



WELCOME to  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
Spartanburg, SC

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

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

8:45AM - CHAPEL

11:00AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY  
ACOLYTE

*God Himself Is Present*

Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT (11:00)

*This Little Light of Mine*

Anna Laura Page

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our hope is in God all of our lives.  
All: **God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.**  
One: God has held us since our birth.  
All: **So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.**  
One: In love, God saves and supports us.  
All: **Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**  
One: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 71:1-6)

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

The Acolyte  
brings the light  
of God into the  
Sanctuary at  
the beginning  
of the service  
and carries the  
light of God out  
into the world  
at the end of  
the service.

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

This hymn is an interpretation of Psalm 72 using a Christological lens. Hymn author, Isaac Watts, understood that the Old Testament makes sense in light of the New, and vice versa. There are many different stories in the Bible, but they are all part of the one great Story.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, our Deliverer,  
 we confess that we are too reluctant  
 to speak and to live according to your truth.  
 We grow comfortable with the way things are,  
 passively condoning injustice.  
 We see ourselves as “insiders,”  
 excluding those we consider “outsiders.”  
 We find it easier to pluck up and pull down,  
 to destroy and overthrow,  
 than to build and to plant.  
 Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.  
 Empty us of fear and shame,  
 and fill us with love that is humble and patient  
 and kind.  
 We pray this in the name of the One who  
 humbled himself.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

## † RESPONSE

HYMN 41, VERSE 5

LYONS

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.  
 The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
 One: Let us greet each other as we share the love and peace of Christ.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR MISSION:  
 Youth Century Club

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Luke 4:16-30

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SERMON

*Surprising Words*

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

#### At the 8:45

**service**, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, they will return to the pews.

#### At the 11:00

**service**, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Mary Caldwell

(11:00)

*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

Alice Parker

### † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

*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

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

**All: *And also with you.***

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

**All: *We lift them up to the Lord.***

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.

Hymn 772

My interest in hymn-writing started with the planning for the 1976 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women. The program planners had decided upon the theme "Live Into Hope." The Biblical base for the meeting was to be Luke 4, but every hymn we considered had some snag for us. We were looking for ... biblically based ideas set in contemporary words and phrases... I sat down at my typewriter and about twelve stanzas appeared – a bit much – so I whittled back to these four.

From the book A Singing Faith by Hymn Author Jane Parker Huber

You are invited to stay and listen to the Closing Voluntary but you are welcome to leave following the Benediction.

COMMUNION MUSIC

(8:45)

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

David Hegarty

(11:00)

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 772

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 547, VERSE 3

AR HYD Y NOS

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

(11:00) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

Thomas Bliss

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Mr. R. Holt Andrews  
Mr. A. Mark Ashby  
Miss C. Adeline Usry  
Miss Mary Claire M. Threatt

Mr. David M. Beacham  
Mr. Bert B. Moore Jr.

Miss M. Helen Colbath, Acolyte

Junior Choristers  
Chancel Choir

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Benjamin S. Willard and Kat and Henry Cohen by the family.*

*Many thanks to Bruce Campbell, organist, for his worship leadership while Marcia is away at the Women's Retreat.*

*For the hearing impaired: For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit. 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 are available from the ushers upon request.*

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Building

Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Family Life Center

### ADULTS

*Sunday mornings offer classes designed to help men and women grow their faith through study and discussion.*

*Want more information? Visit our website at [fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults](http://fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults).*

**BIBLE ALIVE! (Room 2210)** *A talented and experienced teaching team leads this class for those who want to study the Bible in-depth, book by book.*

**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 children and youth and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.*

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2201)** *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.*

**LIFT: (MID)LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER (Room 2212)** *This new class is made up of those in the center of their lives with older children in and out of the house. Each week will be a stand-alone, Bible-based study from 10:00-10:30. Join us to find a lift for your spirit and deepen your connection to Christ. Come early at 9:45 for delicious coffee and extra connection!*

**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.*

**NOTE:** All rooms with a C in the room number are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

# LIFE @ FIRST

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

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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, see one of the Greeters holding the baskets.*

## JOINING FIRST PRES...

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, please come to the Church Library on the second Sunday of any month at 10:30am. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you.

*Questions? Contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125 / [jhull@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:jhull@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.

## FOR PARENTS

**Nursery Care** is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for children six weeks through three years old.

**Rainbow Worship Bags** are provided for your child to use during worship. Please return the bag to the baskets after worship. The bulletins are for your child to keep.

**Online Games** are available at: [www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com](http://www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com). Enter the code found at the bottom right of each child's bulletin in the Rainbow Worship Bags. This code is unique to our church.

## TODAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

**MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP AT 10:30AM:** This morning, we will have our monthly fellowship time. Meet in The Perrin Room at 10:30am for doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship with your church family. Parents, please pick up your children from Sunday School by 10:30 so that everyone, including teachers, can enjoy the fellowship time together.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** We have the opportunity to participate in a different kind of "Super Bowl" by supporting a local ministry through the Souper Bowl of Caring. To help serve our community, our youth will be collecting monetary donations in large soup pots following all three services that will help support the [Spartanburg Soup Kitchen](#).

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS: LIFT: (mid)Life In Fellowship Together** begins today and will meet in Room 2212. This new class is made up of those in the center of their lives with older children in and out of the house. Each week will be a stand-alone, Bible-based study from 10:00-10:30am. Join us to find a lift for your spirit and deepen your connection to Christ. Come early at 9:45 for delicious coffee and extra connection!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting and a meeting of the members of the Corporation (First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, SC) for Sunday, February 3, 2019 during the 11:00am worship in the Sanctuary for the following purposes:

- ❑ Electing at-large members to the 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee: Libby Adamson, Katherine Barre, Jason Blanton, Ann Marie Edwards, Thomas McMeekin, Doug Nash, Cindy Poole, Meghann Swofford, Betty Tate, Ralph Tesseneer.
- ❑ Electing the Class of 2021 elders and the chair of the Diaconate to the Board of Trustees of the Corporation: Ali Beeson, David Berry, Cam Cecil, Blair Clementson, Sally Dover, Callie Hammett, Josh Jones, Stan Lummus, Donna Pulliam, Reel Robertson, Richard Strasburger, Charlotte Verreault, Ben Wall, Tom Webster, Lewis White, and Vic Bailey.
- ❑ Voting on the Terms of Call for Rev. L. Craig Foster, Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Communications.

## TUESDAY: TICKLED PINK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendars, grab a friend, and join Susan Oldham and Ansley Page as they **begin a new Tickled Pink study**, Tuesdays, 9:15-10:30am in Fogartie Hall, February 5 - March 26. All women are invited to this weekly celebration of grace and God. Come when you can to strengthen your faith and stretch your heart as we consider the reign of God in Jesus' Parables: Timeless Truths for Today. Each lesson is stand alone, homework is optional, snacks are yummy, and the fellowship is the best in town!

## LUNCH AND LEARN, TUESDAY, FEB 5, 12:00-1:00PM

Come learn more about our local mission partners as well as enjoy a delicious lunch cooked by Jane Mullins for only \$7. Join us in the Large Private Dining Room at Noon on Tuesday, February 5 for a panel discussion. Special panel guests in February will be senior staff from the Adult Learning Center, New Day Clubhouse, Speaking Down Barriers, Mental Health America - Spartanburg, and The Shepherd's Center.

*RSVP by February 3 at <https://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/lunchnlearn>.  
Questions? Contact Christi Brown; [cbrown@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cbrown@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - FEBRUARY 6

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** Salad Bar, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread, and Dessert. Meal costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required; you are welcome to pre-pay online. We take credit/debit cards, and also welcome cash and check.

**Children's Choirs** meet at 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room.

**CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5<sup>th</sup> grade):** 6:15pm, Activity Room.

**Nursery Care** (6 months to 3K): 6:15pm in the Gym Nursery.

**Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship** (grades 6-12): 6:15pm, Middle School Classroom.

**Sit 'n Stitch:** Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

**Wednesday Walkers:** Burn off those WAF calories on the track.

**Local Missions: Mission Frameworks:** 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

## THURSDAY: WDS SWEETHEARTS CELEBRATION

The Weekday School will have their annual Sweethearts Celebration on **Thursday, February 7, 5:30-7:00pm in Fogartie Hall**. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner, musical entertainment by Debbie Keiser, and a delicious bake sale while helping to raise funds for our Weekday School!

*RSVP by Monday, February 4: [www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/wds-sweethearts](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/wds-sweethearts)*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST - FEBRUARY 17

FPC Men: Bring your fathers, sons, and friends to the Men's Breakfast at 7:30am on Sunday, February 17 in the Social Hall. Dr. Lee Close will be leading the program: "Opportunities for Service." A delicious breakfast will be prepared by Dick Mahon and crew! No cost; donations accepted.

*RSVP by February 14 to Shannon Stewart; [sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 3

*MorningSong Worship  
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)*

*Traditional Worship  
(8:45-Chapel & 11:00am-Sanctuary)*

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Fellowship  
(10:30am - The Perrin Room)*

### FEBRUARY 1-3

*Women's Retreat*

### FEBRUARY 5

*Tickled Pink Bible Study Resumes  
BBC with Kirk Neely  
Local Missions Lunch-n-Learn*

### FEBRUARY 7

*WDS Sweethearts Celebration*

### FEBRUARY 8-10

*Confirmation Retreat*

### FEBRUARY 17

*Men's Breakfast  
Blood Drive*

### FEBRUARY 18

*Sanctuary Guild Meeting*

### FEBRUARY 24

*Witness Season Sunday*

### FEBRUARY 25

*Red Shoe Luncheon*

### FEBRUARY 26

*Neighborhood Meal Ministry*

### FEBRUARY 27

*Healing and Wholeness Service*

### MARCH 1

*World Day of Prayer*

### MARCH 6

*Ash Wednesday*

### MARCH 10

*First Sunday in Lent  
Daylight Savings Time Begins*

*A complete calendar is available at  
[fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

## 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; Neighborhood Meal Ministry; **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; Mental Health Advocacy; **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 missionaries - **Jo Ella Holman**, PCUSA liaison for the Caribbean; **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; Haiti Reforestation Project (CODEP); **Philippines:** Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; **India:** Set Free Alliance; **Witness Season: Bread for the World**

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### SESSION

**Class of 2019:** Lee Close, Celia Cogdell, Suzy Cole, Andrew Darr, Melissa France, Laura Henthorn, Whit Kennedy, Craig Long, Jason Lynch, Ashley Millinor, Bert Moore, Steven Richards, Jessalyn Story, Monica Threatt, Linda West

**Class of 2020:** David Beacham, Martha Bean, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

**Class of 2021:** Ali Beeson, David Berry, Cam Cecil, Blair Clementson, Sally Dover, Callie Hammett, Josh Jones, Stan Lummus, Donna Pulliam, Reel Robertson, Richard Strasburger, Charlotte Verreault, Ben Wall, Tom Webster, Lewis White

### DIACONATE

**Class of 2019:** Will Adair, Vic Bailey, Steven Blanton, Bill Cummings, Chris Curtis, Carroll Easterling, Rob Elliot, John Faris, Dana Halliday, Andy Halligan, Catherine Johnson, Bryan Pack, Kristen Raynor, Leah Rigsby, Marsh Rogers

**Class of 2020:** Marjorie Appiah, Fran Bagwell, Budge Bean, Marsha Calvert, Alice Eberhardt, Karen Edwards, Sharon Hill, Brenda James, Andy Lancaster, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters, Hannah Zimmerman

**Class of 2021:** David Berry Jr., Katherine Burns, Jeff Cleland, Mary Grace Close, Molly Colbath, Tres Cox, Hamp Crow, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Will Hoy, Beau Shuler, Denise Stevens, Alan Workman

## STAFF

**Dr. Thomas E. Evans**, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications; **Rev. Joanne R. Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mark Ashby**, Director of Youth Ministries; **Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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