



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 19, 2019

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 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Wilbur Held

ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: I am the good shepherd and the gate for the sheep.
All: **He leads me in right paths; I will fear no evil.**
One: Jesus said: I came to give life and to give it abundantly.
All: **At the table of the Lord my cup overflows.**
One: Let us worship God together!

Psalm 23:3-5; John 10:10

† HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

† 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,

we confess that we look for the living among the dead.

You lead us toward green pastures,

but we wander in dark valleys.

You call us by name,

but we pretend not to hear.

Forgive us; give us new life!

Return us to your flock and fold

that we may have abundant life,

the life that death cannot destroy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 475

(Upon direction, please join in singing.)

NETTLETON

*O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be,
Let that grace, now, like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee,
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts of love.*

† 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

John 10:2-4, 7-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Life Abundant

Rev. Christi O. Brown

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

A PRAYER FOR AND COMMISSIONING OF GRADUATES

Leader: Lord, we come in awe of this day in celebration of our children's magnificent achievement, and with pride that we have been privileged to be participants in their dreams. As their dreams now take them to new places and happenings, take them ever more fully into your will that they may always find comfort and guidance in your presence.

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.

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

Hymnal Page 35

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

OFFERING

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

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

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 839

Tune composer
Phoebe Palmer
Knapp played a
melody to Fanny
Crosby and
asked, "What
does the melody
say to you?"
Crosby replied
that the tune
said, "Blessed
assurance, Jesus
is mine!" and
proceeded to
recite the entire
first stanza of
the now-famous
hymn.

† HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

† 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."*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Anna Laura Page

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Christi O. Brown

Dr. Thomas E. Evans; Rev. L. Craig Foster;

Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. Leslie A. Lang;

Mr. J. Robert Bannan

Miss Elizabeth S. White

Miss Camille G. Cleland, Acolyte

Mr. R. Holt Andrews and Mr. Bruce Campbell

Chancel Choir

You are invited
to stay and listen
to the Closing
Voluntary,
but you are
welcome to
leave following
the 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 Joe Griffin and our loved ones by June Griffin.*

***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.*

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 19, 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...

...BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY: We will have a special portion of the 11:00am Sanctuary worship service to recognize our seniors:

Anne Dobson Ball, Elaine Bessinger, Rex Bingham, Sumner Bishop, Joshua Blalock, Turner Burgess, Mencken Camp, Brantly Collins, Reagan Conard, William Cooper, Emily Cowan, Will Croes, Maddie Drummer, Camille Eastin, Evan Gaubert, Cooper Hannah, Thomas Hollingsworth, Emma Hull, C.J. Keisler, Wells Laney, Christopher Latham, Michael Lyon, Ben Madsen, Tom McMeekin, Mac Morehead, Ansley Nease, Drew Patterson, Benjamin Pickens, Austin Powell, Alexis Reinhardt, Elizabeth Faye Sims, Elizabeth Smith, Kyle Volk, Brice Waters, Elizabeth White, Ellen White, and Addison Yarborough.

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.

...PASTOR CHRISTI'S LAST SUNDAY: 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.

...BLOOD DRIVE: The Ecumenical Blood Drive is being held this morning. If you did not make an appointment, walk-ins are welcome. Your donation can save three lives!

...MOM TIME: Calling moms of teens, tweens, and even returning collegiates! Join Ansley Page in the Church Parlor this afternoon (5:00-7:00pm). We'll share some yummy snacks, funny stories, and summer survival tricks.

TOMORROW, MONDAY, MAY 20...

...CHAMBER SINGERS SPRING CONCERT: The First Presbyterian Chamber Singers will present their spring concert 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. The one-hour concert will be repeated at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Charleston on Saturday, May 25 at 1:00pm as part of Piccolo Spoleto.

...SANCTUARY GUILD AND FLOWER GUILD MEETING: The Sanctuary Guild and Flower Guild will meet at 11:00am in the Purnell Room. We will review our Lenten and Easter activities and make plans for summer and fall events. All are welcome!

THURSDAY - HABITAT HOUSE PASTORS' CHALLENGE!

As we come into the home stretch on our Habitat for Humanity home build, your pastors have challenged you to work alongside of us to get this house finished! We are so very thankful for all the members that have showed up and picked up a hammer or a paintbrush. This **Thursday morning, May 23 at 8:30am, join Pastor Tom at 123 Salem Street** to complete some touch-up painting!

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26...

...**REMEMBERING THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE:** 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 **by May 20** with the name of the person, their rank, branch of service, and dates of service.

...SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

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 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. 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.

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG - JUNE 2

On Sunday, June 2, 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. **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** They have requested pasta sauce, tomato soup, and macaroni and cheese.

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir begins Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day. Open to anyone high-school age and above, the Summer Choir meets at 9:45am on summer Sundays and rehearses music for that day's 10:30am Sanctuary service. Since we only practice music for that day's service, anyone can come in on any Sunday in the summer and participate. High school singers, visiting friends and relatives, college students, and adults who like to sing but aren't able to be a part of the Chancel Choir are especially welcome.

Like more info? Contact Holt Andrews; rhandrews@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR

MAY 19

Communion

Baccalaureate Sunday

MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Traditional Worship
(11:00am-Sanctuary)

Reception for Rev. Christi O. Brown

Youth Fellowship (5:00pm)

Mom Time (5:00pm)

MAY 20

Sanctuary Guild and
Flower Guild Meeting

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 - Wear Red

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

JULY 12-27

Montreat Youth Conference

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

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget: \$3,023,835

Received to date: \$870,963

Needed to date: \$1,104,863

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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