



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 19, 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

(8:45)

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

(11:00)

Bound for the Promised Land

arr. David Hake

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God the Lord speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: **God says, "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me."**

One: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Lord.

All: **To those who go the right way
I will show the salvation of God.**

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.

Hymn 41

Hymn Author,
Robert Grant,
was born in
India as the
younger son of
the chairman
of the East India
Company, who
was also a noted
evangelical
philanthropist.
Rather than
being a
paraphrase or
versification,
the text is a
meditation on
the creation
theme of Psalm
104.

† HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
(verses 1-4)

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

By faith,
you called Abraham to sojourn, O God;
by faith,
Sarah conceived even when she was past the age.
We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience;
our faith is meager by comparison.
We rarely venture out without knowing the destination;
we want to know what's in it for us
before we commit ourselves
to your call.
Forgive our lack of daring and commitment
and help us to trust you completely.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Remember that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen...
**All: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,
so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible."**
One: We can therefore look "forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God."
All: For by the faith of Jesus, the Cornerstone, we are forgiven.

† RESPONSE

HYMN 41, VERSE 5

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

LYONS

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
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: WINTER WARMTH

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

James Bennett Masters
Son of Rebecca and Kyle Masters

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.

ANTHEM

(8:45)

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

(11:00)

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 29:2&3, 7&8, 13&14, 17-19

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wisdom for Life: A Faith that Fuels our Vision Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

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

Voluntary on "O Waly Waly"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

† 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.

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

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 817

This hymn was first published in 1844 as the hymn for the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle and is based on the Gospel for that day, John 20:24-31. Author, Henry Alford, also penned the Hymn, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come".

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in D Minor

J.S. Bach

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. J. Lewis Johnson
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Mr. Will Manello, Acolyte
Mr. Rob Elliott
Mrs. Penny Wright
Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir
Handbell Choir

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. 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 19, 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.

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 21

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 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, up to \$5,000.

NO WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST THIS WEEK - NOV 22

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST- NOVEMBER 29

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

Signs, Symbols, & Architecture: The Gifts of Liturgical Needlepoint at FPC, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Learn how the paraments that hang from our pulpit each week and the other needlepoint works found in our sanctuary were made and how they can enhance our experience of worship together.

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

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

4TH TUESDAY SOUP KITCHEN - NOVEMBER 28

We will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal and need volunteers to help serve the meal - please arrive 4:15-5:00. We will serve dinner at 5:15. Donations are needed for the Meal, Decorations, and Take-Away Items:

For the meal: Turkey, Dressing, Macaroni & Cheese, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans or Peas, Rolls, and Pies for dessert.

To decorate the dining tables: Thanksgiving-themed disposable tablecloths, nice paper plates and napkins, and table decorations.

For our guests to take with them: **Food:** juice bottles, water bottles, granola bars, and crackers; **Hygiene:** shampoo, soap and lotion, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, and baby wipes; **Clothing:** all clothes, including gloves, hats, socks, shoes, coats, and scarves for men, women and children! **Other items:** blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks, large bags to store their personal items, toilet paper, band aids, flashlights with batteries, hand warmers, *These Days*, devotionals, Bibles, etc.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

On Sunday, December 3, from 3:00-5:00pm, join us on the 2nd Floor of the Clark Building for this food-free event of puppets, games, singing, and crafting designed especially for children and their parents. Make a simple advent wreath or a gift to give, learn a carol to sing by heart, and hear the nativity stories which sustain us on our journey to Christmas. Come when you can, leave when you need to.

We are making crafts using toilet paper cardboard rolls. Please save any you may have and bring them to Beth Burris' Office on the main hall. If Beth isn't there, you may put them in the basket on her desk. Thank you.

Questions? Contact Beth Burris; bburris@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531.

CHAMBER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Chamber Singers Christmas concert, *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, 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.

SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL NEEDLEPOINT NEWS

This Christmas season, please consider giving the lasting gift of liturgical needlepoint in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one.

The communion bench cushions display the shields of the twelve apostles, six on each cushion. In the cushion boxing is the name of each apostle whose shield is depicted. One cushion is already in place. The second is awaiting a finisher. (\$1,500) Twelve alms basin silencers (better known as collection plate silencers) are also in place. These are modeled after the rose window in the Chapel. One has already been reserved. (\$50)

Twelve of twenty-four usher lapel badges are available. Perhaps you've noticed greeters, ushers, deacons, and elders wearing these each Sunday and on other special occasions. (\$25)

We are currently in the process of placing four pairs of new Bible markers in the Chapel. These correspond in color to the church's liturgical seasons and depict either architectural designs or sacred monograms and symbols. The purple and white Bible markers have already been spoken for, but the green and red Bible markers may be reserved. (pair - \$300)

Pricing for the pieces includes the costs of design, wool, fabric, and finishing. Each has been needlepointed by FPC volunteers who have given the gifts of their time and talent to adorn the sanctuary or chapel, enhance the worship experience, and glorify God in this place.

For questions or to reserve a particular piece of needlepoint, please contact Robin New (583-5898) or Kaye Pack (583-9945).

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, see Didi Terry in the church office during the week.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

MorningSong Worship (8:45&11am)

Traditional Worship (8:45&11am)

Sunday School (9:45am)

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 20

Service of Comfort and Light

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Services:

MorningSong Worship (11:00am)

Sanctuary Worship (11:00am)

Family Service (4:00pm)

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

DECEMBER 27

Sanctuary Renovations Begin!

DECEMBER 31

MorningSong Worship (11am)

Chapel Worship (11am)

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 11/12:	\$65,645

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 these PC(USA) Missionaries: Becky and Eric Hinderliter (Lithuania) 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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