



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 21, 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

(8:45)

Tallis Canon

Paul Manz

(11:00)

Nettleton

arr. Karen Roth

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00)

Great Are You, Lord

Michael W. Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our dwelling place,
All: **a home of peace and plenty.**
One: The Lord is our dwelling place,
All: **a refuge when trouble is near.**
One: The Lord is our dwelling place,
All: **a temple that will stand forever.**
One: Let us worship God!

† 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.

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

The opening stanza of this call to worship calls on Christians to pray for the Holy Spirit's presence as the service begins, while the final stanza calls for believers to live in the love of God in anticipation of the full redemption of creation when Christ returns.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ,

you know our sin.

We want you to do whatever we ask of you,

but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us.

We want to sit beside you in your glory,

but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering.

We want to be first in your great kingdom,

but we are among the last to serve the least.

Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us

and wash us clean in your saving grace.

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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 11

(selected verses)

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.

ANTHEM

(8:45)

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

(11:00)

Lead Me, Lord

Will Todd

SERMON

Awkward Bible Verses:

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

"Women should have authority over their head" - 1 Corinthians 11:10

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments.
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Adapted from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Bridegroom of Our Soul

John Blackburn

† 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!*

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.

† 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 733

The unity of the
church, local
and universal,
is at the heart
of this hymn.
It is not the
responsibility of
only missionaries
or ordained
clergy to
practice mission
in all of its forms,
but is integral to
the service of
all in the church
who are united
by Christ and
have a sense of
his "resurrected
Justice."

† HYMN 733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

† 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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Heinrich Fleischer

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Mr. Mark A. Ashby

Dr. William W. Burns, Elder
Mrs. Susan H. Oldham

Miss Eleanor L. Coleman, Acolyte

Genesis Choir
Handbell Choir
Junior Choristers
Chancel Choir

Mrs. Patricia G. Hevener

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 by their children.

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 21, 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.

4TH TUESDAY NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

Our next meal is October 23. Needed: Pizza (any toppings), salad mix, assorted desserts, and ... Volunteers!

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

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - OCTOBER 24

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: Salad Bar, Fried Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, 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.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans Rehearsal: 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. If you plan on participating in this year's procession, this rehearsal is required.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5th grade): 6:15pm, Activity Room.

Nursery Care (6 months to 3K): 6:15pm in the the Clark Building, Room 105.

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.

Spartanburg History: 6:30pm in the Chapel. Learn more about the history of Spartanburg and how it became the city of today with Brad Steinecke.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

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). 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 at 5:30pm.

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

JOY FELLOWSHIP – HORSES, BARNs, AND FOOD!

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

RSVP to 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

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@aromacreation.com

CAMPUS MINISTRIES THANK YOU EVENT - NOV 9

Spartanburg's UKirk Campus Ministries is holding a "thank you" event on Friday, November 9, 6:30pm, at Second Presbyterian Church (in Pryce Hall) to show appreciation for the continued support provided to campus ministry. This event will be a time to fellowship with local college students, enjoy some coffee and pastries, and listen to special guest Christopher Williams – a songwriter, storyteller, and entertainer. All are welcome; No RSVP's required.

If you would like more information about Spartanburg's UKirk Campus Ministries, contact Rachel Epps (repps@fpcspartanburg.org) or Landon Hammett (lhammett@fpcspartanburg.org).

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.

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 21

*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 21	Jeremiah 36, 37 / Psalm 119:25-48
Mon, Oct 22	Jeremiah 38, 39 / John 14
Tues, Oct 23	Jeremiah 40, 41 / John 15
Wed, Oct 24	Jeremiah 42, 43 / John 16
Thurs, Oct 25	Jeremiah 44-46 / Psalm 119:49-72
Fri, Oct 26	Jeremiah 47, 48 / John 17
Sat, Oct 27	Jeremiah 49, 50 / John 18

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:
Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Hong Kong).***

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

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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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