation"
is a hymn that
for over two
centuries has
assured believers
of the faithfulness
of Christ and
the certainty of
hope. We are
assured by the
words we sing,
the Word we
are given, and
the Word made
flesh, of the
steadfastness
of God and His
unfailing love.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Caprice

Maurice Greene



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.

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Jason C. Moore
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Genesis Choir
Miss Rookhie Sullivan, Acolyte
Junior Choristers
Chancel Choir

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John M. Bald by their children.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

Elementary (1st-5th Grade) 2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6th-12th Grade) 2nd 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 8, 2017

Complete details at 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
or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/
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 - OCTOBER 11

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Baked Spaghetti, 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...](#)).

Vaccination Clinic: If you would like to receive your flu shot or other vaccination, contact Beth Cecil (bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org; 864/208-2136) to pre-register. Skin and oral screenings will be available on a limited basis.

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

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

Flower Guild Meeting, 6:30pm in the Purnell Room. We will review this year's activities, finalize plans for Kirkin' and Advent, and make preparations for our activities during the upcoming renovations. All who are interested in arranging flowers for our Sanctuary and greens for our Chapel are welcome. We will use all willing hands!

Reformation Series, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Explore how the church has been reformed, from the 16th century to today, in this three-part WAF series. October 11: The Legacy of the Protestant Reformation; October 18: The Legacy of the Great Awakening; October 25: The Legacy of the 21st Century Church?

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

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.

FALL SERVICE DAY - OCTOBER 14!

Join us on Saturday, October 14 for our 1st Annual AIM Fall Service Day. We will meet in the Large Private Dining Room at 8:30am for muffins and coffee, and then head out in small groups to help some of our local mission partners by building, cleaning, landscaping, etc. Only skills needed are willing hearts and hands. To work on the Christmas in Action project that day, helping an 87-year old woman repair her house, please contact Meg Clayton (meg@claytonconstruction.net) to sign up. For all other projects, show up the day of. Other sites include New Day Clubhouse, Children's Advocacy Center, and FPC clean-up. Everything will be wrapped up by noon. Don't forget to bring your work gloves!

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.*

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/[sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ss Stewart@fpcspartanburg.org).

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 info: fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login.*

RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED FOR CNC

Our church's Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for a slate of nine members of the congregation-at-large to replace the elected congregational members who will rotate off the CNC at the end of December 2017. The current members will endeavor to nominate a balanced and representative slate to the congregation for your approval and election. The 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee will serve for one year and will be charged with the nomination of Church officers.

You may submit your suggestion by:

- ☐ Returning this form to the church office.
- ☐ Mailing this form to: Kay McClure, CNC Chair
First Presbyterian Church, 393 E. Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29302-1917
- ☐ Emailing: kaymcclure58@gmail.com

I suggest the following person to serve on the 2018 CNC: _____

I believe that this person would be helpful to the important work of this committee for the following reasons: _____

Your name and phone number: _____

Deadline for submittal is noon, Sunday, October 29, 2017.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

MorningSong Worship (8:45-11am)

Traditional Worship (8:45-11am)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Youth Real Life

OCTOBER 11

Wednesdays at First

Vaccination Clinic

OCTOBER 14

Fall Service Day

OCTOBER 16

Prayer Shawl Ministry

OCTOBER 18

Rehearsal for Kirkin' o' the Tartans

ALL Flag Bearers to Attend

OCTOBER 21

Transparent Men (Advent)

OCTOBER 22

*Celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartans and
500th 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.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget: \$2,828,008

Needed weekly: \$54,385

Received 10/01: \$47,508

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 our SPIHN Guests from this past week: Megan and her three daughters Annaliyah (4), Lianah (2) and Ariel (5 months); Latosha and her daughter Odasi (9 months); and Tameka and her two children, Tammy (13) and Christian (11).

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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