



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

MAY 12, 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

Morning Song

Edward Elgar

ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
All: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**
One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
All: **the mercies of God never come to an end.**
One: Let us worship God together!

† 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.

Hymn 239

Cyril A. Alington wrote this text while Headmaster of Eton College. This text should not be mistaken for its Christmas counterpart "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"; both texts originally began, "Good Christian men, rejoice."

† HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God,
we confess that we have not lived for your glory.
We follow the crowds around you
but fail to grasp the good news you offer.
We weep at the power of death
but laugh at your promise of new life.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Heal us of all doubt and despair
and give us the gift of faith
by which you make us whole.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE

HYMN 233, VERSE 1

LANCASHIRE

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR MISSION:
Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.

8:45

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*William Arthur Shirley, III
Son of Lee and Will Shirley*

11:00

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Betty Alexander Dobson
Daughter of Larkin and John Dobson

Hallie Foster Gibas
Daughter of Jana and Paul Gibas

Sadie Jean Hamilton
Daughter of Kristin and Alex Hamilton

At the 8:45 service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during The Word for Children.

At the 11:00 service, all children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary during The Word for Children. Afterwards, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship.
Pick-up Location:
Clark Building, 2nd floor

Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

BAPTISM SONG

Welcome to the Family of God

Natalie Sleeth

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:21-43

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The True Miracle

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

8:45

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

A Song of Trust

Frank Schubert

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 PRAYER

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SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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.

All communion bread and wafers are gluten free.

11:00

OFFERING

Please bring your offering forward when you receive Communion and place it in the offering baskets.

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Heavens are Telling

F. J. Haydn

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Rondo

John Bull

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown; Rev. L. Craig Foster; Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Dr. Franklin Fant; Mr. David M. Beacham, Elder

Miss Abby Edwards, Miss Sara Catharine Evans, Baptism Readers
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Young, Mr. C. Sloan Evans, Baptism Elders
Mr. M. Thomas Hyde, Acolyte

Mr. R. Holt Andrews and Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews
Chancel Choir

Ms. Mary Ada Poole, violin; Mr. Bruce Campbell, piano
Miss Olivia J. Marsh; Mrs. Penelope M. Wright
Mrs. Valerie K. MacPhail, Mr. S. Reel Robertson, Mr. Paul C. MacPhail

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ila Belle Levie Bagwell, Lula Frances Hill Levie, Dovie Powell Bagwell, Ophelia (Felie) Williams Adams, and all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers who have gone before us by Frances (Fran) Jewell Bagwell.

***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** are available from the ushers upon request.*

Hymn 846

This popular hymn encourages mankind to pursue righteousness with the guidance and strength that God provides. It is inspired by 1 Timothy 6:12 which says, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

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

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

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.

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 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

MAY 12, 2019

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, 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.

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. 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 IS MOTHER'S DAY

Today is a day when we honor mothers all around the world - mothers who nourish and nurture, who teach love by example, and who kiss away tears. We are thankful for all moms - the women who mother their own children or the children of others; for adopted moms; birth moms; grandmoms; moms-to-be; mom-in-laws; stepmoms; for the moms we had; and the moms we want to be. Happy Mother's Day!

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19

PASTOR CHRISTI'S LAST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 is Rev. Christi Brown's last Sunday. Christi will be preaching in both the MorningSong and Sanctuary services. Chapel attendees are invited to attend one of these two services. After the 11:00 Sanctuary service, please join us at a reception in the Social Hall to celebrate Christi's ministry and honor her family.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

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 Sanctuary worship service to recognize them. Additionally, there is a Baccalaureate Breakfast, with guest speaker, at 9:30am in the FLC Gym. We look forward to a morning of celebrating these seniors!

RSVP to the Breakfast by Wednesday, May 15 to Joy Jones; jjones@fpcspartanburg.org. Please include the number of guests (8 maximum, including the graduating senior), along with a baby picture and current picture of your senior.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Ecumenical Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. First Presbyterian, along with 6 other churches, will once again join together for this "Blood Sunday" event. So far this year \$1080 has been donated to First Presbyterian because of your willingness to donate blood. We are over half way to reaching the goal to fund the Tower Room door assist. Please contact Beth Cecil to schedule a time for you to donate.

*Contact Beth Cecil to schedule a time to donate:
bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org / 864-208-2136.*

CELEBRATE COLLEGE & GRAD SCHOOL GRADUATES!

We would like to be able to celebrate together as a church the hard work of all our college and graduate school graduates. Please send the names of those in your household who are graduating, as well as the college or university from which they are graduating, to Katie Resumovic in the church office by tomorrow so that they may be included in the June/July edition of First News.

*Please contact Katie Resumovic; kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org **prior to May 13** with the name of the graduate and the name of the college or university.*

HABITAT HOUSE PASTORS' CHALLENGE DAYS

As we come into the home stretch on our Habitat for Humanity home build, your pastors want to challenge you to work alongside of us to get this house finished! Look at your schedules and join us on the following days at 123 Salem Street:

- ❑ Saturday, May 18 (morning) – **Ansley** will be working on Columns/Handrails!
- ❑ Thursday, May 23 (morning) – **Tom** needs a little help with touch-up painting!

Work continues other days as well. See www.fpcspartanburg.org/habitat.

CHAMBER SINGERS SPRING CONCERT - MAY 20

The First Presbyterian Chamber Singers will present their spring concert on Monday, May 20 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Titled *A Day in the Life*, the program begins with music from first thing in the morning, charts the course of a day and concludes at night, with much of the music having a Biblical slant.

REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

On Sunday, May 26, 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.

Contact Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org/208-2132 **prior to May 20** with the name of the person, their rank, branch of service, and dates of service.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26

We will begin the Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, May 26:

8:30am Chapel Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) and Sanctuary Worship Services

11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle - Jun 9, Jun 23, Jul 14, Aug 11, & Aug 25.

*There will be **One Combined Worship Service on Sun, Sept 1** at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sun, Sept 8.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 9-13

We are still looking for a few good volunteers to help out during VBS! We'd love to have you all four days, but if you only have one or two days available, we have places for you as well. **Registration will close Friday, May 17**. However, due to an overwhelming response, our mission-oriented VBS+ for rising 5th and 6th graders has started a waiting list while we organize another set of volunteers. The VBS kick-off will be on Sunday, June 9, during a special Summer Sizzle, and then we'll meet Monday, June 10- Thursday, June 13 from 9am to noon. We hope you'll join us as we deepen our faith in God and have fun while we do it!

To volunteer, email or text Molly Jones: mollyjones01@gmail.com / 843-412-1022.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING – THURSDAY, MAY 30

Join the Young Adults for a summer kick-off fellowship event - 5:30-7:30pm at the home of Cathy and Billy Bagwell (1000 Thomas Rd). Come meet Rev. Leslie Lang, our new Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Mission, as well as connect with old and new friends! Beverages and appetizers provided. Just bring yourself!

RSVP at <http://evite.me/58kSW7Gg9n> or email llang@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR

MAY 12

Communion

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

*Traditional Worship
(8:45-Chapel)*

Sunday School (9:45am)

*Traditional Worship
(11:00am-Sanctuary)*

MAY 19

Baccalaureate Sunday

Reception for Rev. Christi O. Brown

Youth Fellowship

Moms of Teens and Tweens

MAY 20

Sanctuary Guild and

Flower Guild Meeting (11:00am)

Chamber Singers Spring Concert

MAY 26

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

MAY 27

Church Facilities Closed

MAY 30

Young Adult Gathering

JUNE 6

JOY Fellowship Tea and Scones

JUNE 9

Pentecost

Summer Sizzle: VBS Launch Party

JUNE 9-13

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 24-27, JULY 8-11, AUGUST 5-8

CAST Camp

JUNE 29-JULY 5

Youth Wyoming Mission Trip

*A complete calendar is available at
fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.*

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835

Received to date: \$883,234

Needed to date: \$1,046,712

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. Leslie A. Lang**, Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions; **Mr. J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Youth and Campus Ministries; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate; **Rev. Ansley B. Page**, Pastoral Associate; **Mr. R. Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mrs. Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Ms. Beth S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Mrs. Colleen M. Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Mrs. C. Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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