

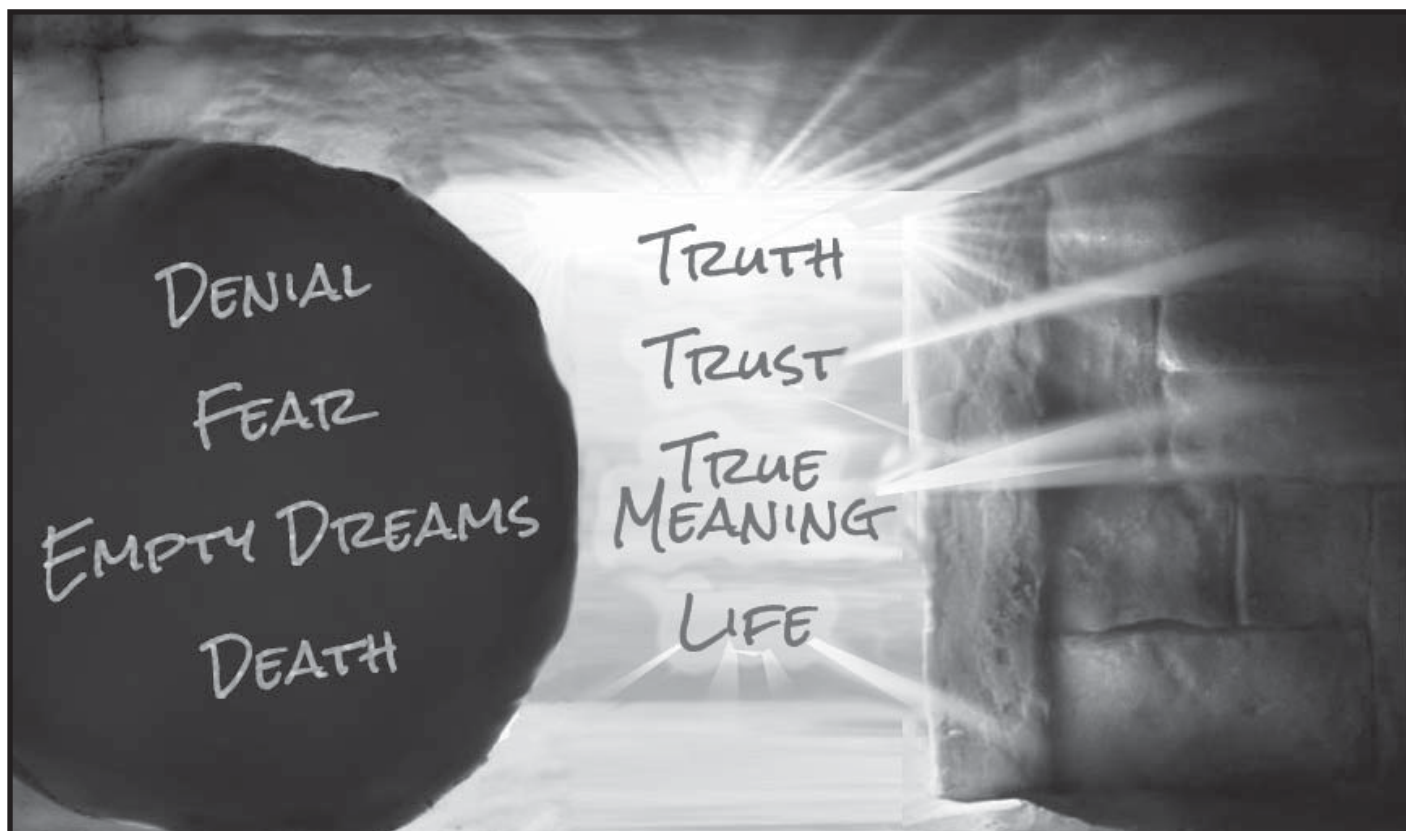
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

February 22, 2015

First Sunday in Lent

Rolling the Stones Away



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

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:45 and 11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The season of
Lent is a time
of prayer,
fasting, and
self-examination
in preparation
for the
celebration of
the resurrection
of the Lord at
Easter.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PRELUDE *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* J.S. Bach
Acolyte (11:00) McClure Mullen

INTROIT (11:00) *Love the Lord Your God* Jean and Jim Strathdee
Cherub Choir and Junior Choristers

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Joanne R. Hull

One: From water to wilderness:
All: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**
One: On stone and in hearts:
All: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**
One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
All: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**
One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
All: **for where he is, we would be also.**

† **HYMN 816** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.
We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.
We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.
Forgive us, we pray,
when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.
Teach us your commandments;
help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

Hymn 816
When Georg
Neumark was 18
years old, he was
traveling across
Germany when
he was robbed
of all his personal
possessions and
money. He spent
the next two
years looking
for work amidst
the economic
hardships of
the Thirty Years
War. Finally,
at the age of
20, he found
employment
as a tutor for a
judge in Kiel. He
was apparently
so relieved and
grateful that
later that night
he wrote this
text of trust and
gratitude.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The good news of the gospel is that Christ calls us to new life.

**All: In Christ we are freed to begin again, and to live in joy.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

† RESPONSE TO PARDON

HYMN 802, v3

ST. COLUMBA

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us now greet one another in the name of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:45) Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Witness Season

Rev. Dr. Profaité Medeus,
Senior Pastor, Cité Soleil Christian Church
President, Mission Communautaire de l'Église Chrétienne des Cités

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

(11:00) Rev. L. Craig Foster

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:19b-27

Pew Bible Page 869

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

(8:45)

God's Own Fool

Rev. L. Craig Foster

(11:00)

*Rolling the Stone Away:
Binding the Strong Man*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(8:45)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

(11:00)

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 306, v1

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THIS WAY FORWARD: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meg Evatt

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Come Unto Him
Patty Ann Hevener

G. F. Handel

(11:00)

Go Not Far from Me, O God
Chancel Choir

Antonio Zingarelli

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 821, v4

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 834

† HYMN 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

(8:45)

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Pedro Infante

(11:00)

Danish Amen

anon.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach

During *This Way Forward*, we seek to share what God is doing through us – that together we might give thanks to God through service and praise.

Hymn 834
In 1932, a week after the death of his wife in childbirth and the subsequent death of his newborn son, Thomas Andrew Dorsey (b. Villa Rica, GA, 1899; d. Chicago, IL, 1993) wrote this text. He also arranged the George N. Allen tune PRECIOUS LORD to match his text.

The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Fred V. Poag.

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

Nursery (Birth-2K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)

2nd Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)

1st Floor Clark Building

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

2nd 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

FEBRUARY 22, 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?

A six-week **Welcome Class** is held 3 times a year, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA).

For more information on dates, 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

BE A WORSHIP GREETER

The **Worship Greeters Committee** is seeking volunteers to help greet our congregation and guests. Seven greeters are needed each Sunday.

Contact Palmer Ball; 864-591-1324 / palmer.ball@sdsgriffin.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Dates are available for placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones.

*Contact Mary Berry;
542-0796/rhbmhb@charter.net.*

TONIGHT: COMFORT FOOD COOK-OFF

A Comfort Food Cook-off will be held tonight, 5:00-7:00pm in Fogartie Hall. Competition categories are: **Veggie, Mac and Cheese, and Dessert**. This will be a fun time for all with musical entertainment by the Saggy Bottom Boys! If you don't want to compete, please bring a dish to share; Beverages and Chicken Tenders will be provided. Joanne says, "Y'all Come!"

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 25

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.

February 25 Menu: Pork Loin, Salad Bar, Green Beans, Squash Casserole, 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
6:15-7:15pm	Christian Recreation for Children	Gym
6:30-7:15pm	Activities:	
	Health Series:	Sanctuary
	"Temporomandibular Joint Disorders" with Dr. Danny Crout	Near Side of Gym
	Family Playtime	FLC Lobby
	Sit 'n Stitch	FLC Walking Track
	Wednesday Walkers	FLC Middle School Room
6:30-7:15pm	Youth Bible Study	Parlor (women); Offsite (men)
7:00-8:30pm	Spark Small Groups	Choir Room
7:30-9:30pm	Chancel Choir	

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

All of us have received an all-encompassing, lifelong calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ. All of us have also received specific calls for our lives that match our experiences, our gifts, our abilities and resources, our passions, and the needs of the world around us. All of us also receive God's call in shorter more momentary ways, as someone walks into our lives, maybe even just for a moment, and we are called into ministry in that moment. Throughout the season of Lent, we will be exploring how God has called us through daily devotions. Members of this congregation have shared stories of how God has called them. We will also read how God has called several figures in the Bible. With each story, we hope that you will consider how God has called you and is calling you even now. May these stories be a blessing to you and your family this Lent.

Devotion books are available throughout the church.

You may sign up to receive these devotions by email at this address: <http://goo.gl/HtSabl> - or - by scanning this QR Code . . .



CENTERING PRAYER: A SIX-WEEK LENTEN SERIES

Wednesdays, February 25–April 1, 8:15-9:00am, in the Parlor, led by Rev. Christi Brown

Are you yearning for more silent time with God, but feel like you can never carve out the time? Come join us for this Lenten series, where we will practice contemplative prayer together. Be still and know God (Psalm 46:10) through this method of Christian silent prayer. The first session on February 25 will explain what centering prayer is. In the following sessions, we will engage in guided silent contemplative prayer. All participants must be committed to arrive on time and stay the full 45 minutes for each session.

To register, contact Didi Terry; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531, or go online here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4BA9A72AABFB6-centering

PRAYER REQUEST BOXES

Confidential Prayer Boxes and Prayer Request Forms are located in the Hall outside the Tower Room (across from the Receptionist's Office) and in the Lobby of Fogartie Hall. Prayer requests submitted on this form will be seen and brought to God in prayer by our ministers. They will only be shared if permission is given.

NEW ADULT STUDY: THEOLOGY OF A LOVING GOD

A new adult study, "Theology of a Loving God: An Introduction to Process Theology" meets on Sundays through April 19, 4:30-6:00pm in Room 2208. It is led by Dr. Jim Keller using the book *Process Theology* by C. Robert Mesle. Books are available for \$12.

To register, contact Katie Resumovic; kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org/208-2139.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE (AND LUNCH!)

All are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 6, 12:00-12:30pm, in the Chapel. Come pray for our church, community, nation, and the world. A light lunch will follow in the Large Private Dining Room. The cost of the lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 4.

RSVP by contacting Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT

Join your church family in the beautiful mountains of Montreat, North Carolina for a weekend of fun, relaxation, and spiritual growth - Friday, April 17-Sunday, April 19.

For early bird registration, go to *My First Pres* on our website today! Watch for e-brochures coming to your e-mailbox later in February. Paper copies of the brochure will be available throughout the church later in February, as well.

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, FEBRUARY 22

- 8:45 am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie) Sanctuary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 4:30 pm First Steps
- 4:30 pm Study: *Theology of a Loving God*
- 5:00 pm Comfort Food Cook-off
- 5:00 pm Youth: Real Life
- 5:15 pm First Steps

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 8:15 am Centering Prayer
- 10:00 am Study: *Christians in the Making*
- 5:00 pm WAF (see schedule)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 9:15 am First Steps in Music
- 9:15 am Women's Study: *What On Earth*
- 12:00 pm Study: *Encounters with Jesus*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 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 . . .

MARCH 1

Communion

MARCH 4

Healing and Wholeness Service

MARCH 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins

MARCH 25

Evensong

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 students and teachers in schools throughout Haiti.**
They are their nation's present, and future.*

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

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