

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 AND 11:00 AM

NOVEMBER 20, 2011

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

One: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* Paul Manz

**WELCOME**  
Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** *Tidings of Comfort and Joy* Tom King

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) (8:45) Dr. William L. Arthur  
(11:00) Reverend Laura E. Palmer

Minister: This is the day that the Lord of all creation has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Minister: Let us worship God, who creates, redeems, and sustains.  
Psalm 118

† **HYMN 551:** (Blue) *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Merciful God, who knows our frame and who remembers that we are dust, we confess to you our sin. You have blessed us in ways beyond imagination but too often we are ungrateful and resentful. Forgive our sin. Forgive us for the pride that separates us from you and from one another. Cleanse us with the power of your forgiveness that we may live joyful and thankful lives.

In Christ's name we pray. . .

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsive)

Minister: At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us; Christ rose for us and Christ reigns in power for us.

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

† **RESPONSE TO PARDON** GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

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## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING** Psalm 100 Pew Bible Page 520

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

**THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

At the 11:00 service, four- and five-year-olds and first graders will depart for Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Joseph's Workshop (red door), Pathway2Truth hallway in the Clark Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

† **HYMN 562:** (Blue) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

**SECOND READING** Romans 5:1-11 Pew Bible Page 980

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

**SERMON** *Gratitude and Grace* Dr. William P. Wood

*"Much more than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5: 3).*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison) Reverend L. Craig Foster  
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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

(8:45) *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Hal H. Hopson  
Genesis Choir

Come, Christians, join to sing Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Let all, with heart and voice, Before his throne rejoice.  
Come, lift your hearts on high; Let praises fill the sky;  
He is our guide and friend; His love shall never end.  
Be joyful in the Lord, Lift up your voice of praise; Your alleluias raise.  
Praise Christ with heart and soul; His endless love extol.  
On heaven's blissful snore Sing songs for evermore.

(11:00) *The Heavens are Telling* F. J. Haydn  
Chancel Choir; Patricia Hevener, Reel Robertson, Paul MacPhail, trio

The heavens are telling the glory of God.  
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.  
The days that is coming speaks to the day,  
The night that is gone to following night.  
In all the lands resounds the word,  
never unperceived, ever understood.

† **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 DEDICATION**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN 555:** (Blue) *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Eternal Father* O WALY WALY

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

**POSTLUDE** *Nun Danket* Sigfried Karg-Elert

† Congregation will stand.  
\*\*\*\* Ushers will seat latecomers.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wardlaw Perrin and Mr. Lewis Wardlaw Perrin, Jr. by their family.

**PARENTS . . .**

**Nursery care** is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you. **If your child becomes restless or needs to leave the sanctuary for any reason, an usher can direct you to the Church Parlor as a place to stay with your child and still share in the worship service through our live video and audio.**

**For Nursing Mothers:** There are two locations that nursing mothers can use while they are here on Sunday mornings. The nursery in the Family Life Center (off the gym playroom) is open before and during MorningSong for nursing mothers. Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers. **NOTE: C-103 is a food-free room. Please do not take any food into the room with you.**

**Rainbow worship bags** are provided at the doors of the Sanctuary for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, puzzle game, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

CURRENT CHURCH OFFICERS

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Class of 2012

Libby Adamson  
Wally Barre  
Bill Bean  
\*Anne Cecil  
\*Sally Dover  
Jenny Dunn  
\*John Poole  
Len Reed  
Caroline Smith  
David Tate  
\*Caroline Thomas  
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Darwin Simpson  
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Grier Bomar  
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Sherry Lee  
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Mimi McKinney  
David Miley  
Eric Nease  
Michael Pack  
Laura Ringo  
Mac White

\* Not eligible for reelection.

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**STAFF:** Dr. William P. Wood, Interim Senior Pastor; Reverend L. Craig Foster, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; Dr. William L. Arthur, Supply Pastor; Reverend Ansley B. Page, Supply Pastor; Reverend Laura E. Palmer, Interim Associate Pastor; R. Holt Andrews, Director of Music; Marcia C. Andrews, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; Beth Burris, Director of Children's Ministries; Scott J. Neely, Pastoral Executive; Carrie D. Williamson, Director of Youth Ministry; Michael W. Koster, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry; Bethany S. Cecil, Parish Nurse; J. Robert Bannan, Director of Recreation; Patricia L. Webster, Church Hostess.

**MISSIONARIES:** Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Lesotho; Jo Ella Holman, Cuba and Dominican Republic; Mark Hare, Haiti; Mission Co-Workers Serving with Kurds; Mission Co-Workers Serving in the Middle East

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November 20, 2011



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Celebrate Advent



Advent Celebration  
Sunday, December 4  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Kick off the Advent Season  
and make this a special evening for all ages.

Check out this week's *First News* for more information  
or the website: [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org).

First Presbyterian Church  
Chamber Singers  
Present

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Sunday, December 4  
7:00 p.m.

Chapman Cultural Center



Tickets \$15  
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