



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 14, 2018 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

Fantasy in C

J.S. Bach

ACOLYTE (11:00)

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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.

INTROIT (11:00)

O Sing to the Lord

Brazilian Folk Tune

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Father in heaven, we affirm that you are our shepherd. We shall not want.
All: **You make us to lie down in green pastures and lead us beside quiet waters.**
One: Please, today, for your name's sake, restore our souls and guide us in the paths of righteousness.
All: **Even though we must walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we know that you are with us and will fear no evil. We trust that you will comfort us.**
One: You prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies. You anoint our heads with oil. We are overjoyed!
All: **We believe that your goodness and lovingkindness will follow us in the days ahead, and that you will welcome us to your heavenly home where we will live with you forever.**
One: Let us worship God together!

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

Hymn 12

Walter C. Smith
based this text
on 1 Timothy
1:17: "Now to
the King eternal,
immortal,
invisible, the only
God, be honor
and glory for
ever and ever."

† HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God and Creator of all humankind,
your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one even as you our God are one.
May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts,
so that by the power of the Spirit,
we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.
May we see in your Oneness
our need for unity.
May we see in your Three-ness
our need for community.
May we see in your creativity
our need for diversity.
May we see in your Self
our need to love each other.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

TOULON

*Praise God the Lord who hears the captives' prayer.
Like birds escaping from the fowler's snare
we are set free; our praises now ascend:
"Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend."*

† 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 one another with the peace of Christ.

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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Elisabeth Maren MacPhail
Daughter of Jennifer and Tim MacPhail

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 55, Romans 12, and Matthew 5
(Selected Verses)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:45)

Thy Perfect Love

K. Lee Scott

ANTHEM (11:00)

Brother James's Air

arr. Mack Wilberg

SERMON

How to Get Rid of Your Enemies

Dr. Kirk H. Neely

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.

We welcome to
the pulpit today,
Dr. Kirk H. Neely,
who has served
on staff at First
Presbyterian
as Pastoral
Counselor since
September 2014

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 327, VERSE 1

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† PRAYER OF 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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 727

First published
in 1978, this
is a gentle,
lovely song
about being
community.

† HYMN 727

The Servant Song

SUNG TO THE TUNE OF STUTTGART

† 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

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Kirk H. Neely
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Christi O. Brown

Mr. Stanford J. Lummus, Elder
Miss M. Helen Colbath, Acolyte

Mrs. Penny Wright
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 William M. and Jean R. Croes by their family.

For the hearing impaired: For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit. 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 AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Nursery</u> (Birth-2K) 1 st Floor Clark Building	<u>Preschool</u> (3K-5K) 1 st Floor Clark Building
<u>Elementary</u> (1 st -5 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Clark Building	<u>Youth</u> (6 th -12 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Family Life Center

ADULTS

Sunday mornings offer classes designed to help men and women grow their faith through study and discussion.
Want more information? Visit our website at fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults.

BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210) A talented and experienced teaching team leads this class for those who want to study the Bible in-depth, book by book.

CHOIR CLASS (Room 2208) This class uses the Uniform Lesson Series to frame their study and application of Bible texts to daily living. They meet from 10:00 to 10:30am to accommodate choir members, but anyone can join.

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Room C212) This class explores and studies contemporary issues from a variety of perspectives using the Bible, the Christian faith and life, the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, and World Christianity to form its conclusions.

EMMAUS CLASS (Room 2207) Join us on our journey as we welcome everyone, with eyes open towards Jesus. We are the loud class at the end of the hall, enjoying fellowship, coffee, and a fresh, new, scripture-based lesson each week.

FAITH DRIVEN (Room C210) This class is largely made up of parents of children and youth and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2201) Special, distinctive, and important: The host presents a scholarly and factual study of selected books of the Bible presented with a mature flair and wisdom. All ages feel at home with this loyal group.

OPEN CLASS (Room 2213) A small-group discussion of Christian themes in literature; open to all ages and points of view.

PURNELL CLASS (Purnell Room) For a hymn sing and an excellent Bible lesson, join this faithful group of men and women.

NOTE: All rooms with a C in the room number are located on the 2nd floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2nd floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

LIFE @ FIRST

OCTOBER 14, 2018

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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - OCTOBER 17

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Bread, Dessert* Meal costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required; you are welcome to pre-pay online. We take credit/debit cards, and also welcome cash and check.

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.

FPC History: 6:30pm in the Chapel. Learn more about the history of First Presbyterian Church with Rob McCormick.

Weekly Sermon Study: 6:30pm in the Parlor. Led by Tom Evans, this time frame is for those that cannot attend on Thursday mornings (7:30-8:15am in the Church Parlor). During this study, prayer and fellowship are shared and then you will dive into the text (based on the sermon 10 days from the study date). Together, we explore the passage and wrestle over what it means for our lives today.

4TH TUESDAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

Our next meal is October 23. Donations and volunteers are welcome! We need: Pizza (any toppings), salad mix and assorted desserts.

Questions? Contact Will, Beth, or Tina; 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com

JOY FELLOWSHIP – HORSES, BARNs, AND FOOD!

Join the Joy Fellowship on Thursday, October 25 as they make their way to the new Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, NC where the recent world competition was held. Reservations are needed by Sunday, October 21.

For Reservations: Joanie Shackleton; 864-208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE DR MISSION TRIP

Please join other members and staff of the church on our annual international mission to the Dominican Republic, February 2-9, 2019. Partnering with Solid Rock International, FPC Spartanburg sends a team of doctors, dentists, nurses, and just regular people to provide medical and dental services, as well as build construction projects.

More Info? www.fpcspartanburg.org/serve/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS - OCTOBER 28

The 2018 Kirkin' of the Tartans will be held on Sunday, October 28, at 8:45am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary (the Chapel and Morning Song services will meet in the Sanctuary for this event). 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 24 at 5:30pm.

To participate: Paul McKee; 864-621-6939 / paulmckee202@gmail.com.

HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN!

Our next SPIHN week is Oct 28-Nov 4. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction. If you have an interest, please contact:

Meals: Katherine Burns; marchk2b@yahoo.com

Evening Host: Hannah Lane; hannahlanedc@gmail.com

Supplies: Crystal Workman; workman06@charter.net

Overall Questions: Alan Workman; aworkman@aromacreatations.com

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Cookies are needed for the upcoming fall Kairos Prison Ministry weekend. We need dozens of home-baked cookies for the 4-day weekend at Tyger River Prison (no powdered sugar topping or raisins please). Brownies and cookie bars are welcome as well. Please place in disposable packaging (zip lock bags or closed paper containers or sealable plastic containers). No aluminum foil. Please bring cookies to the church office before noon on Wednesday, October 31.

For More Information: Doug Baker; 864-494-0301 / dougbaker@bellsouth.net.

HOPE FOR CHILDREN LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER 7

Thornwell is a home for children in Clinton sponsored by Synod of the Southeast. In previous years, Thornwell enjoyed very generous support from First Presbyterian Church. The manner in which Thornwell serves children continues to evolve and grow; Thornwell continues to use the model of placing children in a Christian family environment on its campus. FPC would like to sponsor a table at the Hope for Children Luncheon on November 7 at the Embassy Suites in Greenville. The luncheon will be an opportunity to raise awareness and funds.

Interested? Contact Harriet Ike; 864-542-8338 / harrietike@gmail.com.

WINTER WARMTH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS

On the morning of Saturday, November 10, our congregation will distribute winter coats to children in Spartanburg County during our Winter Warmth Mission. It takes many people to assist with this event, and we need your help with set up, registration, fitting children with coats, managing traffic, or clean up. Donations of new or knitted caps, scarves, and gloves are also needed to give to the toddlers of Winter Warmth families.

To volunteer, register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8924mwu>.

Donated items may be brought to the All In Mission Closet, located across from the church library.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 14

MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)

Traditional Worship
(8:45-Chapel & 11:00am-Sanctuary)

Sunday School (9:45am)

OCTOBER 24

Kirkin' Rehearsal

OCTOBER 25

Prayer Coffee

OCTOBER 28

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

NOVEMBER 4

All Saints' Day Observed
Fellowship

NOVEMBER 10

Winter Warmth Distribution

NOVEMBER 11

Youth Sunday

DECEMBER 5

White Gift Service

DECEMBER 16

Moravian Love Feast

FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

Women's Retreat

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sun, Oct 14	Jeremiah 21, 22 / Palms 117, 118
Mon, Oct 15	Jeremiah 23, 24 / John 9
Tues, Oct 16	Jeremiah 25, 26 / John 10
Wed, Oct 17	Jeremiah 27, 28 / John 11
Thurs, Oct 18	Jeremiah 29-31 / Psalm 119:1-24
Fri, Oct 19	Jeremiah 32, 33 / John 12
Sat, Oct 20	Jeremiah 34, 35 / John 13

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 these PC(USA) Missionaries: Alethia and Ryan White (Germany).

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2018: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, Tom Webster, 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

Class of 2020: David Beacham, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, Mary Dixon, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

DIACONATE

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

Class of 2020: Marjorie Appiah, Fran Bagwell, Budge Bean, Marsha Calvert, Alice Eberhardt, Karen Edwards, Sharon Hill, Brenda James, Andy Lancaster, Hannah Lane, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Communications/Operations; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mark Ashby**, Director of Youth Ministries; **Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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