



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.”

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

2018 - A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

APRIL 8, 2018

8:45AM - CHAPEL

11:00AM - SOCIAL HALL

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

O Hail, This Brightest Day of Days

J.S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let us worship God!

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

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

Text author,
Brian A. Wren,
writes: "*It was
written for Easter
Sunday, two
weeks after the
assassination of
Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. I could
not let Easter
go by without
speaking of this
tragic event
which was on
all our minds...
The hymn tries to
see God's love
winning over
tragedy and
suffering in the
world...There
is tension and
tragedy in these
words, not just
Easter rejoicing.*"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice.
When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.
When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,
join with the weak to make us all strong.
When we are confined by our hurts,
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE

HYMN 236, VERSES 1 AND 2

VICTORY

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: After his resurrection, Christ greeted his disciples with these words:
"Peace be with you."
As disciples of Christ, let us greet one another with these same words:
"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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ *When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."* ²⁰ *After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then*

the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

Firefly Faith

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Dale Wood

(11:00)

Christ, the Way of Life Possess Me

K. Lee Scott

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUDEN

*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!*

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

During the Word for Children, all children are invited to come to the front. Afterwards, at the 8:45 service the children will return to their pew and at the 11:00 service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: 2nd floor of the Family Life Center.

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 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 PRAYER

All communion
bread and
wafers are
gluten free.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

(11:00)

I Come with Joy

Karen Marroli

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 240

Surrounded by
"alleluias," the
text presents
the good news
of Easter: Christ
is risen! In this
hymn we sing
Pauline phrases
that proclaim
the new life we
have in the risen
Christ.

† HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA No. 1

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 248, VERSE 2

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

† (8:45) CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

arr. Wilbur Held

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

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Mrs. Muffet Chapman
Genesis Choir
Chancel Choir

The Flowers in the Social Hall are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bertram Barre and Mrs. Salle Barre James by Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Barre, Dr. and Mrs. William A. James, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bert D. Barre.

For the hearing impaired: Hearing aid devices are available. Please ask an usher and return when you exit. Thank you.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

CHILDREN (Birth-5th Gr): Classes in the Clark Building

YOUTH (6th-12th Gr): Meets in Family Life Center (2nd Floor)

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE	Room 2210
CHOIR CLASS	Room 2208
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES	Room C212
EMMAUS CLASS	Room 2207
FAITH DRIVEN	Room C210
FELLOWSHIP CLASS	Room 2201
OPEN CLASS	Room 2213
PURNELL CLASS	Purnell Room

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, April 8	Joshua 20-22 / Psalm 39
Monday, April 9	Joshua 23-24 / Romans 15
Tuesday, April 10	Judges 1-2 / Romans 16
Wednesday, April 11	Judges 3-4 / Mark 1
Thursday, April 12	Judges 5-6 / Psalm 40-41
Friday, April 13	Judges 7-8 / Mark 2
Saturday, April 14	Judges 9-10 / Mark 3

LIFE @ FIRST

APRIL 8, 2018

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WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - APRIL 11

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Hot Chicken Salad Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Side, Yeast Rolls, Dessert.* Dinner costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - with a limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children): 6:15pm in the Activity Room.

Youth Coffeehouse: 6:15pm in the Middle School Classroom.

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

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

Spartanburg As It Was, Beginning in 1843: 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Spartanburg and First Presbyterian grew up together. Brad Steinecke, Assistant Director of Local History at Spartanburg Public Libraries, will examine the growth of the community in which First Presbyterian has always existed.

BRING BOX TOPS FOR ARCADIA

Many products have a logo for "Box Tops for Education." Each Box Top is worth 10¢ to go to a school. Here's where FPC fits in: Arcadia Elementary School is a school with more than 70% of students coming from a low-income home. For over a decade, the church has supported Arcadia Elementary through our mission VBS, Camp Arcadia. Now, we have a way to help support the programs they already have in place! Collection jars will be in the Family Life Center Lobby and in the AIM closet.

Questions? Contact Susi at susanna.wright@sdsgriffin.org.

VBS 2018: JUNE 11-14

We are very excited to announce this year's VBS - *Rolling River Rampage!* During this fun-filled week of rafting-themed activities, folks of all ages will experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, Rafters will hear stories of the life of Jesus, explore God's promises for their lives, and discover exciting ways to serve God and others! They will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything! This year VBS is happening a week later than in the past, so make a note and mark your calendars now for June 11-14! Registration is open April 9 - May 18.

Volunteers: contact Katherine Halligan; kbhalligan@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS!

Sunday, April 22

Celebration Dinner // 6:30pm // Fogartie Hall

Kick off the 175th Celebration with a dinner of beef tenderloin. Cost is \$12 per person. *Make your reservations with Didi Terry by Wednesday, April 18.*

Let's Party Like It's 1843! // 7:30pm // Social Hall

Enjoy 150 years of sacred, serious, and popular music with the First Presbyterian Chamber Singers. Free of charge.

Wednesday, April 25

Pastors Return from Glory // 7:00pm // Social Hall

A unique look at First Presbyterian's history by those who were there. This is Chautauqua FPC-style!

Saturday, April 28

Family Fun Day // 11:00am-1:00pm // FLC Parking Lot

Join us for games for all ages, tours, scavenger hunt, and more. Ike's will provide a hamburger lunch at \$6 a person. Nursery provided.

Hymn Sing & Dr. Craig Barnes // 4:00-5:30 pm // Chapel

Enjoy some of your favorite hymns and hear from Dr. Craig Barnes, our weekend speaker.

Sunday, April 29

Worship Service // 10:30am // Sanctuary

Worship service celebrating our 175th anniversary in the newly renovated Sanctuary; with guest minister, The Reverend Doctor M. Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. Overflow will be in the Social Hall and Fogartie Hall. Nursery provided.

Following, we will have lunch on the church lawn. *Bring a side dish (serving 6-8)* to go with the fried chicken, tea and lemonade, and birthday cake provided by the church. You may drop your food with the lunch volunteers at the Family Life Center before worship begins.

COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENTS!

In honor of our church's 175th birthday celebration, we have porcelain ornaments available to purchase for \$12 each. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the renovation of the original chapel above the Social Hall. You may purchase these ornaments at WAF on April 11 and 18; at "Pastor's Return from Glory" on April 25; at the Family Fun Day on April 28; or in Lynise Clarke's office Monday-Friday.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name. *Fine*

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.