



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 29, 2017

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

(11:00) ACOLYTE

Fugue on "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach

(11:00) INTROIT

Psalm 66

Jane Marshall

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

October 29th
is Reformation
Sunday. This year
we celebrate
the 500th
anniversary of
Martin Luther's
95 Theses.

This Fugue by JS
Bach is the gem
of his hymn-
based works,
weaving "Our
God Our Help
in Ages Past"
throughout. It
is comprised
of 3 different
fugue subjects,
representing the
Trinity.

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: God's love surrounds us every day;
our God is merciful and gracious.**

One: Turn your backs upon idols, worship the Holy One of Israel.

**All: Blessed are all who stand in awe before God;
happy are all who walk in his ways.**

One: The love of God has chosen us, the love of God unites us with all.

**All: God is our judge and our source of life;
God is our comfort and our refuge.**

One: Let us worship God.

(based on Psalm 46)

Hymn 634

This hymn and "Blessed Assurance" are among the best-known and most-loved hymn texts of the thousands produced by Fanny J. Crosby. In contrast to many gospel hymns "To God Be the Glory" directs our attention away from personal experience to the glory of God.

† HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come.
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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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1 Peter 4:7-11

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SERMON

500 Years of Reformation: Soli Deo Gloria

Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00)

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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.

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

The tune,
Old 100th is
attributed to
Louis Bourgeois,
John Calvin's
musical
collaborator in
the formation
of the *Genevan
Psalter*, where
this tune first
appeared.

Hymn 275
Martin Luther
wrote both the
tune and the
original German
text, which
was inspired by
Psalm 46. It is
often referred
to as "the battle
hymn" of the
Reformation. It
has had a part
in countless
celebrations
commemorating
the people and
events of the
Reformation;
and its first line is
engraved on the
base of Luther's
monument at
Wittenberg.

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

OFFERTORY

Canon of Praise

Johann Pachelbel

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(11:00) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ein' Feste Burg

David Cherwien

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. Jason C. Moore
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Miss Caroline Colbath, Acolyte
Mr. Holt Andrews, Mrs. Janet Kuntz, Mrs. Penny Wright
Cherub Choir
Chancel Choir

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Michael R. “Mike” Williams by his wife Jan, and his children, Michael E. Williams and Adrienne W. Enger.

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.

COME TO 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

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 young children and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.*

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2212) *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 29, 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, 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 Bldg 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.

TODAY

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS DUE 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) today.

REFORMATION RECITAL

This afternoon the Spartanburg American Guild of Organists will present a hymn festival in honor of the Reformation. The event will be at 4:00pm at St. John Lutheran Church and is free and open to the public. Marcia Andrews and other area organists will perform.

NEXT SUNDAY

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Next Sunday, November 5, please bring canned goods and loose change to Worship to benefit Total Ministries of Spartanburg. As we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong). **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** Some suggestions: Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Soup, and Family-Size Beans and Rice (not 20+lb bags).

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Dr. Lewis Johnson will be the speaker at the Men's Breakfast on Sunday, November 5 at 7:30am in the Social Hall. A delicious breakfast will be prepared by Dick Mahon and crew.

RSVP to Didi Terry; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531.

ALL SAINTS' DAY OBSERVED

During worship on Sunday, November 5 we will read the names of each church member who died in the last year. As we recall their witness, let us also pray for those who love and miss them. In the Chapel and Sanctuary, we will recess to the Columbarium at the close of each service.

BLOOD DRIVE

An Ecumenical Blood Drive will be held next Sunday, 7:30am - 1:30pm in the Family Life Center Gym. Walk-ins are welcome!

For donations by appt, contact Beth Cecil; bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2136.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - NOVEMBER 1

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Menu: *Salad Bar, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, 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...).*

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.

Making the Holidays Holy Days, 6:30pm in the Purnell Room. As we enter the holiday season it is easy to get caught up in the trappings of these days and to miss the deeper meaning. The holidays from Thanksgiving through Epiphany are a holy time. These days provide us with the opportunity for prayer and reflection that will move us to a deeper relationship with God. This is not necessarily the season to be jolly. For many people this is a time of deep sorrow. Yet for all of us these holidays can become holy days. Join us on the first three Wednesday nights of November as Dr. Kirk H. Neely leads the spiritual enrichment seminar.

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.

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.

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).

LIST OF VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL

In honor of Veterans Day, on Sunday, November 12, we would like to recognize church members who have served OR are currently serving in the military. Please submit church members' names and branch of military service by Monday, November 6.

Please submit names to Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

MorningSong Worship (8:45-11am)

Traditional Worship (8:45-11am)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Congregational Meeting

Celebration for Jason Moore

Nominations for CNC Due

NOVEMBER 5

Communion

All Saints' Day Observed

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Men's Breakfast

Blood Drive

NOVEMBER 11

Winter Warmth Distribution -

Volunteers Needed!

NOVEMBER 14

Presbytery Meeting (Easley)

NOVEMBER 15

Evensong

NOVEMBER 21

Communion at White Oak Estates

Community Thanksgiving Service

(Mt. Moriah Baptist Church)

DECEMBER 3

Family Advent Celebration

Chamber Singers' Concert

DECEMBER 5

JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 15

Poinsettia Orders Due

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 10/22: \$64,968

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: Jan Heckler (Madagascar)
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; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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