



# 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

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

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 *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

Brahms

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00)

*Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet, Gabriel*

Traditional Spiritual

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The tender touch of loved ones, the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God...

**All: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,  
the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:  
shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living.**

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God  
who have shown us the Lord.

**All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...  
let us worship God with joy!**

Hymn 687

No matter our  
situation, no  
matter our  
struggles and  
fears, no matter  
doubts, we are  
told to have  
courage, for the  
Lord is our God.  
And as Isaac  
Watts writes so  
powerfully in this  
hymn, our God is  
everlasting, and  
will be our help  
through all of our  
years.

† HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty Lord and God,

in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us,  
calling us to be your faithful people.

Yet we remain shrouded in sin - we hurt and disgrace ourselves;

we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name.

Forgive us; unbind us and let us go

so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing 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

HYMN 326, VERSE 3

SINE NOMINE

*O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ  
our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who  
were near. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ 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: The 1843 Fund

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

8:45

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Luke 6:17-31

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*Saints Alive!*

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

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:  
Clark Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

11:00

#### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 32:14-15

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*The Blessings of the Saints and the Power of Math* Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Soon and Very Soon*

Andraé Crouch

(11:00)

*Sine Nomine*

arr. Earl Rosenberg

#### † 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.*

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Today, we remember and name our members who died in the past year. As we recall their witness, let us also pray for comfort for those who love and miss them.

## THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE (First Part Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

One: Everlasting God, you have invited us to gather at this table

All: **To taste the feast and hold fast to the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.**

One: Time and time again you've offered your grace.

All: **Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people.**

One: You have never left us.

All: **We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.  
You are ever-patient, always faithful.**

One: We give thanks for this time of solemn celebration.

All: **For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
whose abiding presence we remember and share in this meal.**

One: We gather with those present and with those who have gone before us,

All: **Whose hands touched the bread, whose lips received the cup.  
We worship you. We glorify you.**

One: We remember those who have died in the past year.

We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. We give thanks for ...

*James Thomas Adams, Jr.*

*Avril True Alexander*

*William Donald Bain, Jr.*

*Elizabeth Wasden Belk*

*James L. Burnett*

*Mary Joanna Case*

*Bettye Creech Cecil*

*Robert Foster Chapman*

*James David Cobb, Sr.*

*Hilda Tennyson Cope*

*Robert Joseph Corley*

*Betty Breland Elston*

*Grant Edgar Estep*

*James Elmer Fowler, Jr.*

*Lamar Gibbs Hammett*

*Lawrence Ronald Hurst*

*Susan Kilgore Judd*

*Lanie Matthews Kabrick*

*John A. MacPhail*

*James Warren Mullen*

*Kathy Bullman Murphy*

*Edwin Ruthven Pennebaker, Jr.*

*John Erwin Phifer, Sr.*

*Nancy Freeman Rainey*

*John Franklin Renfro, Jr.*

*William Leonard Still*

*Barbara Ann Baldwin Sweeney*

*James Ward Weller*

*Marcus Bertice White*

*Calvin McIntosh Wicker, Jr.*

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### 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.

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

All communion  
bread and  
wafers are  
gluten free.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

(8:45)

*Litany for the Feast of All Saints*

Schubert

(11:00)

*Ave Verum*

W. A. Mozart

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### † HYMN 828

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

(After the Hymn, please recess to the Columbarium.)

---- AT COLUMBARIUM ----

### † HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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*The Flowers in the Sanctuary* are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gay Cecil Frick by Ken and Jeanie Frick, John and Sarah Frick, Jean Cecil Frick, and Jamie and Alex Stacy.

*Thanks to Janet Kuntz, conductor, and Bruce Campbell, organist,* for providing musical leadership this morning while Holt and Marcia are away.

*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.

### Hymn 828

In 1856, Elizabeth Prentiss was going through a time of intense suffering, and hurriedly wrote this hymn as a prayer expressing her devotion to Christ. However, she did not show it to anyone until 1869, when it was completed and published as a leaflet.

### **PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

8:45

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Ellie Hallenbeck  
Craig Long  
John Verreault  
Genesis Choir

11:00

Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Will Manello  
Anna Camille Elliott  
Junior Chorists  
Chancel Choir



# LIFE @ FIRST

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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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, 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](mailto: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](http://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

### ALL SAINTS' DAY OBSERVED

During worship, 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.

### HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN 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).

### BLOOD DRIVE

An Ecumenical Blood Drive will be held today through 1:30pm in the Family Life Center Gym. If you have not signed up to make a blood donation, walk-ins are welcome! Head to the gym to volunteer...it doesn't take very long and you could make an impact on 3 lives.

### GRIEF AND GRACE BOOKLET AVAILABLE

*Grief and Grace: A Faith Journal* is now available to you as a resource for your grief journey. The journal is a compilation of stories from church members of their own experiences with grief and healing. Copies are available in displays near the Sanctuary. This booklet is sponsored by the Women's Ministry Committee in celebration of All Saints' Day and the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg.

## PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS ON ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day. The Chapel will be open all day on election day (as it is every week day) so that you may have a place to spend time in prayer. The Prayer Committee urges church members to pray for our community, state, and nation as they cast their votes.

## LIST OF VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL

In honor of Veterans Day, on Sunday, November 11, 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 5.

*Please submit names to Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/[jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto: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. Partnering with Solid Rock International, we send 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](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/serve/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic)*

## HOPE FOR CHILDREN LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER 7

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

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

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - NOVEMBER 7

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

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

**Children's Choirs** meet at 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room.

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

**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.

**How Do We Experience God?** 6:30pm, Purnell Room. Come hear about Tom's Sabbatical Project. Learn how his tour through cathedrals in Europe inspired the topic. He will explain the research project he will be conducting: How the church can help people experience God, walk with God, and build the Kingdom of God. He will be conducting research, writing, and engaging in spiritual reflection through the National Parks as he crosses the country by train.

## 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).*

## 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.

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 4

*All Saints' Day Observed*

*MorningSong Worship  
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)*

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

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Fellowship (10:30am-Perrin Room)*

### NOVEMBER 10

*Winter Warmth Distribution*

### NOVEMBER 11

*Youth Sunday*

### NOVEMBER 20

*Spartanburg Community  
Thanksgiving Service*

### NOVEMBER 29

*Prayer Coffee*

### DECEMBER 4

*JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon*

### DECEMBER 5

*White Gift Service*

### DECEMBER 16

*Moravian Love Feast*

### FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

*Women's Retreat*

*A complete calendar is available at  
[fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](https://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sun, Nov 4	Ezekiel 8, 9 / Psalm 119:121-144
Mon, Nov 5	Ezekiel 10, 11 / James 3
Tues, Nov 6	Ezekiel 12, 13 / James 4
Wed, Nov 7	Ezekiel 14, 15 / James 5
Thurs, Nov 8	Ezekiel 16, 17 / Psalm 119:145-176
Fri, Nov 9	Ezekiel 18, 19 / 1 Peter 1
Sat, Nov 10	Ezekiel 20, 21 / 1 Peter 2

## 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**

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### SESSION

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

**Class of 2019:** Lee Close, Celia Cogdell, Suzy Cole, Andrew Darr, Melissa France, Laura Henthorn, Whit Kennedy, Craig Long, Jason Lynch, Ashley Millinor, Bert Moore, Steven Richards, Jessalyn Story, Monica Threatt, Linda West

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

### DIACONATE

**Class of 2018:** Katherine Burns, Harry Clayton, Molly Colbath, Mary Deller, John Donovan, Phillip Glover, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Eunice Knouse, Tommy Rudeen, Denise Stevens, John Tatham, Alan Workman

**Class of 2019:** Will Adair, Vic Bailey, Steven Blanton, Bill Cummings, Chris Curtis, Carroll Easterling, Rob Elliot, John Faris, Dana Halliday, Andy Halligan, Catherine Johnson, Bryan Pack, Kristen Raynor, Leah Rigsby, Marsh Rogers

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

## STAFF

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



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