



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 12, 2017

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 *"Allegro con brio" from Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00) ACOLYTE

(11:00) INTROIT *Let Praise Be the First Word*

Mark Patterson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Choose this day whom you will serve.

All: **We will love and serve the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God!

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

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

Van Dyke's text
is a multi-layered
poem of praise;
a beautiful
hymn of praise
from all of
Creation. The all-
encompassing
text is meant
to show the
interplay
between the joy
given to God
by His creation,
and the joy we
receive through
this creation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light,
and walk in your ways.
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 494, VERSE 5

QUEBEC

*O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright.
O chase the night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
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: THORNWELL

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Lila Kreswell Calicutt
Daughter of Leslie and Russ Calicutt

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proverbs 17:22

ANTHEM

(8:45)

Faint Not, Fear Not

Henry Smart

(11:00)

You Have Searched Me

Michael Joncas

SERMON

Wisdom for Life: A Cheerful Heart

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

OFFERTORY

Andante Religioso
(Mvt. II from Sonata No. 4)

Felix Mendelssohn

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

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.

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.

† 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.

Hymn 652

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BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 652

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY *"Allegro maestoso e vivace" from Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Miss Katie Reynolds, Acolyte
Senior Choristers
Mrs. Penny Wright and Mr. Holt Andrews
Miss Katie Jo O'Neal and Mr. Paul MacPhail
Chancel Choir

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: 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

NOVEMBER 12, 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.

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, James L. Burnett (POW), De Calvert, Hon. Gordon G. Cooper, Christopher McKee Dixon, Joe P. Dunn, Edd Ervin, Phillip N. Glover, Edward L. Holcombe, Robin DesChamps Hood, Don J. Jolley, C. Roland Jones, Jr., Jeffrey M. Kuntz, John A. MacPhail, Paul Andrew McKee, III (Andy), Herbert Bays Moore, Jr. (Bert), Douglas Nash, Darwin H. Simpson, John Tatham (and SC National Guard), Terry Thruston, Robert F. Turner

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

Air Force: Don Bain (Army Air Corps), Joseph S. Correll III (and NC National Guard), John W. Hill, III, Robert N. Maddox, Ned Pennebaker (Army Air Corps), Mack D. Secord

Marine Corps: Stephen F. Shaw (Reserves)

THORNWELL OFFERING

Today, during Worship, the children will receive the traditional turkey cards for donation to Thornwell. **Sunday, November 19, is the date for return.** Please bring your stuffed turkey cards 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 seek 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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - NOVEMBER 15

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** Salad Bar, Pot Roast, Rice, Green Beans, 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...).**

Evensong: 5:15pm in the Chapel. This is a contemplative service of song, prayer, and communion.

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 Sanctuary. 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 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. Join us on the first three Wednesday nights of November as Dr. Kirk H. Neely leads the spiritual enrichment seminar.

Sit 'n Stitch: Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF dinner calories on the walking track.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

MorningSong Worship (8:45&11am)
Traditional Worship (8:45&11am)
Sunday School (9:45am)
Real Life

NOVEMBER 14

Presbytery Meeting (Easley)

NOVEMBER 15

Evensong

NOVEMBER 21

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

NOVEMBER 22

No WAF

DECEMBER 3

Family Advent Celebration
Chamber Singers' Concert

DECEMBER 5

JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 6

Last WAF
White Gift Service

DECEMBER 10

Moravian Love Feast

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 11/5: \$54,388

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Tuesday, November 21, the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will begin at 6:30pm and will be hosted by Mt Moriah Baptist Church (445 S Church St). This annual service provides an opportunity for the community to gather together to collectively give thanks. The Spartanburg County Foundation matches the offering given, up to \$5,000.

KEY-CARD ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Please bring your Sonitrol Card on Wednesday night – and other days during the work week. During WAF, the doors to the Family Life Center (in other words, the gateway to the food!) will be unlocked and monitored, but other outside doors will be locked. This may be a little bit of an inconvenience for all of us, until we get used to it, but if you have your Sonitrol card with you and the church is open, the doors to the Tower Room, the Chestnut Street Door, the door near the elevator/Purnell Room, and the door to the Clark Building are accessible.

To obtain a Key Card, please contact Didi Terry;
dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 593-4531.

CHAMBER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets for the Chamber Singers Christmas concert, *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, are now available. The concert will be held in the Chapman Center on Sunday, December 3 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds go to benefit Mobile Meals of Spartanburg.

Tickets are available in the church office, during the week.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A NEW COAT

Please help us keep the children of Spartanburg warm this winter. The annual Winter Warmth Project of First Presbyterian Church was held on Sat, Nov 11. We distributed over 900 coats to children from all Spartanburg County School Districts. For a gift of \$35, you can be a part of providing a new warm coat for a child in need. We are pleased to offer this as a Christmas gift. You may give a coat in honor or in memory of another and we will acknowledge this gift with a beautifully illustrated card to the person named.

I enclose \$_____ to buy ____ coat(s) at \$35 each.

Name _____

Phone _____

My gift is made in Honor of: _____

Please send gift acknowledgement to:

Name _____

Address _____

My gift is made in Memory of: _____

Please send gift acknowledgement to:

Name _____

Address _____

Mail or bring this form to: First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Winter Warmth
393 E Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29302

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: Sarah Henken (Colombia/Andean Region) 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. 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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