



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 13, 2019
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 *Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II*

Felix Mendelssohn

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00)

Make Music for the Lord

Natalie Sleeth

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

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

Hymn 403

This hymn
originally had
five verses.
Written by
Benjamin
Schmolck, he
supported
himself while
in seminary by
writing poetry for
wealthy citizens.
He wrote over
900 hymns and
was the most
popular German
hymn writer at
the time.

"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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us glorify God, our light and our salvation.
All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
One: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.
**All: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**
One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
**All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**
One: Let us worship God.

(based on Psalm 27; John 4:23)

† HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God,
you have shown us the way of life
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

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

† 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 Christ 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

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *God, Reveal Your Presence* Joachim Neander

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:42-47
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Purpose of Wealth... To Love Your Neighbor* 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*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† 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) *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Dale Wood
(11:00) *Be Thou With Me* Johann Franck

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.

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.

The anthem "Be Thou With Me" was given by Katie Lockman in memory of Dr. Charles Gaines, longtime Choral Director at Presbyterian College. Katie, along with other FPC members, sang with Dr. Gaines while a student at PC.

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 245, V4

LLANFAIR

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

† 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 693

Hymn author
Hal H. Hopson
is a prolific
composer,
arranger,
clinician,
teacher, and
promoter of
congregational
song, with
more than
1300 published
works. Born in
Texas, Hal has
degrees from
Baylor University
and Southern
Baptist Seminary.
He has served
on national
boards of the
Presbyterian
Association of
Musicians and
the Choristers
Guild.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 761, VERSE 1

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Exsultate

Stanley Vann

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans; Rev. L. Craig Foster; Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Mrs. Leslie B. Calicutt

Miss Suzanne E. Colbath, Miss Sara Catharine Evans

Miss M. Helen Colbath, Acolyte

R. Holt Andrews, Pastoral Musician

Marcia C. Andrews, Organist

Noah Deal, soloist

Chancel Choir

Senior Choristers

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 Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John M. Bald, Sr. 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.

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.
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, 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.

ACCESS/KEY CARD - NEW INFORMATION!

On Sundays, all entrances to the Clark Building will require key card access. The Family Life Center doors will be locked at 10:30am. In the Main Building, all doors will require key cards except for the Tower Room and Narthex's Main Street Facing Door. The Narthex side doors will close at 11:15am.

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 key card.

This is for the protection of all of us, but especially for the protection of the children. Key cards can now be made on-site for a cost of \$10.

To SUM UP: All entrance doors are accessible with a member key card.

To obtain a key card, see Didi Terry in the church office during the week.

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. Oct 16 Entree: Tacos!

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.

October 16: The Enjoyment of Scripture: 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Do you read scripture as an obligation or duty? Come October 16, 23, and 30, as Dr. Kirk Neely leads "The Enjoyment of Scripture," a way to refresh our approach to the Bible.

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.

Letters have been mailed to **Tartan Sponsors**. *If you plan on participating in this year's procession, please contact Paul McKee to confirm your participation and service preference.* A required rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 23 at 5:30pm.

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!

SUPPORT THE LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY

The Little Free Food Pantry is a project started last year by FPC member and Spartanburg Day School student, and now alum, Anne Dobson Ball. This year Susi Wright and two additional SDS students will be taking over the pantry and working to continue its impact. The pantry provides homeless members of the Spartanburg community with access to non-perishable food, hygiene items, and other necessities that they may be lacking. The pantry is located beside the Arthur Center near the Free Little Library. There is a bin in the AIM closet to drop off donations. Some suggested items are water bottles, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, hygiene and sanitary items, and canned foods that have a tab-opening lid.

Questions? Contact Susi Wright at susi.wright@sdsgriffin.org.

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.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP 2020

FPC Spartanburg, with the help of Solid Rock International, has made a medical commitment to the people of the DR who do not have access to regular medical services. Over more than 20 years, the medical clinic has grown to be a hospital. Our teams of doctors, dentists, nurses, and just regular people have provided medical and dental services, as well as built construction projects. Our next trip is February 1-8, 2020. Cost is \$1500.

Questions? Contact Leslie Lang; llang@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 13

Welcome Class

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

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

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

OCTOBER 14

Women's Circles 7 & 11

Women's Circles 3 & 5

Women's Circle 4

OCTOBER 16

WAF

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

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:	\$2,326,027
Received to date:	\$1,661,898
Deficit	<\$664,129>

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

Class of 2021: David Berry Jr., Katherine Burns, Jeff Cleland, Mary Grace Close, Molly Colbath, Tres Cox, Hamp Crow, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Will Hoy, Beau Shuler, Denise Stevens, Alan Workman

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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