

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

April 24, 2016



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

APRIL 24, 2016

8:45 and 11:00AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

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

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Partita on Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Matthew H. Corl

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Sallie Barre

INTROIT (11:00)

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

One: Oh come let us sing to the Lord,

All: **For he is the Great God, the King above all kings**

One: Oh come let us worship and bow down,

All: **For he is our God, and we are his people.**

Hymn 2

In 1 Timothy 6:12,
Paul commands
Timothy to "Fight
the good fight of
the faith". A few
verses later, Paul
describes the
one for whose
sake we fight:
"he who is the
blessed and only
Sovereign, the
King of kings and
Lord of lords . . .
To him be honor
and eternal
dominion".

In this hymn, we
praise God as
our King and
Ruler, addressing
each Person of
the Trinity in turn,
and end with
a request that
His "sovereign
majesty may we
in glory see."

† HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,

our hearts are divided.

We praise you with our lips,

but slander you with our lives.

Our loyalty is connected with our comfort,

Our allegiance is tied to our ease.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to be more faithful followers of Christ,

Even when it's hard.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 246, VERSE 5

TRURO

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us;
let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:27-30

Pew Bible Page 1022

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

More Than Words

Jason Moore
Director of Youth Ministry

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(11:00) Rev. L. Craig Foster

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Page 35

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.

Today is Blue Sunday - a day to increase awareness among churches and their members of the impact of Child Abuse in their community with a focus on prevention. For more information, please visit bluesunday.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN (see insert)

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A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Leader: We pray for children
who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
who like to be tickled
who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
who sneak Popsicles before supper,
who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

**People: And we pray for those
who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
who've never squeaked across the floor in new sneakers,
who never "counted potatoes,"
who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
who never go to the circus,
who live in an X-rated world.**

Leader: We pray for children
who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,
who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
who slurp their soup.

**People: And we pray for those
who never get desert,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind,
who can't find any bread to steal,
who don't have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
whose monsters are real.**

Leader: We pray for children
who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
who throw tantrums in the grocery store
and pick at their food
who like ghost stories,
who shove dirty clothes under the bed
and never rinse out the tub,
who get visits from the tooth fairy,
who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool,
who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
whose tears we sometimes laugh at
and whose smiles can make us cry.

People: And we pray for those
whose nightmares come in the daytime,
who will eat anything,
who have never seen a dentist,
who aren't spoiled by anybody,
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
who live and move, but have no being.

Leader: We pray for children who want to be carried,

People: and for those who must.

Leader: For those we never give up on,

People: and for those who don't get a chance.

Leader: For those we smother,

People: and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer.

All: We pray for children.

Leader: Loving Heavenly Father,
hear your children we pray the prayer your Son taught us, saying,

People: 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.

Adapted from *A Prayer for Children* by Ina Hughes
(William Morrow publishers, 1995, pp.xiv-xv)

Today, during the 11:00am worship service, our 9th graders who have been examined by the Session will reaffirm the vows taken at Baptism and will be confirmed for full participation in the mission and governance of the church.

The Confirmands are receiving stoles as a sign of "ordination" for Christ's service as new members of the church.

This "ordination" is not to be seen in the same light as an ordained minister or elder, but to exemplify the symbolism of Christ's invitation to bear His yoke and be God's servants in His Church and for His Kingdom.

After the 11:00 worship service today, the Confirmands will be on the front lawn.

We invite you to greet them and welcome them into full membership in the church.

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.

(11:00)

CONFIRMATION

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

CONFIRMANDS

Anne Dobson Ball
William Sumner Bishop
Emily Margaret Cowan
Cooper Wade Hannah
John Bagwell Laney
Michael Lee Lyon III
Thomas Preston McMeekin Jr.
John Andrew Patterson
Alexis Mackenzie Reinhardt
Zachary Paul Sims
Elizabeth Spratt White

Rex Samuel Bingham
James Mencken Camp
Evan Elizabeth Gaubert
Thomas Barker Hollingsworth III
Christopher Carter Latham
Benjamin David Madsen
George Ferrier McCall Morehead Jr.
Benjamin Robinson Pickens IV
Elizabeth Faye Sims
William Brice Waters
Ellen McElhaney White

COVENANT FAMILY LEADERS

Ashley Millinor
Matt Chastain

Bonnie Cumbo
Erin Chastain

CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

Nan McDaniel,
Associate Clerk of Session

**All: Defend, O Lord, these your children
with your heavenly grace
that they may always love, know, and serve you,
growing each day in wisdom and grace
until at last they come to your eternal kingdom.**

One: And may the God of all grace,
who has called you to his eternal glory,
confirm you to the end that you shall be found faithful
on the day of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

**All: And may we as your people,
continue to nurture, support, encourage, and strengthen them,
Striving side by side for the advancement of your kingdom
and the reconciliation of this world. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THIS WAY FORWARD: CONFIRMATION

(8:45) Betsy Cann
(11:00) Christopher Latham

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Paul MacPhail

Eric Thiman

(11:00)

Trust in You
Elizabeth Sims

Lauren Daigle

† DOXOLOGY

*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!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Hymn 475

In 1752, a young Robert Robinson attended an evangelical meeting to heckle the believers and make fun of the proceedings. Instead, he listened in awe to the words of the great preacher George Whitefield, and in 1755, at the age of twenty, Robinson responded to the call he felt three years earlier and became a Christian. Another three years later, when preparing a sermon for his church in Norfolk, England, he penned the words that have become one of the church's most-loved hymns: "Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace."

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

The Closing Voluntary is a musical expression of the soul's exultation for God. It is a few moments of rest for personal contemplation of all the majesty, wonder and glory of God that has been revealed during our worship service. During this music you will hear the vital Spirit come alive, the Peace of Christ in your heart and the glory of our Holy creator. Use this time to listen, for private prayer, and to determine how this worship will empower you for service in Christ's name.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Chapman Quantz McMeekin by Sarah, Tom, and Thomas McMeekin.

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 and large-print Bibles are available from the ushers upon request.

LIFE @ FIRST

APRIL 24, 2016

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.

JOINING FIRST PRES...

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please come to the Church Library on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am. The Church Library is located on the first floor of the main building, on the hallway near the Chestnut Street Door. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Additionally, a Welcome Class is held twice 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, please contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125/jhull@fpcspartanburg.org or 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 or on holidays, 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).

JOY FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON THIS TUESDAY

The JOY Fellowship invites **all church members** to Celebrate Spring on Tuesday, April 26 at 11:30am in Fogartie Hall. The luncheon will feature a delicious meal and wonderful musical entertainment!

If attending, please RSVP to Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 27 - LAST WAF

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:00pm Dinner Serving Line Open

Meal Cost: \$7.00 Adults/Youth (12-54); \$6.00 Senior Adults (55+); \$4.00 Children's Mini Main Menu (child's portion of the weekly menu) or Children's Corner Café (chicken tenders, mac & cheese, and fruit); max family is \$20.

Menu: Salad Bar, Sweet 'n Sour Chicken, Rice, Yeast Rolls, Dessert

6:15pm Christian Recreation for Children

6:30pm Youth Dinner Theater

Our youth will be performing and donations will be accepted. The money raised will support our Senior High Bahamas Mission Trip where our students, in cooperation with Next Step Ministries, will build and repair cabins for the residents at the All Saints Camp in Nassau.

Family Playtime, Sit 'n Stitch, Wednesday Walkers

RSVP for Dinner: on the church homepage, click on the My First Pres Celtic Cross Banner beside the Calendar icon, or fill out the "pink reservation card" in the Fellowship Pad, or contact Didi Terry in the church office; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531 by noon on Monday.

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Our Boy Scout Troop is selling hanging baskets for Mother's Day. Each 1.5 gallon calibrachoa is \$15. Prepaid orders will be taken today at the Scout Hut, 12:15-12:30pm. **Orders must be placed by tomorrow, Monday, April 25.** The baskets will be available for pickup on Saturday, May 7, 10:00am-2:00pm, at the Scout Hut.

For more info or special pickup arrangements, call Melissa Pickens; 497-2363.

REGISTER FOR VBS BY MAY 16

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held June 6-9. There is a space for you and your little surfers right now, but spaces fill quickly so act before you miss the curl.

To Register, pick up a form at church and return to Katie Resumovic, in the church office, by Monday, May 16. You can also download the form: www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/children/vacation-bible-school

To Volunteer, please contact Alexa Pack; alexapack@gmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1.....

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Next Sunday, May 1, please bring canned goods and loose change to Worship to benefit Total Ministries of Spartanburg. As we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong). **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** Some suggestions: Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Soup, and Family-Size Beans and Rice (not 20⁺lb bags).

MAY DAY COVERED DISH LUNCH

Come to the *May Day Covered Dish Luncheon* next Sunday, May 1, after the 11:00am worship service. Bring a salad, entree, side dish, and/or dessert to share! You may drop your dish off in the Social Hall as you arrive for worship or Sunday School. Beverages provided.

CHAMBER SINGERS' SPRING CONCERT

Next Sunday, May 1 at 7:00pm, the Chamber Singers will offer their spring concert. The featured work is *Requiem for the Living* by upstate composer Dan Forrest, and there will also be music by Mozart, Mendelssohn and more. The singers will be accompanied by orchestra; the concert will be in the Sanctuary.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CELEBRATION, MAY 2

The Women's Ministries Council invites you to join in a celebration and installation of new officers on Monday, May 2 at 11:00am in the Parlor! Bring a friend and enjoy refreshments as we celebrate the new officers for 2016-17 and close the 2015-16 year.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - THURSDAY, MAY 5

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance, held on the first Thursday in May, inviting people of all faiths to pray. The Chapel will be open all day; you are welcome to stop by for a quiet time of prayer at your convenience. Additionally, a Special Prayer Service will be held, 12:00-12:30pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Bake Cookies! Over several years, our Church members have provided many cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry at nearby Tyger River Correctional Institute. These are very helpful in opening the hearts and minds of incarcerated men to the Gospel message. Please leave cookies in the Church office by noon on Wednesday, April 27. Prison officials request **no powdered sugar or "sprinkles"**. Average cookie thickness is preferred over very thin ones - due to transport/handling. Please package cookies in plastic baggies or use disposable plastic containers or paper boxes, but no aluminum foil.

Questions? Contact Doug Baker; 579-4537/dougbaker@bellsouth.net.

Donate Food, Clothing, or Personal Items for the 4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen:

This Tuesday, April 25, help us clothe and feed those in need. UKirk is providing delicious casseroles; we welcome additional donations of side dishes, fresh fruit, bread, and dessert. We have requests for these items: men's and women's jeans, shorts, t-shirts, caps/ hats, undergarments, tennis shoes, socks, sunscreen, bug spray, chap stick, toothbrushes, antibiotic ointment, band aids, baby wipes, sleeping bags, book bags, toilet tissue, individually wrapped food items, bottles of water, reading glasses, and devotionals. (One friend wears a size 3X and is in need of jeans and t-shirts. Several friends have asked for men's tennis shoes - size 10, 11, and 12.)

Questions? Contact: Will DeLaney, Beth DeLaney, or Tina Hamilton;

908-8753 / 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30am Men's Breakfast
8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Sanctuary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

11:30am JOY Fellowship Luncheon
12:00pm Study: *Being Presbyterian*
6:00pm 4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen
6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

10:00am Study: *Christians in the Making*
12:00pm Men's Bible Study
5:00pm WAF (see article)
6:30pm Spark Social
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

12:00pm Study: *Being Presbyterian*
12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

6:30am Men's Study Group
7:00am Men's Study Group

AA meets 3 times per week - Tues, Thurs, and Fri at 7am in the Scout Hut.

For the complete schedule of FLC Classes: www.fpcspartanburg.org/grow/recreation.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Communion

Worship led by:

8:45am MorningSong - Dr. Tom Evans
8:45am Sanctuary - Rev. Craig Foster
11:00am Sanctuary - Dr. Tom Evans

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day

*Officer Ordination and Installation
Congregational Meeting*

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Pentecost

General Assembly Forum

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

Needed weekly: \$52,786.00
Received 4/17: \$30,602.77

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; The Haven; CAST Program; **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; Refugee Relief; **Education:** Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); Arcadia Outreach Ministry; Presbytery Unified Funds; The Shepherd's Center; Adult Learning Center

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Missionaries: Support for 4 missionaries - **Jo Ella Holman**, *Cuba and Dominican Republic*; **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; **Philippines:** Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; **Witness Season**; **Bread for the World**

This week, please pray for the Synod of the Pacific (Oregon, Southern Idaho, Nevada, Northern California) and these partner churches and organizations in Lesotho:

Lesotho Evangelical Church, Christian Council of Lesotho, Kopano ke Matla Toantsong ea Bofuma (Unity is strength in the fight against poverty), and the Joining Hands network.

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2016: Vic Bailey, Bert Barre, Jay Beeson, Jennifer Biber, Billy Blackford, Mark Cann, David Cecil, Paul Cote, Fred Cumbo, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Janet Kuntz, Valerie MacPhail, Eric Nease, Darwin Simpson

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

Class of 2018: Fran Bagwell, David Beacham, Roy Berry, Mark Coleman, Mary Dixon, Ken Frick, Mark Hicklin, David Ike, Kay McClure, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Susan Oldham, Carter Smith, Pat Tatham

DIACONATE

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

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

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STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, *Senior Pastor*; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, *Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship*; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care*; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, *Pastoral Associate for Young Adults*; **Holt Andrews**, *Director of Music*; **Marcia Andrews**, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*; **Jason Moore**, *Director of Youth Ministry*; **Penny Wright**, *Assistant Director of Youth*; **Beth Burris**, *Director of Children's Ministries*; **Beth Cecil**, *Parish Nurse*; **Colleen McCullough**, *Director of Recreation*; **Jane Mullins**, *Director of Hospitality*



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