



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

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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

(11:00) ACOLYTE

Sine Nomine

arr. Matthew H Corl

(11:00) INTROIT

A Gift to You

Frank Hernandez

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

One: In life and in death

All: **We belong to God.**

One: Baptized into Christ’s death

All: **We live unto Him.**

One: Come, let us Worship God!

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

All Saints’ Day is a time to give thanks for all who 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.

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

Hymn 620

In the mid-nineteenth century, the pressure was on hymn writers to keep their versifications of psalms as close to the Scriptural text as possible. Henry F. Lyte decided he could maintain the spirit of these beautiful texts while still using his own words. This hymn is one such paraphrase. The text speaks to the love of God and our dependence on Him in a clear and imaginative way.

† HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God,

in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

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: 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proverbs 17:22

SERMON

Wisdom for Life: A Cheerful Heart

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

(11:00)

Wayfarin' Stranger

Craig Zamer

† 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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.**

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.

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.

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.

All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.

Hymn 326
The stanzas of this hymn describe the common life of all the saints: the credit due to Jesus Christ for drawing us all to Him, the strength and guidance we continue to draw from Him, our joint communion in Christ, the continuing struggle against evil, and the coming day when the dead shall rise and we shall all worship together before God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. No matter what path each of us travels, we all will enjoy the same glorious eternal life.

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 ...

Virdith Anne Bates

Bess M. Caldwell

Bessie Seay Cecil

John "Jackson" Hoffman Coleman IV

Fred "Mickey" Goode

Henry Fisher Myers

William Odell Pressley

William Poole Smith

Betty Gowan Burris

James William Carter

Robert Hett Chapman III

George Z Dunn

Peter Muller

William Clifton Neal

Jane Lineberger Pridgeon

Margaret McCarley Wagner

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!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 326

For All the Saints

Verses 1, 3, and 5

SINE NOMINE

(After Hymn 326, 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, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of 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.*

*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

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Mr. Lane Greer
Miss Rookhie Sullivan, Acolyte
Genesis Choir
Junior Choristers
Chancel Choir
PattyAnn Hevener and Reel Robertson

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Sally Johnson Breeden and Joseph Michael Lightsey and in honor of Mrs. William Woodward Johnson and in loving memory of Mr. William Woodward Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carlton Breeden, Mr. and Mrs. James Joseph Lightsey, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clelon Mathis, Sr.

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.

LIFE @ FIRST

NOVEMBER 5, 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

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.

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS ON ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 7 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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - NOVEMBER 8

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Apples, Bread, Dessert.* 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.

WINTER WARMTH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

THIS 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. **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.

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.**

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

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The ShelbyNext Membership App is available for both Apple and Android devices. Through this app you can search an always up-to-date membership directory, modify your own information, contribute to the church's mission, view your contribution history, and print contribution statements.

After you download and launch the app, enter "firstpres" for the domain and your username and password. To login, you must have a valid email address in our church database. *For detailed info: fpcspartanburg.org/discover/member-login.*

CHESTNUT STREET PARKING SAFETY CONCERN

Please make a point to remove all parked cars from the Chestnut Street parking spaces before 11:45am each weekday. Parked cars in the pick-up line create a dangerous situation both for children and motorists.

WOULD YOU LIKE FLOWERS WITH THAT?

On Monday mornings, members of the Mobile Meals Flower Committee use the blossoms and greens that adorned the Sanctuary on Sunday to make small arrangements for Mobile Meals recipients. We have no special talent - just a heartfelt desire to spread God's love throughout our community.

If you would like to join us in this ministry, contact Carol Gutman; 864-542-8653 / degutman@charter.net.

HAITI AND DR MISSION TRIPS...

Now is the time to sign up for next year's Haiti (January 24-31, 2018) and Dominican Republic (February 3-10, 2018) Mission trips. There are lots of different kinds of jobs on each of these trips and either is sure to be a life-changing experience.

Haiti: fpcspartanburg.org/care/a-world-in-need/haiti

DR: fpcspartanburg.org/care/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MorningSong Worship (8:45-11am)

Traditional Worship (8:45-11am)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Communion

All Saints' Day Observed

Daylight Saving 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

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Services:

MorningSong Worship (11:00am)

Traditional Worship (11:00am)

Family Service (4:00pm)

Candlelight Services (6:30-11:00pm)

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 10/29: \$32,207

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, This week, please pray for this PC(USA) Missionary: Josh Heikkila (Ghana)
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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