

WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
NOVEMBER 24, 2019
8:45AM - CHAPEL
11:00AM - SANCTUARY

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 *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*

ACOLYTE (11:00)

INTROIT

O Lord, You Are My God and King

David Lasky

Hubert H. Parry

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to "Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed."

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

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

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

**All: for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created;
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers -
all things have been created through him and for him.**

One: He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**All: He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning;
the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

One: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**All: and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

One: Let us worship God!

(Colossians 1:15-20)

Hymn 268

If there was
ever a hymn
that suited
Christ the King
Sunday, it is this
hymn. This hymn
declares that
we are to crown
our Lord with
many crowns
- a simple and
yet profound
declaration that
Christ is many
things, and
everything. Each
crown represents
a different
aspect of who
Christ is - Lord of
life, Lord of love,
Lord of years,
Lord of heaven,
the Lamb upon
the throne. Christ
is King, Servant,
Lamb, Shepherd,
and we
celebrate this all-
encompassing,
paradoxical
nature of
our Savior by
crowning Him
the Lord of all.

† HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence

we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ....

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE: HYMN 643, VERSE 1

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

† 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *God Reveal Your Presence*

Joachim Neander

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-79

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Fear?

Rev. L. Craig Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(8:45) † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

(11:00) COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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:
Clark Building,
2nd floor

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

The following Stephen Ministers are being commissioned today:
Dick Mahon,
James Glenn,
Rick Beltram,
Pat Sawyers,
Lisa Cox,
Sadie Jackson,
Sharon Hill, and
Jackie Hodge.

These individuals have completed 50 hours of training in preparation to provide Christian caregiving to those in our congregation or community who are experiencing a life crisis.

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Lord Jesus, My Savior

Dale Wood

(11:00)

In Thee is Gladness

setting by Dale Grotenhuis

† DOXOLOGY: HYMN 643, VERSE 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

† 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 265

"Jesus shall reign" reflects an 18th-century vision of the world church. Rooted in the language of Psalm 72, Isaac Watts paraphrased this psalm in ways that reflected his time and the geo-political position of England and the rise of the British Empire.

† HYMN 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE: HYMN 643, VERSE 2

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Gordon Young

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Ms. Bethany S. Cecil; Mrs. Dana T. Halliday; Dr. Gloria W. Close

Miss Ellie N. Hallenbeck, Acolyte

Janet Kuntz, Guest Director; Erica Pauly, Guest Organist

Noah Deal

Chancel Choir

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 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Chapman, Jr. and Mr. Robert H. Chapman III by Sadie Chapman Jackson and John Chapman and their families.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM

CHILDREN

Birth - Kindergarten: Clark Building, 1st Floor

1st - 5th Grades: Clark Building, 2nd Floor

YOUTH

(6th-12th Grades) 2nd Floor of Family Life Center

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE! Room 2210

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES Room C212

EMMAUS CLASS Room 2207

FAITH DRIVEN Room C210

LIFT (MID)LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER Room 2201

OPEN CLASS Room 2213

PURNELL FELLOWSHIP CLASS Purnell Room

WELCOME CLASS Room 2200

Begins September 15

YOUNG ADULTS Room 2216

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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.

RETURN THORNWELL HOME OFFERING TODAY

Today is the date to return the Stuffed Turkey Cards. Send the stuffed turkey cards to your child's Sunday School class, or bring them with you to worship and place them in the offering plate. If you've inadvertently left your Turkey Card at home, please feel free to return it at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Tuesday, November 26, 6:30-8:00pm, at Central United Methodist Church**. 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 foster families. 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.

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).

WINTER WARMTH MISSION

Our annual Winter Warmth Project was held on Saturday, November 16. Over 600 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.

NO WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST THIS WEEK (NOV 27)

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - DECEMBER 4

Tidings of Comfort (Food) and Joy: A WAF to Remember

Barbeque by Pig Out

Piano Music by Foster Gibson

Carol Singing

Stories by Dr. Kirk Neely

JOY FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DEC 3

The JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will take place on **Tuesday, December 3** at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. We welcome back Dr. Kirk Neely as our featured storyteller.

RSVP by Wed, Nov 27 to Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION - DECEMBER 8

There is a beautiful mystery of Christmas as we wait and wonder in anticipation of our Savior's birth. The Family Advent Celebration helps us prepare our hearts for this wonderful season. **On Sunday, December 8, join us in the Social Hall immediately following our 11:00am Worship Service** for a time of fellowship, singing, and crafting, designed especially for children and families. No reservation is required; please come and go as you can.

Questions? Contact Holly Bannan: 864-583-4531 / hbannan@fpcspartanburg.org.

WHITE GIFTS SERVICE - DECEMBER 11

Please join us for our annual White Gift Service on Wednesday, December 11, in our Sanctuary at 6:30pm. The service features our children's choirs, but culminates in the giving of gifts, wrapped in white for three local missions: Mobile Meals, Hope Center for Children, and Thornwell.

Gift ideas may be found at www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/whitegifts.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND LIGHT - DECEMBER 18

Are the holidays made more difficult this year because of a loss or sadness in your life? You are invited to join us for an intimate time of worship on **Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00pm in the Chapel**. This "Service of Comfort and Light," which includes communion and candlelighting, is especially for those who struggle during the Christmas season. The Health Committee will host a time of refreshments and fellowship following the service in the Parlor.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK TO A STEPHEN MINISTER?

As we approach the holidays, we know that there are many who experience sadness and loneliness due to events that have taken place in their lives. How many times have you wished you had someone (not a spouse, friend or family member) that you could pour your true feelings out to confidentially? That is what our Stephen Ministers at First Presbyterian do – we listen and provide Christian Care. We want to give people hope. If you find yourself in this position, or if you know someone who is hurting and needs a Christian friend, please contact the church or Dana Halliday. We can help!

Our current, active Stephen Ministers, including those commissioned today, are: Doug Baker, Randy Barre, Rick Beltram, Mary Berry, Jennifer Biber, Margaret Blanton, Harry Burgess, Paul Coté, Eleanor Cox, Lisa Cox, Bill Cummings, Rosemary Dunbar, Alice Eberhardt, Melissa France, James Glenn, Dana Halliday, Janet Harrison, Sharon Hill, Jakie Hodge, Sadie Jackson, Nancy Lassiter, Dick Mahon, Jack Mason, Thea Mclellan, Raymond Morris, Pat Sawyers, Beau Shuler, and Mary Lorick Thompson.

For more information, contact: Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2132 or Dana Halliday; Danahalliday1@charter.net / 864-237-0330

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 24

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

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

Sunday School (9:45am)

NOVEMBER 26

Community Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 28 and 29

*Happy Thanksgiving!
All Church Facilities are Closed*

DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 8

*Handel's Messiah
in Traditional Services
Family Advent Celebration
Young Adult Christmas Gathering*

DECEMBER 11

White Gifts Service; Last WAF

DECEMBER 15

*Moravian Love Feast
Youth Christmas Event*

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)*

FINANCIAL NEWS

(as of November 18, 2019)

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835
Needed: \$2,674,934
Received: \$2,175,911
Deficit <\$499,023>

There are 6 Sundays Left in the Year

2020 Proposed Budget: \$3,131,592
Pledges Received: \$1,525,486 (49%)

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

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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; **Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.**, Associate Pastor 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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