

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

COMMUNION

8:45 AND 11:00AM ~ JANUARY 8, 2012

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Minister: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Congregation: And also with you.
Minister: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE *In Thee is Gladness* J. S. Bach

WELCOME Dr. William P. Wood
Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Pastor Nominating Committee Update* Ken Frick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (8:45) Reverend Laura E. Palmer
(11:00) Reverend L. Craig Foster

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 138:** (Blue) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Hear this good news and be at peace with God.
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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:28-39 Pew Bible Page 983

Minister: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Beth Burris

At the 11:00 service, four- and five-year-olds and first graders
will depart for Children's Worship.
Pick-up Location: Pathway2Truth hallway in the Clark Building – 2nd floor.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 Pew Bible Page 578

Minister: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Life's Solemn Impartiality* Dr. William P. Wood

Everything before them is vanity, since one fate comes to all.
Ecclesiastes 9:1b-2a

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (8:45) Dr. William L. Arthur
THE NICENE CREED (11:00) Reverend Ansley B. Page

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of
His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of
Very God; Begotten not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by
whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came
down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin
Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the
right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both
the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who
proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I
believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one
Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the
dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45) *If God Be for Us* Clifford McCormick
Genesis Choir

*If God be for us who can be against us?
Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
In all things, we are more than conquerors.
Through Him that loved us, we are more than conquerors.
He that gave His own Son for us all, shall He not, through Him, give us all things?
If God be for us who can be against us?*

(11:00) *All Things Work Together for Good* John Carter
Chancel Choir

*All things work together for good to those who love the Lord.
To those who are called according to his purpose.*

† **DOXOLOGY** 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 DEDICATION**

† **HYMN OF PREPARATION 170:** (Blue) *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* CRIMOND
(Vs. 1-3)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

Cantor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Cantor: Lift up, lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.
Cantor: Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

(8:45) *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* K. Lee Scott
(11:00) *I Come with Joy* Jan Marsoli

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN 170:** (Blue) *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* CRIMOND
(Vs. 4-5)

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hal H. Hopson

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Go in love, and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my spirit's power filled you, here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Oliphant Chuckerbutty

† 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. James M. Smith and James M. Smith, Jr. by the 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.

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.

A hearing loop has been installed in the Sanctuary. 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. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, January 15**, to be held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, to receive and act upon recommendations from the 2011- 2012 Congregational Nominating Committee for the Officers of the Class of 2015.



First Steps in Music

Sign Up Now! ~ Birth - Age 3

- Are you interested in learning how to sing and play with your baby?
- Do you long for some quality one-on-one time with your toddler?

The following NEW 9-week sessions begin soon!

Wednesday Class: (Ages 2 and 3) begins January 18 – CLASS IS FULL

Thursday Classes: (Birth-age 3) begins February 2

Sunday Classes: (Birth-age 3) begins February 5.

Class sizes are limited to 10!

If you are interested in signing up for the class, please contact Marcia Andrews – mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org or visit www.fpcspartanburg.org/firststeps.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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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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through Word and Deed."