



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 17, 2019

11:00AM - SANCTUARY

ORDINATION OF JAMES ROBERT BANNAN, JR.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: I was glad when they said to me,
All: **“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Glory to God

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Shelby Worst

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
All: **Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
One: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
All: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**
One: Let us worship God!

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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn 35

Psalms 150, ends with this invitation: “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” As we sing these words, we join with the voices, in many languages, of millions who have gone before us, and those across the globe, to sing these great words of thanksgiving and honor to the God who created us, protects us, and befriends us.

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

During the **Word for Children**, all children are invited to come to the front. Afterwards, 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.

We welcome **Rev. De'Shun Kilgore** to the pulpit today. Rev. Kilgore was born and raised in Greenville, SC. He is a 2017 Graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained pastor in the Christian Church Disciples of Christ denomination. He currently works as a chaplain at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, as well as a chaplain for the Department of Health Preparedness and Emergency Response Team in Dallas. De'Shun is a Captain in the United States Air Force reserves where he serves as a chaplain.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE: HYMN 475, VERSE 3

NETTLETON

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ, let us share that grace with each other. 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: WINTER WARMTH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Robert Dean Shuler*
Son of Elizabeth and Bert Shuler

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *God Reveal Your Presence*

Joachim Neander

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:5; John 15:16

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

May I Take Your Order

Rev. W. De'Shun Kilgore

ANTHEM

Called Me Higher

Leslie Jordan and David Leonard

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION

INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PASTOR

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- i. Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

- a. Do we, the members of the church, accept Robert Bannan as our Associate Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
- b. Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**
- c. Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the Word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

How Lovely are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

† DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God above, Ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN

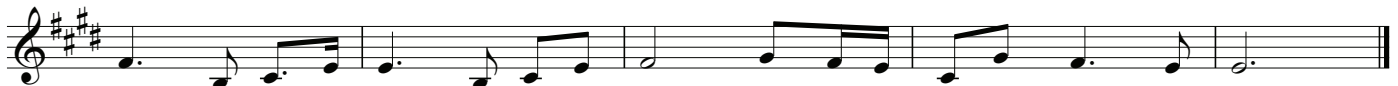
In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

(Please join in the refrain below upon direction.)



1. What heights of love, what depths of — peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
2. And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
3. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of — man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Reverend James Robert Bannan, Jr.

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

*Eternal Father, guide our way,
Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace,
Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

David Cherwien

PRESBYTERY COMMISSION AND GUESTS

Rev. W. De'Shun Kilgore
Reserve Chaplain, Captain,
US Air Force Reserve

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Senior Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

Rev. William A. Nickles
Member-at-Large,
Foothills Presbytery

Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Associate Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

Rev. Adam J. Shortley
Associate Pastor,
New Life Covenant Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Suzanne B. Cole
Ruling Elder,
First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

Mrs. Amanda L. Bennett
Ruling Elder,
Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster; Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Mrs. Alexa Pack, Ms. Allie McCown, Dr. Aundie Bishop
Miss Jennifer A. Overman
Mr. Jacob W. Bannan, Acolyte

Janet Kuntz, Guest Director; Erica Pauly, Guest Organist

Chancel Choir; Handbell Choir
Kendal Agnew, clarinet; Holly Bannan and Landon Hammett; Abbie Loscuito

*You are cordially invited to a
Celebration Reception in
Honor of
The Reverend James Robert Bannan, Jr.
in the Perrin Room, Parlor, and Courtyard
immediately following today's worship service.*

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Erik Hudson Neely by his 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.*

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

LIFE @ FIRST

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST

Mark your calendars for another season of great food, fellowship, and programming! See the November edition of First News for menus and programming options.

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Meal costs are \$8 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$7 for Seniors (55 and over), \$5 for Children - limit of \$25 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations. Nov 20: Chili and Baked Potato Bar

Evening Activities Include: Children's Choirs, Christian Recreation for Children (CRC), Nursery Care (6 months - 3K), Youth Fellowship, Sit 'n Stitch, Wednesday Walkers, and ...

November 13: Enriching Advent: 6:30pm, Purnell Room. Advent is an important time in the church year when we learn to wait and watch for the coming of Christ. But too often it simply gets absorbed into the business of the holidays. Come explore how we can cultivate peace amid the craziness and find the God for whom we have been searching and waiting.

THORNWELL HOME OFFERING

Last Sunday, children received the traditional turkey cards for donations to Thornwell Home. **Next Sunday, November 24, 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.

SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This annual ecumenical service provides an opportunity for members of the community to worship together and give thanks. All proceeds taken during the evening's offering will benefit P.S. I Love You® Ministries, a faith-based organization whose mission is to support the foster family. As a sponsor of this event, The Spartanburg County Foundation matches the plated offering from the night of the service dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000. This year, the service will be **Tuesday, November 26, 6:30-8:00pm, at Central United Methodist Church.**

If you would like to participate in the Interdenominational Choir, please contact Dr. Keith Jones; keith.jones@converse.edu. If you would like to be a Greeter, contact Jasmine Guest; jguest@spcf.org / 864.582.0138.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY - 4TH TUESDAY

On Tuesday, November 26, we will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal at the Neighborhood Meal Ministry in the Arthur Center. Food donations and volunteers are needed.

For more information and to donate or volunteer, please contact Will DeLaney, Beth Perry, and Tina Hamilton (4thTuesdaySoupKitchen@gmail.com).

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 17

Worship
(11:00am - Sanctuary)
Ordination of J. Robert Bannan, Jr.

NOVEMBER 20

WAF

NOVEMBER 17

NOVEMBER 26

Community Thanksgiving Service

DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 8

Handel's Messiah
in Traditional Services

DECEMBER 8

Family Advent Celebration

DECEMBER 11

White Gifts Service; Last WAF

DECEMBER 15

Moravian Love Feast

DECEMBER 18

Service of Comfort and Light

DECEMBER 22

MorningSong Lessons and Carols

DECEMBER 24

Angel Tree Distribution
Christmas Eve Services
(Family Service at 4:00pm
Candlelight Services at 6:00 & 11:00pm)

DECEMBER 29

ONE Worship Service at 11:00am
(no Sunday School)

A complete calendar is available at
fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

FINANCIAL NEWS

(as of November 11, 2019)

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835
Needed: \$2,616,780
Received: \$2,132,799
Deficit <\$483,981>

There are 7 Sundays Left in the Year

2020 Proposed Budget: \$3,131,592
Pledges Received: \$1,419,486 (45%)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPARTANBURG, SC

Please help us keep the children of Spartanburg warm this winter. The annual Winter Warmth Project of First Presbyterian Church was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Over 1,000 students from all seven Spartanburg County School Districts were registered to receive a warm winter coat. We need your help. For a gift of \$35.00, you can be a part of providing a new warm coat for a child in need.

To donate, fill out the form below and mail or bring to:

First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Lynise Clarke
393 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302

I am enclosing \$_____

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Blank acknowledgement cards are available with all donations. Contact Church Financial Officer, Lynise Clarke (lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org) to arrange to pick up your cards.

Please note: Acknowledgement Cards will no longer be mailed from the church.

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: Quarterly 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; Kairos Prison Ministry; MLK, Jr. Celebration

Education: Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); 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 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, Martha Bean, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

Class of 2021: Ali Beeson, David Berry, Cam Cecil, Blair Clementson, Sally Dover, Callie Hammett, Josh Jones, Stan Lummus, Donna Pulliam, Reel Robertson, Richard Strasburger, Charlotte Verreault, Ben Wall, Tom Webster, Lewis White

DIACONATE

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, Sharon Hill, Brenda James, Andy Lancaster, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters, Hannah Zimmerman

Class of 2021: David Berry Jr., Katherine Burns, Jeff Cleland, Mary Grace Close, Molly Colbath, Tres Cox, Hamp Crow, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Will Hoy, Beau Shuler, Denise Stevens, Alan Workman

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Leslie A. Lang**, Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions; **Mr. J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Youth and Campus Ministries; **Rev. Ansley B. Page**, Pastoral Associate; **Mr. R. Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mrs. Holly M. Bannan**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Mrs. Carrie H. Coleman**, Youth Program Administrator; **Ms. Beth S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Mrs. Colleen M. Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Mrs. C. Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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