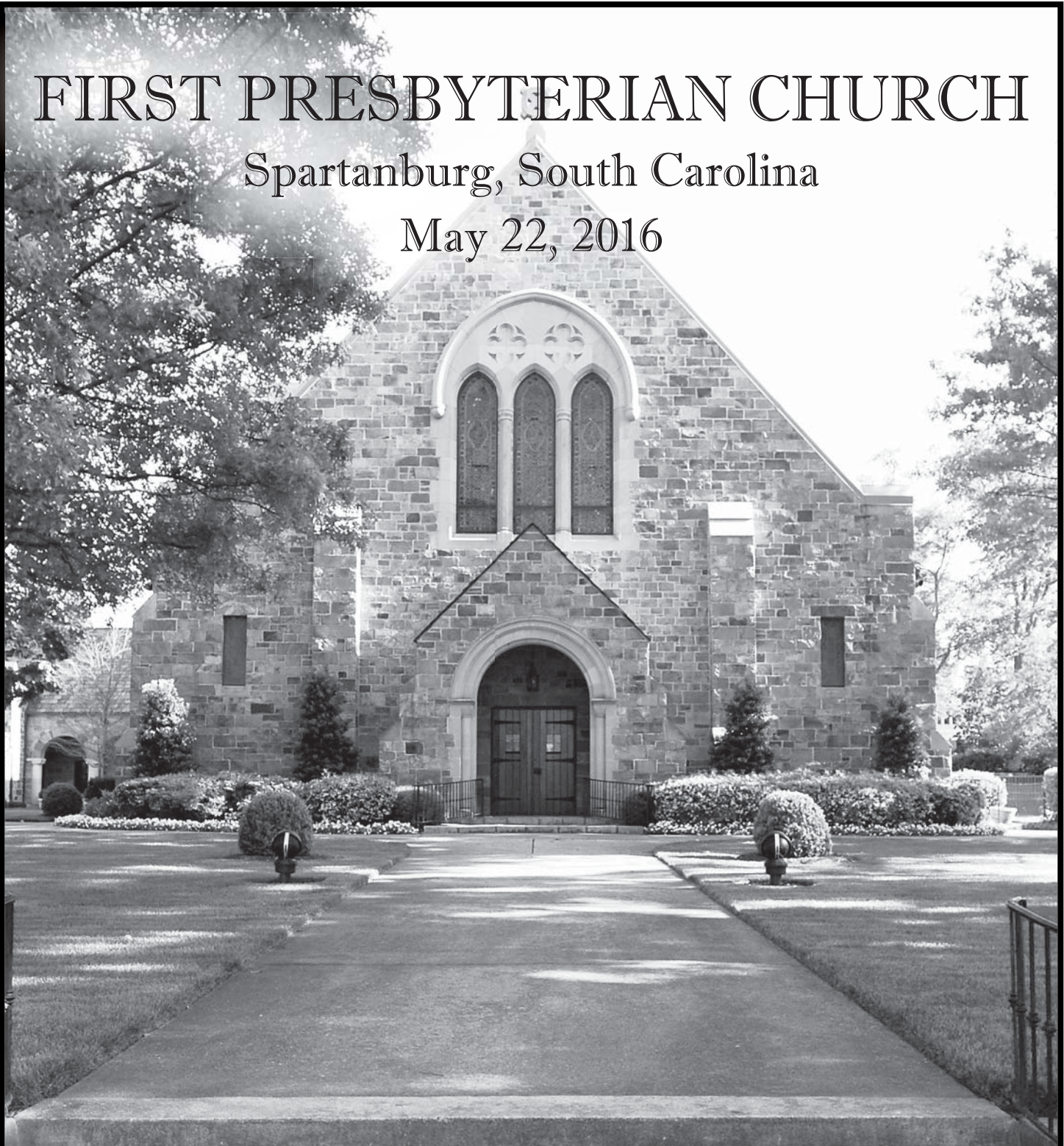


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

May 22, 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

MAY 22, 2016

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

Rhosymedre

arr. Wilbur Held

ACOLYTE (11:00)

Alex Googer

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

One: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,
All: **we behold in the splendor of creation your majesty and our responsibility.**
One: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,
All: **we behold in the face of Jesus Christ your divinity and our humanity.**
One: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,
All: **we behold in the Spirit of truth your glory and our calling.**
Bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!
One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 1

It is uncommon
to find a hymn
included in
just about
every hymnal,
with almost
universally similar
text. And yet this
is the case with
Reginald Heber's
greatest hymn,
"Holy! Holy!
Holy!" published
in 1826.

† HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Triune God,
instead of living in equality, justice, and respect,
we construct systems that are unjust.
We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others,
and disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions still surface in us.
We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness.
Holy God, forgive us.
Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image you intend.
We pray to be one with you and one another.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and even crowns us with honor and glory.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 643, VERSE 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us,
let us now share that peace with each other. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:45) Rev. Christi O. Brown / (11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

(8:45)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-36

Pew Bible Page 552

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wisdom Calls

Rev. Christi O. Brown

(11:00)

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5

Pew Bible Page 980

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rejoice in Suffering?

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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.

Today is the last day of Children's Worship until the fall.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

This God has done since the beginning of the world
and will do to the end.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (8:45)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

During the 11:00 service today, we will recognize our high school graduates. Please remember them in your prayers as they take this next step in life.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES (11:00)

Jason Moore

A PRAYER FOR AND COMMISSIONING OF GRADUATES

Congregation: Lord, we thank you for our graduates, and ask that you would continue to nurture their dreams. Help them to seek your will in all that they do, and give them the grace to hold fast to their faith through all the days ahead. Give them courage and strength to persevere. Amen.

Leader: Now, on behalf of this congregation, we send you out as Christ's witnesses into the world. Go forth, knowing that you are missionaries to the world, representing God and this congregation wherever you go. Go with God's power and wisdom, God's discipline and love, God's grace and peace and abundant joy.

Graduates: *May God grant us strength to be His witnesses wherever we go.*

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:45) Lynn Edwards / (11:00) Sanders Lee

THIS WAY FORWARD: A SACRED PLACE FOR THE SAINTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Genesis Choir

Dodd Lamberton

(11:00)

Just as I Am
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

† 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 THANKSGIVING

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on 100th Psalm Tune

Henry Purcell

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

After the 11:00 worship service today, the Graduates will be on the front lawn. We invite you to greet them and congratulate them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lucille Bergeret Bowling by her daughter, Julia Burnett.

2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

David Walker Adamson Jr.
William Dixon Bailey
Alexander McQuary Barrett
William Anthony Bradley
Winston Nicholas Bridges
Abigail Young Britton
Albert Bryan Bullington IV
Daniel Brandon Burgess
Solomon Selleck-Lee Cantrell
Alexander Pennell Chambers
Lillie Marie Croes
William Carl DeLaney
James Emory Eastin
Spencer Eben Edwards
Cameron Camille Gaubert

Emery Robert Hollar IV
Evans Kathleen Hollingsworth
Chandler Wilson Jenkins
Drew William Keefer
Owen Robert Keefer
Graham Rush Keith
Morgan Elizabeth Kimbrell
Davis Todd Kleman
Mary Katherine Mahon
Thomas Keane Mitchell
Elford West Morgan
Sarah Anderson Mullins
William Bruce Mullins
Meredith Claire Murff
Charlotte Elizabeth Neidenbach

Hudson Randolph Orders
Sadie Elizabeth Ouzts
Bonnie Elizabeth Parrott
Mazzie Rayne Phinizy
Matthew Miller Poliakoff
Samantha Lee Pressley
McKenzie Kathleen Shearon
Jake Kallen Singleton
Jon Thomas Singleton
Anna Douglas Smith
Stephen Mitchell Thornton
William Mendenhall Webster V
Jackson Whitt West
Madison Anne Workman

SUMMER SCHEDULE SUNDAY SCHOOL - BEGINS MAY 29 AT 9:30AM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)
1st Floor Clark Bldg

Preschool (3K-5K)
1st Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)
2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (6th-12th Grade)
2nd Floor FLC

ADULTS

FAITH DRIVEN CLASS AND SPARK (Room C210) *This combined class is made up of young adults, both single and married, with and without children, and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.*

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.*

NEW SUMMER ADULT CLASS (Room 2201) *will meet May 29 - Aug 28. "The Story of the Bible, Part I: From its Origins to the Middle Ages" is a Lecture Series by Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor at Emory University and mentor of our own Dr. Kyle Keefer. Dr. Johnson is an engaging speaker who explains in this series how the Bible came to be written and assembled, as well as how various versions were developed, circulated, and preserved over hundreds of years. Each lecture is 30 minutes. Kyle Keefer, Tom & Nan McDaniel, and other First Presbyterian teachers will lead discussion before and after the lectures. There will be special Mission presentations on June 5 and August 14.*

LIFE @ FIRST

MAY 22, 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).

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, TODAY, MAY 22

Join us as we support our high school seniors as they begin a new chapter in their lives. We will have a special portion of the 11:00am worship service to recognize our seniors.

RESTORE, RENOVATE, AND REFRESH

The Session has begun a process to explore restoring, renovating, and refreshing the Sanctuary and has engaged Terry Eason, a nationally-recognized church design consultant. We would love to receive some of your input as we move toward solidifying our plans. Please come to the Sanctuary on **today, May 22, following the 11:00 worship service**, to learn about concepts and share your feedback.

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP PATRIOTIC ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The JOY Fellowship Committee invites all members to attend a Patriotic Ice Cream Social at 3:00pm **this afternoon** in the Social Hall. There will be Patriotic Music, Fun, and Flavors!

PREPARING FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As the 222nd meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) gathers June 18-25 in Portland, Oregon, members of First Presbyterian Spartanburg are urged to be attuned with great excitement as the Foothills Presbytery presents its overtures to effect positive change in the future direction of the denomination.

The final educational session for this coming assembly is:

* Today, May 22, 5:30-6:30 pm, in the Social Hall

REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Next Sunday, May 29, the church will honor your loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have now passed on. We will print the information in the worship bulletin.

*Please contact Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org/208-2132) **by noon tomorrow** with the name of the person, their rank, branch of service, and dates of service.*

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Beginning May 29 and concluding August 28, the Summer Worship schedule will be:

8:30am Chapel Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Morningsong (Fogartie Hall) and Sanctuary Worship

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle - Jun 5, Jun 26, Jul 17, Aug 7, and Aug 28

There will be one combined worship service on Sunday, September 4 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary and the regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 11.

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome in the Summer Choir, which meets every Sunday from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The group is designed for maximum flexibility...show up any summer Sunday at 9:45am. We prepare the music for that day's 10:30am Sanctuary service only, so you will not be behind if you are a one-time visitor or have been away on vacation, etc. Anyone high-school age and above is welcome, and there are strong singers there to lean on if you're feeling a bit insecure. Summer Choir is perfect for those who like to sing but can't be a part of one of our regular ensembles, for students home for the summer, for out of town guests, etc.

For more information contact Holt Andrews; rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org.

CHANGE IN PARKING ON CHESTNUT STREET

The City of Spartanburg Fire Department has determined that parking will only be allowed along one side of Chestnut Street, to permit their equipment to have access in the event of a fire. Also, any of us who have found ourselves in, or needing to cross, Chestnut Street when cars are parked on both sides would readily agree that we have a dangerous situation there. Therefore, the City will make changes to Chestnut Street to allow parking only along the west (church) side of the street and will paint a "drop-off" and "pick-up" at the Weekday School entrance, at no cost to the church. The Church staff and Weekday School staff are in agreement with these proposed changes. Please note that we anticipate these changes to be effective this coming week. Thank you for making our church safer!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

Help Needed at SPIHN! Our next SPIHN week is Sunday, May 29-Sunday, June 5.

These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction.

We currently need an Evening Host for Wednesday and Friday night. *If interested, contact Hannah (hannahlanedc@gmail.com) or Alan (aworkman@gracemg.com).*

VBS Camp Arcadia is June 13-17, 1-4pm at Arcadia Elementary School and we need your help! *Please email Chris Curtis (curtis1120@gmail.com) to volunteer* for one day, a few days, or all week. Also, please indicate your area of interest or any other info you'd like us to know. Questions welcomed!

4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen – Southern Comfort Food - May 24. Please help us clothe and feed those in need this Tuesday at the 4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen - 6:00pm in the Arthur Center. The theme for the night is Southern Comfort Food. We need volunteers to help us serve the meal. We also welcome donations of chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn, green beans, rolls, fresh fruit and desserts. We have requests for these items: men's and women's jeans, shorts, t-shirts, ball caps, 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. *To volunteer or make donations, please contact Will DeLaney, Beth DeLaney, or Tina Hamilton (908-8753) 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.*

NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

New services are now available to enhance your giving experience. Online giving provides the flexibility to give how you want, regardless of day or time. You can give ① through the church website, ② through text message to 864/309-0816, or ③ using the ShelbyNEXT / Giving app. Copies of "Your Guide to eGiving" are available in the church office. If you have used "My First Pres" Online Giving, this method of giving is no longer available.

Questions? Contact Lynise Clarke; lclarke@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2130.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:00am Genesis Choir
8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Sanctuary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
12:00pm Sanctuary Feedback
3:00pm Patriotic Ice Cream Social
5:30pm G.A. Education Session

TUESDAY, MAY 24

12:00pm Study: *Being Presbyterian*
6:00pm 4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, MAY 26

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

FRIDAY, MAY 27

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 29

Begin Summer Worship Schedule

8:30am Chapel Worship Service
Rev. Joanne Hull

10:30am MorningSong Worship
Jason Moore

10:30am Sanctuary Worship
Rev. Joanne Hull

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

*Communion
Summer Sizzle
Blood Drive*

JUNE 6-9

Vacation Bible School

FINANCIAL NEWS

Budget

Needed weekly:	\$52,786
Received 5/15:	\$28,582

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 Southern California and Hawaii and these partner churches and organizations in Malawi: Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Ekwendeni Hospital, Embangweni Hospital, Embangweni School for the Deaf, Henry Henderson Institute Secondary School, Ministry of Hope, Mulanje Hospital, Nkhoma Hospital, University of Livingstonia, College of Theology, and Zomba Theological College.

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

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, Leslie Calicutt, Mark Coleman, Mary Dixon, Ken Frick, Mark Hicklin, David Ike, Kay McClure, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Susan Oldham, Carter Smith, Pat Tatham

Class of 2019: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, Dick Carr, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, Lewis White

DIACONATE

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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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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