

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

January 18, 2015



WELCOME!

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

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 18, 2015

8:45 and 11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRELUDE

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

Acolyte (11:00)

Jasmine Atkins

(8:45) Ella Grace Marsh

(11:00) McClure Mullen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When God is revealed to us, God invites us in, saying:

All: "Follow me. Come and see."

One: Having known us from the very beginning, God shapes us still, saying:

All: "Follow me. Come and see."

One: God uses our ordinary gifts and our everyday lives, saying:

All: "Follow me. Come and see."

One: God seeks our service, with the gifts that we have to give, saying:

All: "Follow me. Come and see."

One: God calls us ever deeper into the mystery of faith, saying:

All: "Follow me. Come and see."

† HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Mighty God, You are the creator of all,

yet we confess that we have not served You

with the fullness of commitment You deserve.

You call, O God, but we fail to listen.

You ask us to follow, but we go our own way.

You offer us new life,

but we tread old, familiar paths that are empty and barren.

In Your mercy, loving God, forgive our sin.

Replace our waywardness with faithful trust.

Renew our spirits by Your Spirit.

Free our hearts from the grip of sin.

Lead us to follow and serve.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

Hymn 624
The original
French text,
'Je te salue,
mon certain
Redempteur,"
was published
in 1545 and
appears to be
a Protestant
version of the
Roman Catholic
hymn "Salve
Regina."
The translation
(1868) is mostly
the work of
Elizabeth Lee
Smith.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: You are not your own; you were brought with a price.

All: The Messiah has come, and we have been claimed as God's own.

One: As Christ was raised from the dead, so too,
all who long to escape the death of sin are lifted by God to newness of life.
Accept the pardon and transformation God offers in Christ.

Remember brothers and sisters,

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

† RESPONSE TO PARDON

HYMN 418, VERSE 3

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The One who calls us and knows us
is the One who hems us in with holy love and brings us peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us turn to one another and share signs of the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:45) Rev. Joanne R. Hull; (11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Spark

(8:45) Laura Ringo; (11:00) Josh Thompson

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Pew Bible Page 541

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

Pew Bible Page 923

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

(8:45)

Gospel Lenses

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

(11:00)

Eureka!

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary during The Word for Children.

At the 11:00 service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.
Pick-up Location:
Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

This Way Forward is a new initiative for First Presbyterian Church as we seek to share each week what God is doing through us – that together we might give thanks to God through service and praise.

Hymn 720
Irish hymn writer Cecil F. Alexander wrote this text for St. Andrew's Day. The appointed gospel reading for that day in the church year concerned Jesus' calling of Simon Peter and Andrew. Though written for a relatively minor saint's day, this hymn quickly gained popularity. The thread that binds the stanzas together is the call of Christ. Just as Jesus called the fishermen to be his disciples, he still calls us today to be his followers and obedient servants. His call is for total commitment, a "follow me" that overrides all our earthly "cares and pleasures."

Today's Congregational Response was written several years ago by our very Marcia Andrews, using the familiar tune O WALY WALY.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THIS WAY FORWARD: Poetry and Conversation

Scott Neely

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Christ the Way of Life Possess Me
Genesis Choir

K. Lee Scott

(11:00)

At the Name of Jesus
Chancel Choir

René Clausen

† DOXOLOGY

*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.*

OLD HUNDRETH

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

O WALY WALY

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Major

Christopher Tambling

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Jennings (Grace) by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

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.

Hearing impaired devices, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are available from the ushers upon request.

Some of our hearing impaired devices are missing. Please check your coat pockets, car consoles, bags, etc. and return any found devices to the Ushers' Stand. Thank you!

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 C214) *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 2210) *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.*

SPIRITUAL LIFE CLASS (Room 2201) *This class is for adults who seek to apply the Bible to life and grow spiritually.*

SPARK (Room 2216) *This class is made up of young adults in their 20's and 30's, both single and married, with and without children, who are interested in connecting and building relationships with each other, while exploring Christianity and the Bible and their applications to life.*

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

JANUARY 18, 2015

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, check the church website or see one of the Worship Greeters, holding the baskets.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

You are invited to attend a six-week **Welcome Class** that begins today, January 18, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The class, led by Dr. Evans and other church staff members, will be held each week, 9:45-10:45am in Room 2200.

For more information, please contact Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

PASTORS ON-CALL

If you have a pastoral emergency after 5:00pm during the week or anytime over the weekend, please call 208-2142. The message will be sent to the pastoral care team member who is on-call and your call will be returned as soon as possible. For pastoral needs for our youth, contact Jason Moore (804-9244).

Pastoral Emergency Phone: 208-2142

PRAYER REQUEST

Confidential Prayer Boxes are located in the Receptionist's Office and the lobby of Fogartie Hall.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Proposed 2015 Budget	\$3,166,458
Number of Pledges	602
\$ of Pledges Received	\$2,366,052

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - JANUARY 21

Enjoy faith, food, and fellowship with your family and friends at Wednesdays at First. Make your dinner reservations by noon on Mondays. Dinner Cost: \$6.00 Adults and Youth (12-54); \$5.00 Senior Adults (55+); \$3.00 Children's Mini Main Menu (child's portion of the weekly menu); \$3.00 Children's Corner Café (chicken tenders, mac & cheese, and apple slices); maximum family charge is \$18. **January 21 Menu: Salad Bar, Meat Loaf, Salad Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Bread, Dessert.**

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:30-7:15pm	Nursery Care	C106
5:00-6:30pm	Dinner Serving Line Open	Fogartie Hall
5:00-5:35pm	Joyful Sound Choir (4K)	Clark Bldg 2 nd Floor
5:00-5:45pm	Children's Choirs (5K-5 th Grade)	Clark Bldg 2 nd Floor
5:10-5:35pm	First Steps in Music	C212
5:15-5:45pm	Healing and Wholeness Service	Chapel
6:15-7:15pm	Christian Recreation for Children	Gym
6:30-7:15pm	Activities:	
	Community Transformation	Sanctuary
	QuickWitz	Room 2208
	Family Playtime	Near Side of Gym
	Sit 'n Stitch	FLC Lobby
	Wednesday Walkers	FLC Walking Track
6:30-7:15pm	Youth Bible Study	FLC Middle School Room
7:00-8:30pm	Spark Small Groups	Parlor (women); Offsite (men)
7:30-9:30pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

To Sign Up for WAF Dinner: from the church homepage, click "Event Registration" at the bottom; or contact Didi Terry in the church office; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Project for Community Transformation: In the fall of 2014, Scott Neely pursued a project seeking ways the faith community can make a bigger impact in Spartanburg. Hear what he has learned and share your ideas. Scott is preparing a report for the February Session meeting. Add your voice to the project's vision.

January 21: You Have Done It Unto Me (Matthew 25)

QuickWitz: This mental fitness program is designed to maximize mental ability in mid-life and beyond. It is composed of hands-on, interactive activities, designed to help the brain stay sharp. The class will be led by the developer of the program, Becky McLaughlin.

Family Playtime: For families who want to play together.

Sit 'n Stitch: Fellowship and knitting items for our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF Dinner calories by walking on the track in the gym.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY

This service at 5:15 pm in the Chapel provides an opportunity to pray for the healing of oneself and others, reflect on the components of healing, receive communion, and experience God's blessing.

AN EVENING WITH THE PCUSA MODERATOR, JAN 25

Please join us on Sunday, January 25 for an evening with the PCUSA Moderator, Dr. Heath Rada. After dinner, Dr. Rada will join Dr. Tom Evans who will interview Heath on behalf of all of us. The conversation will be based on your questions.

Dinner begins at 5:15pm in Fogartie Hall and the Conversation at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

To Sign Up for the Dinner: from the church homepage, click "Event Registration" at the bottom; or contact Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

Menu: Beef Roast with Au Jus, Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert; Cost - \$6.00.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling, with Dr. Kirk Neely, is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members (non-FPC members may contact Dr. Neely for appointments at another location; 590-1371). There is no fee for counseling at First Presbyterian; a contribution in appreciation for counseling services may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is by appointment on Tuesdays.

To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry; 583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org.

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to give to special projects at the church, in honor of someone you love or to advance further our mission together? The church has many opportunities for special gifts beyond our annual pledges, from emerging missions to facility improvements. Funding part or all of a project is welcome.

To learn more about these or to suggest other special projects, please contact Scott Neely; 208-2138/sneely@fpcspartanburg.org.

Missions: *HOPE Center for Children - \$5,000; *Arcadia Outreach Ministry - \$1,500;
*Support for Missionaries serving in the Caribbean - \$6,000

Pastoral Counseling Center: *Conference Room - \$1,900; *Counseling Office - \$11,000

Youth: *Move and Renovate Youth Office to Family Life Center Youth Area - \$7,000

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Interested in giving your baby or toddler a musical gift? Join us for the new session of First Steps in Music, designed for parents and children (Birth-Age 3) to have musical experiences and quality time together. Admission is free, but class sizes are limited. Please go to www.fpcspartanburg.org/firststeps to register and read more about the program. Classes are available on Sundays, Wednesday, and Thursdays. Check the website for start dates!

Questions? Contact Marcia Andrews; mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org

FOR 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.

Nursing Mothers: Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15am 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 for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, 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.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Beth Burris;
208-2131 / bburris@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:00 am Genesis Choir Rehearsal
- 8:45 am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie)
Sanctuary Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:15 pm First Steps in Music

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
CHURCH FACILITIES CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:00 am Women's Study: Tickled Pink!
- 12:00 pm Study: *Encounters with Jesus*
- 3:30 pm Women's Circle 9
- 6:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:15 am Women's Study: *What On Earth*
- 10:00 am Christians in the Making
- 5:00 pm WAF (see schedule)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9:15 am First Steps in Music
- 12:00 pm Study: *Encounters with Jesus*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 6:30 am Men's Study: *The General Epistles*
- 7:00 am Men's Study: *The Kings of Israel*

FLC CLASS SCHEDULE

Circuit Training

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11am-12pm

Senior Fitness

Mon, Wed: 12:15-1:15pm

Morning Yoga (all levels)

Mon, Wed: 8:15am; Tues: 10:45am

Zumba

Tues: 6:00pm

For more information, contact Colleen McCullough, 208-2152 / cmccullough@fpcspartanburg.org.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Family Worship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Souper Bowl of Caring

APRIL 17-19

Church-wide Retreat at Montreat

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; Miracle Hill Mission; The Haven; **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; **Education:** Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association; Arcadia Outreach Ministry; Presbytery Unified Funds; The Shepherd's Center

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Missionaries: Support for 5 missionaries - **Frank and Nancy Dimmock**, *Lesotho*; **Jo Ella Holman**, *Cuba and Dominican Republic*; **Mark Hare**, *Haiti*; **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; Vacation Bible School; **Cuba:** Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Santa Clara partnership; **Haiti:** Haiti Outreach Ministries; **Philippines:** Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; **Witness Season**; **Bread for the World**

This week, please pray for the healing of divisions in our community.

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2015: Libby Adamson, Fran Bagwell, Wally Barre, Roy Berry, Mark Coleman, Jenny Dunn, Mark Hicklin, Kay McClure, Len Reed, David Tate, Donna Thornton, Joella Utley, John Verreault, Nick Wildrick, Vicki Woodward

Class of 2016: Vic Bailey, Jay Beeson, Jennifer Biber, Billy Blackford, Mark Cann, Paul Coté, Fred Cumbo, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Neal Karn, Janet Kuntz, Valerie MacPhail, Darwin Simpson, Steve Stamm, Penny Wright

Class of 2017: Cathy Bagwell, Colleen Ballance, De Calvert, Cecilia Cogdell, Cliff Gaubert, Brandt Goodwin, Kim Keith, Whit Kennedy, Tom King, Sanders Lee, Sylvia Spears, Monica Threatt, Linda West, Bob West, Elizabeth Young

DIACONATE

Class of 2015: Palmer Ball, Tim Camp, Cooper Cecil, Randall Chambers, Grant Close, Wade Crow, Jennifer Howe, Melissa Morehead, Karen Parrott, Ralph Polson, Jay Reagan, Juli Robertson, Brand Stille

Class of 2016: Orin Beach, Harry Clayton, Mary Deller, Phillip Glover, Ben Graves, Pamela Heath, Laura Hollar, Arthur Jones, Eunice Knouse, Alice Madsen, Kevin Marsh, John Tatham, Rob Usry

Class of 2017: Will Adair, Vic Bailey IV, Gail Ballard, Dawn Bingham, Jason Blanton, Steven Blanton, Carroll Easterling, John Faris, Rob Hammett, Harriet Ike, Robby Kocisko, Mark Lwin, Laura Ringo, Mary Tygett, Mac White

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, *Senior Pastor*

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Rev. Joanne R. Hull, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care*

Rev. Christi O. Brown, *Pastoral Associate for Young Adults*

Scott Neely, *Pastoral Executive*

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Marcia Andrews, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

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