



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 18, 2018

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

(8:45)

Now Thank We All Our God

James Kimball

(11:00)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Ron Mallory

ACOLYTE

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Each day is a gift from God,
All: **each moment is that opportunity
to reach out in service to all creation.**

One: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:
All: **not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts, filled with joy and hope.**

One: Each day we draw closer to God:
All: **who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

One: Let us worship God!

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

Hymn 367

This hymn was written in rural England in the mid-nineteenth century, when the life of the village during the winter depended on the bounty of the autumn harvest. While the first stanza of this hymn rejoices over the harvest, the last three stanzas expound on the reminder this image gives of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds in Matthew 13. The hymn concludes with a prayer that the final harvest at His Second Coming would happen soon.

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.

† HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Redeeming God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;
we have strayed from your commandments.

Do not remember our sins,

but forgive our iniquities,
that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more.

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Winter Warmth

8:45

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:11-18

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes

K. Lee Scott

SERMON

*Tattoos on the Heart
(A Borrowed Title)*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

11:00

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Bennett Lawrence Boles
Son of Laura and Baker Boles
Charles Warren Wilkins
Son of Melissa and Jon Wilkins

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:11-18

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes

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SERMON

Forgiven and Forgotten

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

James Kimball

(11:00)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Sandra Eithun

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 607

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.*

† 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 643

† HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Author Martin Rinkart was a minister in the city of Eilenburg during the Thirty Years War. He wrote this hymn to be a prayer said before meals. All blessings, those as small as a dinner meal or as large as the end of a brutal war, are reasons to lift up our thanks to God, with our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 307, VERSE 1

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Carlisle

Healey Willan

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson and Rev. Christi O. Brown
Dr. Thomas E. Evans and Rev. L. Craig Foster
Dr. Aundie L. Bishop and Mrs. Alexandra C. Pack
Mrs. Patricia K. Tatham, Elder, and Mr. Wade Cooper Neely, Acolyte
Genesis Choir
Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God, in celebration of the marriage of Joseph Porter Durham III and Martha Avent "Mamie" Bomar and in memory of Ms. Mary Jo Stroud Poston, Dr. Howard Henry Poston, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Horace Leland Bomar, Jr., Meredith Millspaugh Durham, Mrs. Martin Laurence Millspaugh, Jr., and Mr. Joseph Porter Durham.

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.

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 18, 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.

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 20

WHITE OAK COMMUNION SERVICE

At 4:00pm, join FPC for our annual Thanksgiving Communion Service at White Oak Estates (400 Webber Road), in the Dining Room of the Nursing Center. All who have a family member or friend in any of the facilities at White Oak are encouraged to attend with their loved one.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (161 N. Dean St), 6:00-8:30pm. 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.

NO WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST THIS WEEK - NOV 21

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - NOVEMBER 28

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Fried Chicken & Gravy, Copper Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Bread and 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.

Help Deck the Halls 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Come deck the Sanctuary for Christmas. Learn to make wreath bows and to set-up the aisle candles.

A Thanksgiving Story or Two 6:30pm, Fogartie Hall. Join us around the tables after supper for stories about the season of Thanksgiving. Even though Thanksgiving Day will have passed and the first Sunday of Advent is still to come, storyteller Dr. Kirk Neely will share some of his favorites to remind us that Thanksgiving is never out of season.

Weekly Sermon Bible Study 6:30pm, Parlor. Led by Dr. Tom Evans, this is a time of prayer and fellowship before we dive into upcoming sermon text. Together, we explore the passage and wrestle over what it means for our lives today.

THORNWELL HOME OFFERING

Last week, the children received the traditional turkey cards for donation to Thornwell Home. You may turn in those cards to your child's Sunday School class or place them in the Offering Plate today. 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.

WINTER WARMTH MISSION

Our annual Winter Warmth Project was held on Saturday, November 10. Over 500 coats were distributed to children from all seven Spartanburg County School Districts. Now... we need your help. A gift of \$35 will provide a new, warm winter coat for a child in need.

Donation forms can be found in the Tower Room or you may give online. If you would like to "give" a coat, Gift Cards are available in the church office.

4TH TUESDAY SOUP KITCHEN - NOVEMBER 28

We are happy to serve a Thanksgiving Meal! We welcome donations and volunteers. We will need the following donations for the meal: turkey, ham, stuffing, corn, peas, sweet potatoes, rolls, pies, and sweet tea.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 2

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

This year's Family Advent Celebration will be held immediately after the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, December 2. We'll have activities - crafts, telling the Christmas story, and singing - for children of all ages, as well as an opportunity to make Christmas wreaths. Light lunch finger foods will be available.

CHAMBER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Chamber Singers Christmas concert, *I Am Changed*, will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 2 at 5:00pm. Admission is free; there will be an offering collected for Mobile Meals. Chamber Singers CD's will also be on sale, with all proceeds going to Mobile Meals.

HAITI MISSION TRIP, MARCH 2019

Travel with Converse students and faculty members, Jason Loscuito and Patti Foy to Haiti, March 23-30. The team will be doing projects related to education as well as general mission work (painting, etc) - we plan to take full advantage of the skills of the people who ultimately decide to travel. Three of the Converse participants will be implementing music instruction on the trip--anyone who wants to go who has musical skills is welcome to participate in that activity. The trip is \$1,500 and applications can be found in the church office or on the Haiti page of the church website.

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.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 18

MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

NOVEMBER 20

White Oak Communion Service;
Spartanburg Community
Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 22-23

All Church Facilities Closed

NOVEMBER 29

Prayer Coffee

DECEMBER 2

Chamber Singers Concert

DECEMBER 4

JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 5

White Gift Service

DECEMBER 9

Chancel Choir Music in Worship

DECEMBER 16

MorningSong Lessons and Carols
Moravian Love Feast

FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

Women's Retreat

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

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Nov 18	Ezek 36-37/Pslm 126-128
Nov 19	Ezek 38, 39/2 Pet 3
Nov 20	Ezek 40, 41/1 Jn 1
Nov 21	Ezek 42, 43/1 Jn 2
Nov 22	Ezek 44-45/Pslm 129-131
Nov 23	Ezek 46, 47/1 Jn 3
Nov 24	Ezek 48/1 Jn 4

FINANCIAL NEWS

2018 Operating Budget: \$2,935,282
Received thru 11/11: \$2,002,382

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

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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