

# 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.”

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## Service for the Lord's Day

October 22, 2017

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

8:45am and 11:00am - Sanctuary

## Gathering Around the Word

### GATHERING CALL TO THE CLANS

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *We Come to Worship in Praise of Our Maker*

arr. Shirley McRae

ACOLYTE (11:00)

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS *Highland Cathedral*

TRADITIONAL

(Please remain seated)

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

At 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 through special music and a procession of bagpipes and tartans.

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

"When the congregation is assembled at the houre appointed, the minister exhorteth the people diligently to examine themselves, following in their hurtes the tenor of their words."  
The Book of Order, 1564

## POSTING OF THE TARTANS

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This day we bend the knee to God, our great Chief,

All: **Before whom  
the people of every tongue  
and clan  
and nation  
will one day bow.**

One: Grant to us, Thou Savior of Glory,

All: **The fear of God, and the love of God,  
And the will of God to do on earth at all times  
As the angels and saints do in heaven.**

One: In the sight of the Father who created us,

All: **In the sight of the Son who died for us,**

One: In the sight of the Spirit who cleansed us,

All: **Let us lift up our hearts and voices and worship God!**

(adapted from Celtic Invocations, by Alexander Carmichael, 1899)

### † HYMN

*We Come to Worship in Praise of Our Maker*

CANDLER

(see next page)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Count us not as nothing, O God,  
count us not as nothing, O Christ,  
count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit,  
nor abandon us to eternal loss.

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy.

Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give:  
for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech;  
for all that we have left undone,  
for all that we have done amiss.

Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father,  
you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave.

As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness,  
enshield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light.

Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting;  
strong Son of God most high.

### SILENT CONFESSION

(from The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland  
[Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press], © 1994, Panel on Worship of the Church of Scotland)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord bless you and save you, the Lord make his face shine upon you,  
and be merciful unto you, the Lord turn his countenance towards you,  
and grant you his peace. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

All: **So be it!**

The Assurance of Pardon today is based on the priestly blessing in Numbers 6 and Paul's blessing from 2 Corinthians 13 and is found in John Knox's 1556 *The Forme of Prayers* as such:  
*The lord blesse you, and saue you, the lord make his face shyne vpon you, and be mercifull vnto you, the lord turne his countenance towardes you, and graunt you his peace. The grace of our lord Iesus Christ, the loue of God, and the communion of the holie ghoste, be with you all: so be it.*

# We Come to Worship in Praise of our Maker

Mary Jackson Cathey  
August 31, 2006

for First Presbyterian Church - Spartanburg, SC  
*Kirkin' O' the Tartans - October 29, 2006*

CANDLER



1. We come to wor - ship in praise of our Ma - ker with thanks for all  
2. Give thanks for les - sons our anc - es - tors taught us who mod - eled the  
3. For love of life and their own price - less free - dom, for strong, stur - dy  
4. Go out re - joic - ing for gifts of the Spir - it, as var - ied as



bles - sings be - stowed by God's grace. The\_\_\_ faith which is nur - tured in each gen - er -  
virt - ues of cour - age and care, who were loy - al - ly stead - fast to coun - try and  
souls who were will - ing to die, for the tri - une God and be - liefs that sus -  
kilts of our her - i - tage signs. The\_\_\_ fire\_\_\_ of kin - dred still burn - ing with -



a - tion now brings us to - geth - er in this sac - red place. The\_\_\_  
loved ones, who gave us the heart and the vis - ion to share. Let us  
tained them when faced with hard choic - es to stand firm and try. In the  
in us holds fast as the weaves in our fam - ily de - signs. We a -



words of Scrip - ture have giv'n the mes - sage which leads us to do what we  
live our days ask - ing for God's guid - ance that shows us the purp - ose which  
long tra - di - tion that framed and shaped them, with fam - ily and faith still dir -  
bide with God who will not de - sert us, whose care and pro - tec - tion and



say we be - lieve, lend - ing strength for chal - leng - es wait - ing be -  
God has con - ceived, find - ing strength for days of the jour - ney be -  
ect - ing their ways, we\_\_\_ now go for - ward to live, work, and  
guid - ance is ours. Fol - low faith - ful - ly in the path God has



fore us we search for the light God would have us re - ceive.  
fore us and mind - ful of bless - ings that we have re - ceived...  
wor - ship, to glor - i - fy God through the rest of our days.  
cho - sen to live all our days as the Spir - it em - powers.

This morning's opening hymn was written especially for this service by Mary Jackson Cathey. Mrs. Cathey was a school teacher in Spartanburg and a member of our church before attending seminary. After receiving her degree, she served several congregations as Director of Christian Education.

## † 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: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ,  
let us share that grace with each other. Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

# Proclaiming the Word

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 100

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:12

## SERMON

*500 Years of Reformation: Solus Christus*


Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## ANTHEM


*In Christ Alone*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

(Please join in the refrain below upon direction.)



1. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings  
2. And as He stands in vic-tory, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
3. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His



cease. My com-fort-er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
hand; 'til He re- turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

During The Word  
for Children,  
all children are  
invited to the  
front of the  
Sanctuary.

### At the 8:45

service, all  
children will  
return to the  
pews.

### At the 11:00

service, children  
4 yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
are welcome to  
attend Children's  
Worship.

### Pick-up Location:

Stepping Stones  
hallway, Clark  
Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Nursery is  
available for  
infants through  
age 3.

# Responding to the Word

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

(From The Scots Confession of 1560, Chapter 16)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*The Summons*

Sondra Tucker

**The Time Has Come**

## † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 643, v 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

## † PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OUR CAMPAIGN, OFFERING, AND TARTANS

One: O God of all lands and seas for all generations,  
your eternal presence weaves through the fabric of heaven and earth.  
You clothe us in your mercy, and cover us with your grace. Through your great generosity  
you fashioned this world and everything in it and blessed us as your servants.

**All: We are grateful for those servants who worked tirelessly in this campaign to share the vision,  
and for the generous response of your people.  
Bless, we pray, our lives and these gifts that we offer in your service.**

One: We have received the inheritance of our ancestors.  
Prophets like Moses, reformers like John Knox, and the church planters of First Presbyterian.

**All: Even as we receive the fruits of their faith you have called us to bold service in your name.  
May the funds raised for our renovations be a blessing for us now  
and create a heritage for generations to come.**

One: As we put these funds to your use guide all of those in this work with your love,  
the Spirit's presence and the grace of Christ.

**All: Equip the planning team to diligence and creativity;  
inspire the architects to match beauty with function,  
and guide the builders to precision and excellence.**

Hymn 649

If America  
had a national  
folk hymn, this  
would probably  
be it. This well-  
loved and  
oft-sung hymn,  
written by John  
Newton in the  
late eighteenth  
century, is  
a powerful  
assurance and  
declaration of  
the grace of  
God working  
in all our lives.  
Newton wrote,  
"I can see no  
reason why the  
Lord singled me  
out for mercy...  
unless it was to  
show, by one  
astonishing  
instance, that  
with Him 'nothing  
is impossible' ". As  
we sing the very  
familiar words  
of this hymn,  
how powerful  
it is to think of  
ourselves as an  
"astonishing  
instance" of  
God's grace  
and mercy.

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

- One: Lord, even as we are nourished by your spirit of love and peace, we know that others are in need of your care. May these renovations bless those beyond our walls and may everything we do glorify your name and share the love of Christ in word and deed. Now bind us together as one family in Christ as we pray the family prayer that Jesus taught us, saying,
- All: **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

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

- Beadle: Bring forth the Tartans! Raise the Tartans!
- All: **We raise them up to God.**
- Beadle: We raise these Tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our heritage and ask God's blessings on all His servants.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Lower the Tartans.  
Recess the Tartans. Please stand.

### † RECESSIONAL

HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*MacRae Meadow*

Traditional

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*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Scottish heritage.*

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## PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. Christi O. Brown, Rev. L. Craig Foster, and Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Caroline Colbath, Acolyte  
Mrs. Leslie B. Calicutt, Mr. David M. Beacham, and Mrs. Cathy M. Bagwell  
Mrs. Mary Ada Poole, Mrs. Janet Kuntz, Ms. Lisa Cunningham, Ms. Caroline Bosworth  
Genesis Choir and Chancel Choir  
Mr. Paul C. MacPhail, Beadle  
Grandfather Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band  
Johnny Burris, Tari Russell, Tina Boyles, Mike Reuter, Gordon Warburton



# The Processional

THE TARTANS (as listed in the order below)

## Tartan and Pattern

Aberdeen – Modern  
American Bicentennial  
Anderson – Ancient  
Blair – Ancient  
Boyd – Modern  
Buchanan – Hunting  
Cameron – Erracht Modern  
Cameron – Erracht Modern  
Cameron – Modern  
Campbell – Ancient  
Campbell – Dress  
Campbell of Cawdor – Modern  
Carmichael - Ancient  
Clelland - Ancient  
Clergy - Ancient  
Cockburn - Modern  
Cooper - Modern  
Cummings - Modern  
Cunningham  
Douglas – Modern  
Duncan – Ancient  
Elliot - Modern  
Ferguson – Modern  
Graham of Montrose  
Gunn  
Gunn - Ancient  
Hamilton  
Hannay  
Hay – Modern  
Henderson – Modern  
Heriot  
Huntly – Modern  
Johnston – Ancient  
Johnston – Modern  
Keith – Ancient  
Keith – Modern  
Kennedy – Ancient  
Kennedy – Modern  
Kennedy – Weathered  
Lamont – Modern  
  
LaMont - Modern  
Lynch  
MacBain  
MacBain – Modern  
MacBean – Ancient  
MacDonald

## Tartan Donor

*Ann Marie and Jeff Edwards*  
*Jennifer and Joe Biber*  
*Descendants of James Mason Anderson*  
*Bonnie Elrod, Tasha and Tony Hill, Jr., Blair and Jake*  
*Lori and Wallace Boyd*  
*Jennifer and Will Hoy*  
*JoAnne and Bruce Etheredge*  
*Ginger and Beau Shuler*  
*Jeanne and John MacPhail*  
*Carolyn Harris*  
*Judy and Bruce Campbell*  
*Sally and David Dover*  
*Sheila and Alasdair Carmichael*  
*Carlson and Kyle Clelland*  
  
*Pat and John Tatham*  
*Emily and Bryan Pack*  
*Cindy and Bill Cummings*  
*Margie and Rodger Beckett*  
*Susan and John Murphy, Tom Moore Craig*  
*Louisa and David Berry*  
*Andrea and Rob Elliott*  
*Mary and Tommy Stokes*  
*Dodie and George Graham*  
*Martha Swann*  
*Frazier and Jared Wilson*  
*Anne and David Cecil*  
*Cecilia and Troy Hanna*  
*Betty Weller*  
*Ashley and Marty Henderson*  
*Susan Britt and Ann Richards Crenshaw*  
*Beverly Huntley*  
*Jane Johnston Tate and family*  
*Jane Johnston Tate and family*  
*Kristi and Kim Keith*  
*Karen and John Keith*  
*Louisa and David Berry*  
*Louisa and David Berry*  
*Donna and Whit Kennedy*  
*Marianna Black Habisreutinger and family,*  
*Paula Black Baker and family, H. Walter Barre and family*  
*Martha and Frank Waters*  
*Griffin and Jason Lynch*  
*Don Bain*  
*Nancy Bain and Paul Côté*  
*Diane and Bill Bean, Martha and Budge Bean, Betsy Burrell*  
*Marcia and Holt Andrews*

### **Tartan and Pattern**

MacDonald – Clan Modern  
MacDonald – Dress Modern  
MacDonald – Lord of the Isles  
MacDonald of Clan Ranald  
MacDonald of Staffa  
MacDougall – Modern  
MacDuff – Modern  
MacFarlane – Hunting Ancient  
MacFarlane – Modern  
MacFie – Modern  
MacGregor – Modern  
MacIntosh  
Macintosh – Clan Ancient  
MacKay - Ancient  
MacKay - Modern  
MacLellan- Ancient  
MacLeod – Ancient  
MacLeod – Dress Modern  
MacLeod – Green  
MacLeod – Hunting  
MacMillan  
MacNaughton – Ancient  
MacNaughton – Weathered  
MacNeil of Barra – Ancient  
MacNeil of Barra – Modern  
MacPhail – Modern Hunting  
MacPhail – Modern Hunting  
MacPherson – Clan Modern  
MacRae – Ancient Hunting  
MacRae – Hunting Ancient  
MacWilliams – Modern  
Marshall – Ancient  
Maxwell  
Maxwell - Modern  
McAlpine - Ancient  
McCall  
McFadden  
McLeod of Harris - Modern  
Menzies – Black and White Modern  
Moffat  
Morrison - Green Ancient  
Murray – Modern  
Murray of Atholl  
Patterson  
Ramsay – Ancient Blue  
Ramsay – Red Modern  
Robertson – Hunting  
Robertson – Red  
Ross – Hunting Ancient  
Roxboro District – Modern  
Scott – Green Ancient

### **Tartan Donor**

*Lorie and Mack Secord*  
*Alice Eberhardt*  
*Nan and Tom McDaniel*  
*Gloria and Lee Close*  
*June and Bill Bond*  
*Libba and James Glenn*  
*Maxine Nash and Beverly Renfro*  
*Ashley and Ashley Millinor, Charlie and David*  
*Patricia and Tom Webster*  
*Nancy and Rice MacFie*  
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*Libby Adamson*  
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*Betsy and Paul McKee, Andy McKee*  
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*Kay and Don McClure*  
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*Natalie and Steven Mullen*  
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*Gloria and Lee Close*  
*Claire and Kirk Neely*  
*Charlene and Roland Jones*  
*Jennifer and Tim MacPhail*  
*Allyson and Angus D. McPhaul*  
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*Debbie and Craig Kocisko*  
*Meg and Sanders Lee*  
*Mary Helen Dunn and Gregg Wade*  
*Tracy and Tom Hannah*  
*Anne Porcher Perrin*  
*Susan and Ken Couch*  
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*Isabel Robertson Park*  
*Glen Robertson*  
*Libby, Samantha, and Will Pressley*  
*Lisa and George Rutledge*  
*Cathy and Garrett Scott*



### Tartan and Pattern

Smith - Ancient  
Stewart – Hunting  
Stewart – Hunting Ancient  
Tennent  
United States Marine Corps  
Wallace – Ancient Hunting  
Wallace – Modern  
Watson – Ancient  
White – Alisa Red  
Wilson – Ancient

### Tartan Donor

*June and Bill Bond*  
*Jane Johnston Tate and family, Brian D. Tate and family*  
*Rosemary Moody Roberts and Lehman Rowell Moody*  
*Anne and David Cecil*  
*Linda and Jerry Kiehl*  
*Julie and Patrick Martin*  
*Beth and Andy Lancaster, Angie Wallace*  
*Betty and Julian Williams*  
*Donna and Mac White*  
*Jackie and Rick Beltram*

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## Understanding the Kirkin'

**Kirk** is Scottish for church, and the Tartan, with its distinctive cross-lined patterns, represents Scottish clans, families, regions, and regiments. The Kirkin' o' the Tartans was introduced in the United States by Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1941 at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. The ceremony was intended as a service of rededication to Scottish heritage and to historical devotion to God and country.

**Tartans:** Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and Scottish history than the colorful traditions of Highland dress. The tradition of the tartan is ancient, and there are many references to it in early Scottish literature. Ancient tartans were described as “chequered” or “striped” or “sundrie coloured.” The basic pattern of the tartan is the sett, and a sett is repeated until the desired length of material is achieved. For centuries, tartans were part of the everyday attire of the Highland people, and it was there that their use continued and developed to become recognized as a symbol of clan kinship. Tartans are still being developed and registered with the Scottish Tartan Society. A specific tartan exists for those in the ministry and a red, white, and blue tartan was created for the Bicentennial of the United States in 1976.

**Beadle:** During the Middle Ages and throughout the Reformation, ownership of a Bible was rare among the common people. Thus, the Bible of a Kirk was a treasured possession. The reverence toward sacred Scripture and the scarcity of Bibles led to the establishment of a special lay office within the Kirk, known as the Beadle. The Beadle, whose primary duty was to guard and protect the Bible, was usually elected by the Session of the Kirk. The beginning of Worship was marked by the reverent carrying of the Bible into the Kirk and its opening for the morning readings. As the Bible was carried by the Beadle into the Kirk the people stood in respect for the Holy Book. At the conclusion of Worship, the Beadle removed the Bible for safekeeping.

**Bagpipes:** Although bagpipes are ancient and derive from several international sources, the instrument is most frequently associated as the national instrument of Scotland. It has been used for centuries in folk and military music. Clans took great pride in their pipers and the reputation of a clan was based in some extent on the abilities of its pipers.

**John Knox ~ Scottish Reformer:** Knox studied under John Calvin (the father of Presbyterian Theology) in Geneva, Switzerland in the 1550's. Upon returning to Scotland, he wrote the 1564 Book of Church Order and established the first Presbyterian churches. He also was the central theologian for the writing of The Scots Confession. The church spread to Ireland and immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

**Celtic Cross:** The Celtic Cross has long been established with Celtic Christians who trace their origins to the earliest centuries of the Church. Notable examples of this form of the cross are found in Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. The design focuses attention on the head of the cross (the junction between the shaft and the crosspiece), which is enclosed within a circle. It is this circle which is the most distinctive and differentiating feature of the Celtic version. Although the significance is not known with certainty, it likely derives from a Constantinian symbol in which the Chi Rho monogram was surrounded by a golden crown. The circle as a representation of infinity is an emblem of eternal life in Christ's victory over sin and death.

# LIFE @ FIRST

OCTOBER 22, 2017

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## 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 any 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/  
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or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/  
[jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto: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).

## KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

This morning, 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.

## THIS EVENING: CHAMBER SINGERS

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.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - OCTOBER 25

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Salad Bar, Turkey and Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Dessert.* The dinner costs are \$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...).

**Celebration of the Ministry of Penny Wright** - during dinner.

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

**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 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.

## 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 Darrall; 208-2309 / [cdarrall@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cdarrall@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.

## 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 / [doughbaker@bellsouth.net](mailto:doughbaker@bellsouth.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:ssstewart@fpcspartanburg.org).

## RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED FOR CNC

The Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking a slate of nine members from the congregation to replace members who will rotate off the CNC on December 31, 2017. Members will serve for one year and will be charged with the nomination of Church officers. Please email your nomination(s) to Kay McClure ([kaymcclure58@gmail.com](mailto:kaymcclure58@gmail.com)) before noon on Sunday, October 29.

## The Time Has Come

A special thanks to the First Presbyterian Church family for your generous support of this capital campaign. Thank you to our capital campaign consultants, Arthur Alley Associated, led by Mr. Derek Alley, Renovation Project Team Members: David Tate, Chair, David Cecil, Vice Chair, Whit Kennedy, Randall Chambers, Cathy Bagwell, Campaign co-chair, David Beacham, Campaign co-chair, and Cecilia Hanna, Communications Chair.

We are grateful to the church members who volunteered to make follow-up phone calls: Vic Bailey III, Vic Bailey IV, Paula Baker, Jennifer Biber, Billy Blackford, Jane Breeden, Katherine Burns, De Calvert, Gloria Close, Lee Close, Celia Cogdell, Mary Dixon, Alice Eberhardt, Melissa France, Kenny Frick, Scott Heath, Eric Nease, Marsh Rogers, Caroline Smith, Pat Tatham, Linda West, and Tommy Young.

The greatest appreciation goes to staff members Lynise Clarke and Montaigne Hutchins for their time, commitment and dedication, including considerable after-hours time. They created all of the campaign materials in-house and have helped to keep all of us on track throughout the campaign...THANK YOU!!

Our Current Total is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(you may fill in the blank as it is announced).

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

*Celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartans and  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation  
(8:45-11am)  
Sunday School (9:45am)  
Chamber Singers' Concert*

### OCTOBER 25

*Wednesdays at First*

### OCTOBER 27

*Basketball Registrations Due*

### OCTOBER 29

*Congregational Meeting  
Celebration for Jason Moore  
Nominations for CNC Due*

### NOVEMBER 5

*Communion  
All Saints' Day Observed  
Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Men's Breakfast*

### NOVEMBER 11

*Winter Warmth Distribution -  
Volunteers Needed!*

### NOVEMBER 14

*Presbytery Meeting (Easley)*

### NOVEMBER 21

*Communion at White Oak Estates  
Community Thanksgiving Service  
(Mt. Moriah Baptist Church)*

### DECEMBER 5

*JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon*

### 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](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget:	\$2,828,008
Needed weekly:	\$54,385
Received 10/15:	\$37,647

## **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) Missionaries: Judy and Tom Harvey (England) 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 Darrell**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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