



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 11, 2018 YOUTH 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
ACOLYTE (11:00)

Blessings

Laura Story

INTROIT (11:00)

Do You Hear the Shepherd?

Kimberly Ingram

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God of all ages and all generations, we come to worship you.
All: **Women, men, youth, and children bow before you, the only wise God.**
One: Our fore parents led the way for spiritual awareness and growth.
All: **We try to follow in their footsteps recognizing you as God of all.**
One: As we worship you, all your attributes of glory, mercy, and love show forth.
All: **We humble ourselves in your holy presence, because you are awesome.**
One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

Our Book of Order tells us that young people “bring special gifts to worship and grow in the faith through their regular inclusion and participation in worship.” This week we receive those special gifts as a congregation, discovering the special word God has given them. Let us all give thanks today for the gift of these faithful young people carrying the Spirit of God within them.

The Acolyte brings the light of God into the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service and carries the light of God out into the world at the end of the service.

Using imagery
of Christ as the
giver of living
water and
the shepherd
gathering his
sheep back into
the fold, this
hymn reminds
the worshipper
of the ever-
bountiful grace
of God. We
are "prone to
wander," but
God continues
to bring us back
until we dance
forever before
the mount of His
redeeming love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Heavenly Father,

like a good parent you call us to you
to guide and protect us, to nourish and lead us.

Brother Jesus,

like a caring elder brother you call us to you
to serve us and help us, to cheer us and invite us.

Healing Spirit,

you call us to you
to move us ever closer into fellowship with you and each other.

Yet like unruly children we strain at your guidance,

we try to break away and do it ourselves.

We feel our strength

and imagine ourselves to be all powerful.

We rejoice in our life

and imagine ourselves to be immortal.

We know our talents

and want to be independent rather than depend on you.

Before we know it, we are in the grip of other powers,

leading us away from your loving ways into the slavery of selfish greed,
adoring false gods of youthfulness, materialism, and power.

Lord, forgive us and free us.

Open our eyes to your wisdom which knows true leadership to be service.

Open our hearts that we may learn that neither race or tribe, culture or religion
are barriers to separate us, but that we are all one family in your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 1, VERSE 4

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and
share the peace of Christ. 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

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

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:17; Acts 1:8

SERMON

What Youth Has Taught Me

Miss Elizabeth S. White

Miss Ellen M. White

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-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location:
Clark Building,
2nd floor.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (from "A Brief Statement of Faith", Book of Confessions)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Adagio from Sonata IV

Archangelo Corelli

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 327, VERSE 1

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 305

Hymn author,
Brian Dill, served
as Associate
Pastor of North
Lakeland
Presbyterian
Church and
then as pastor
at Chapel in the
Grove, Lakeland,
Florida. "Come
Sing, O Church,
In Joy" was
the 1989
bicentennial
hymn for the
Presbyterian
Church (USA).

† HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 701

SANCTUARY

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Miss Anna E. Beeson, Miss Elizabeth M. Cann, Miss Reagan Collins, Mr. Ariel N. Druley,
Mr. E. Elias Page, Miss Elizabeth C. Rogers, Mr. Marshall C. Rogers III,
Miss Elizabeth S. White, Miss Ellen M. White

Miss Caroline H. Colbath, Acolyte

Miss Abigail E. Henthorn, Mr. J. William Beeson III, Mr. John R. Kuntz
Cherub Choir

Rev. Joanne R. Hull and Mr. A. Mark Ashby

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

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jane J. Tate by David Tate and her loving family.

For the hearing impaired: For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit. Our Sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. If your hearing aid or cochlear device is equipped with T-coil technology, please switch it to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position for improved hearing during the service. Hearing aid devices are also available in the Narthex and Tower Room. Please ask an usher and return these to the Usher Stands when you exit.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Nursery</u> (Birth-2K) 1 st Floor Clark Building	<u>Preschool</u> (3K-5K) 1 st Floor Clark Building
<u>Elementary</u> (1 st -5 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Clark Building	<u>Youth</u> (6 th -12 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Family Life Center

ADULTS

*Sunday mornings offer classes designed to help men and women grow their faith through study and discussion.
Want more information? Visit our website at fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults.*

BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210) *A talented and experienced teaching team leads this class for those who want to study the Bible in-depth, book by book.*

CHOIR CLASS (Room 2208) *This class uses the Uniform Lesson Series to frame their study and application of Bible texts to daily living. They meet from 10:00 to 10:30am to accommodate choir members, but anyone can join.*

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Room C212) *This class explores and studies contemporary issues from a variety of perspectives using the Bible, the Christian faith and life, the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, and World Christianity to form its conclusions.*

EMMAUS CLASS (Room 2207) *Join us on our journey as we welcome everyone, with eyes open towards Jesus. We are the loud class at the end of the hall, enjoying fellowship, coffee, and a fresh, new, scripture-based lesson each week.*

FAITH DRIVEN (Room C210) *This class is largely made up of parents of children and youth and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.*

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2201) *Special, distinctive, and important: The host presents a scholarly and factual study of selected books of the Bible presented with a mature flair and wisdom. All ages feel at home with this loyal group.*

OPEN CLASS (Room 2213) *A small-group discussion of Christian themes in literature; open to all ages and points of view.*

PURNELL CLASS (Purnell Room) *For a hymn sing and an excellent Bible lesson, join this faithful group of men and women.*

NOTE: All rooms with a C in the room number are located on the 2nd floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2nd floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

LIFE @ FIRST

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Complete details at www.fpcspartanburg.org.
Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! **Please sign the Fellowship Pad** so that we may contact you.

For more information about First Presbyterian, see one of the Greeters holding the baskets.

JOINING FIRST PRES...

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, please come to the Church Library on the second Sunday of any month at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you.

Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125 / jhull@fpcspartanburg.org.

PASTORS ON-CALL

If you have a Pastoral Emergency after 5:00pm during the week or anytime over the weekend or on holidays, please call 208-2142. The message will be sent to the pastoral care team member who is on-call.

FOR PARENTS

Nursery Care is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for children six weeks through three years old.

Rainbow Worship Bags are provided for your child to use during worship. Please return the bag to the baskets after worship. The bulletins are for your child to keep.

Online Games are available at: www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com. Enter the code found at the bottom right of each child's bulletin in the Rainbow Worship Bags. This code is unique to our church.

LIST OF VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL

As we celebrate Veterans Day this weekend, we are grateful to the following church members who have served or are serving in the military:

Army: Jimmy Anderson, Vic Bailey III, Ross H. Bayard, David P. Berry, De Calvert, Gordon G. Cooper, Christopher McKee Dixon, Joe P. Dunn, Edd Ervin, Phillip N. Glover, Guy Brandt Goodwin, Edward L. Holcombe, Robin DesChamps Hood, Don J. Jolley, C. Roland Jones Jr, Jack Keith, Jeffrey M. Kuntz, John A. MacPhail, Hank Mason (National Guard), Jack Mason, Don McClure, Paul Andrew McKee III (Andy), Herbert Bays Moore Jr (Bert), Charlie Morris, Douglas Nash, Becky Pittman, Darwin H. Simpson, John Tatham (and SC National Guard), Terry Thruston, Jimmy Trout (and SC National Guard), Robert F. Turner

Navy: Stan Baker, Howard Carlisle Bean Jr (Reserve), William W. (Bill) Burns, Jarrett P. Dunn, George M. Holbrook, George Edward Moseley, Hollis Taylor

Air Force: Mitch Allen, Joseph S. Correll III (and NC National Guard), John W. Hill III, Robert N. Maddox, Mack D. Secord

Marine Corps: Gerald Keihl, Stephen F. Shaw (Reserves)

TODAY IS ORPHAN SUNDAY

On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for children who've lost the protection and care of family. We are a people called to defend the fatherless...to protect the vulnerable...to visit orphans in their distress (Isaiah 1:17; James 1:27). Please be in prayer for orphans in our county, state, country, and world. If you would like to "do more," please consider donating to the Thornwell Home Offering.

THORNWELL HOME OFFERING

Today, the children will receive the traditional turkey cards for donation to Thornwell Home. Sunday, November 18, is the date for return. Send your stuffed turkey cards to your child's Sunday School class or bring them with you to worship and place them in the offering plate. This is an annual children's offering for the work and mission of Thornwell, a community of believers that seeks to reach hurting children and families. However, the FPC children invite every child of God (regardless of age) to participate! You may pick up your turkey card from the table outside the church offices.

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 175th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Tuesday, November 20, 6:00-8:30pm, the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (161 N. Dean St). This annual service provides an opportunity for the community to gather together to collectively give thanks. All proceeds from the evening's offering will benefit SWITCH, an organization that fights human trafficking and sexual exploitation. SWITCH will use the funds to support its intervention program in the Spartanburg County Detention Center, providing trauma-informed care to women who are incarcerated and have a history of sexual exploitation. The Spartanburg County Foundation will match the offering - up to \$5,000.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

As women, we long for fruitful and meaningful relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors but can easily feel depleted by the demands and to-dos. At our weekend-long women's retreat in Hendersonville, the Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross will lead us in a time of digging more deeply into the relationships in our lives. This will be a weekend full of fun, fellowship, food, and relaxation with one another. Come to this wonderful weekend away!

Register Online through the Church Website.

Questions? Contact Shannon in the church office; ssewart@fpcspartanburg.org.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - NOVEMBER 14

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** Salad Bar, Pot Roast, Rice, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert. Meal costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required; you are welcome to pre-pay online. We take credit/debit cards, and also welcome cash and check.

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- 5th 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.

Why Interfaith Relationships are Important to the Community 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Come hear our InterFaith Alliance panelists share about these various faiths/denominations: Islam, Hinduism, Jewish, Catholic, Latter-Day Saints & Episcopalian. It will be a great opportunity to learn how all are both unique and similar.

Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm, Chapel. Contemplative prayer is a spiritual practice that opens us to the presence and guidance of God. Join Dr. John Simmons in exploring this rich spiritual practice. John is a member of Central Methodist Church and leads retreats on spiritual development.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE DR MISSION TRIP

Please join other members on our annual international mission to the Dominican Republic, February 2-9. Partnering with Solid Rock International, we send a team to provide medical and dental services, as well as build construction projects.

More Info? www.fpcspartanburg.org/serve/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 11

Youth Sunday

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

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

Youth Sunday Night Fellowship

NOVEMBER 13

*Presbytery Meeting
(Eastminster, Simpsonville)*

NOVEMBER 20

*White Oak Communion Service;
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.*

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sun, Nov 11	Ezekiel 22, 23 / Psalms 120-122
Mon, Nov 12	Ezekiel 24, 25 / 1 Peter 3
Tues, Nov 13	Ezekiel 26, 27 / 1 Peter 4
Wed, Nov 14	Ezekiel 28, 29 / 1 Peter 5
Thurs, Nov 15	Ezekiel 30, 31 / Psalms 123-125
Fri, Nov 16	Ezekiel 32, 33 / 2 Peter 1
Sat, Nov 17	Ezekiel 34, 35 / 2 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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