



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 15, 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

(8:45)

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Hal H. Hopson

(11:00)

When We Are Living

Kevin McChesney

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

One: All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory,

All: **but by the grace of God we are redeemed.**

One: Let us worship God.

† *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
this hymn both
declare the
majesty of Christ
and task us with
making that
majesty known
to all. It alludes
to Philippians
2:9-11: "at the
name of Jesus
every knee
should bow, in
heaven and on
earth and under
the earth, and
every tongue
acknowledge
that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the
glory of God the
Father."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord of all,

the demands of your righteousness
are too hard for us to fulfill alone,
so we rush off with this excuse
and ignore your law.

You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more,
and we abuse this freedom
as if it were a license to selfishness,
self-indulgence and self-righteousness.

You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood your Son,
yet we make it cheap without serious repentance.

We fail to see the power of your faithfulness.

We are your people, but do we know you as our God?

Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart.

Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

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

*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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: WINTER WARMTH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 3:21-25

SERMON

The Gift of Grace: Sola Gratia

Rev. Christi O. Brown

SOLO (8:45)

Redeeming Grace

traditional American
arr. Lee Scott

ANTHEM (11:00)

The Lord Will Not Suffer Thy Foot to be Moved

J. S. Bach

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

John Leavitt

† 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.*

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.

Hymn 353

As Edward Mote
was walking to
work one day
in 1834, the
thought popped
into his head to
write a hymn on
the "Gracious
Experience of a
Christian." As he
walked up the
road, he had
the chorus, "On
Christ, the solid
Rock, I stand; All
other ground is
sinking sand."

Almost two
centuries later,
we continue to
sing these words
of hope and
assurance, our
declaration that
in the midst of all
trials and storms,
we will cling to
the rock that is
our Savior.

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

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Mrs. Allie McCown
Mrs. Blair Clementson
Miss Anna Beeson, Acolyte
Mr. R. Holt Andrews
Handbell Choir
Chancel Choir

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel B. Shackelford, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joy Glenn 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.

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 15, 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 18

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Pork Tenderloin, Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, 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 via our website (Grow/Registrations...).

Evensong: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This is a contemplative service of song, prayer, and communion.

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

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

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. Oct 18: *The Legacy of the Great Awakening*; Oct 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.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS - NEXT SUNDAY!

On Sunday, October 22, at 8:45 and 11:00am in the Sanctuary (*Chapel and both MorningSong services will meet in the Sanctuary*), we will remember our Presbyterian heritage through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans. Lemonade and Cookies will be served following both services.

... ATTENTION TARTAN SPONSORS

If you are participating in this year's Kirkin' service, please contact Paul McKee (paulmckee202@gmail.com / 864-621-6939) to let him know which service you will be participating in (8:45 and/or 11:00). The Attendance Required Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

... 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 must attend the procession rehearsal on Wed, Oct 18, at 5:30pm and you may process at either service - or both, your choice!

*If you are interested, please contact Martha Bean;
864/585-4843 or hcbear@charter.net.*

... AND CHAMBER SINGERS IN THE EVENING

In Celebration of the Reformation, the Chamber Singers, with Orchestra and Soloists, will present Cantata 80 by J.S. Bach, "A Mighty Fortress is our God" at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

TRANSPARENT MEN MEET ON SATURDAY

Sparkle City Transparent Men will meet on Saturday, October 21 at 8:30am in the Family Life Center of the Episcopal Church of the Advent. All men are invited to attend. For more information about SCTMen visit their website at <https://sparklecitytransparentmen.wordpress.com/>.

REGISTER FOR BASKETBALL BEFORE OCTOBER 27

Boys and Girls in Grades 1-12 are welcome. Cost is \$75 per player. Practices begin in November. Register on the church website (Grow/Recreation...)

Questions? Contact Colleen McCullough; 208-2309 / cmccullough@fpcspartanburg.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, October 29, immediately following the 11:00 Sanctuary Worship Service for the purpose of requesting Foothills Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Jason C. Moore and First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg.

Afterwards, we will have a *Reception to Celebrate the Ministry of Jason*, and his family, in the Social Hall.

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:ssstewart@fpcspartanburg.org).

HOME-BAKED COOKIES NEEDED FOR PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos Prison Ministry is a lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry in which men and women volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to prisoners and their families. One way to "open the door" is by bringing homemade cookies. If you are willing to make a dozen or two or MORE... please bring cookies to the church office by noon on Wednesday, November 1; package cookies in plastic baggies or use plastic containers or paper boxes (NO aluminum foil).

Questions? Contact Doug Baker; 864-579-4537 / dougbaker@bellsouth.net.

RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED FOR CNC

The 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 on December 31, 2017. The 2018 CNC will serve for one year and will be charged with the nomination of Church officers. Please email your suggestion to Kay McClure (kaymcclure58@gmail.com) before noon on Sunday, October 29.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

MorningSong Worship (8:45-11am)

Traditional Worship (8:45-11am)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Youth Real Life

OCTOBER 17

UKirk Hotdog Dinner at Wofford

OCTOBER 18

Wednesdays at First

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 27

Basketball Registrations Due

OCTOBER 29

Congregational Meeting

Celebration for Jason

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 10/08: \$36,873

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 this PC(USA) Missionary: Janet Guyer (Malawi) and for Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).

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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