



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

JULY 14, 2019

8:30AM - CHAPEL

10:30AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ask and it will be given to you,  
**All: search and you will surely find,**  
One: Knock and the door will be opened,  
**All: for the Lord our God is faithful.**  
One: Let us worship God!

### Hymn 353

As Edward Mote was walking to work one day in 1834, the thought popped into his head to write a hymn on the "Gracious Experience of a Christian." As he walked up the road, he had the chorus, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." By the end of the day, he had the first four verses written out and safely tucked away in his pocket.

## † HYMN 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Compassionate God,  
You are more ready to hear than we are to speak.  
You are more ready to forgive than we are to confess.  
You invite us to open our hearts to you in prayer,  
but we close ourselves to you and follow other paths.  
Again and again you draw near,  
but we keep turning away.  
Our sinfulness has led to our undoing.  
Lord, teach us to pray.  
Lead us to seek you.  
In your light may we see our darkness.  
In your truth may we know our lies.  
As we admit our sins,  
help us discover your grace  
and receive your mercy,  
so that we may live the abundant life  
you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## † RESPONSE

HYMN 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Before the foundation of the world Christ forgave us and forgives us still today.  
Let us forgive as we have been forgiven and share the peace of Christ.  
Peace be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

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

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Colossians 2:6-19

### SERMON

*The Rock in the Rapids*

Rev. L. Craig Foster

#### After the Word for Children

all children will  
return to the  
pews.

Nursery is  
available for  
infants through  
age 3.

Children's  
Worship will  
resume on  
September 8, at  
the 11:00 service  
only.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Dale Wood

(10:30)

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

Dan Forrest

### † DOXOLOGY

*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!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

#### Offering

The Christian  
life is marked  
by the offering  
of one's self to  
God. In worship,  
God presents us  
with the costly  
self-offering of  
Jesus Christ, who  
has claimed us  
and set us free.  
In response to  
God's love in  
Christ we offer  
our lives, our  
gifts, our abilities,  
and our material  
goods for God's  
service.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 741

This hymn is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2.

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

† HYMN 741

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 175, VERSE 1

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Menuet Gothique*

L. Boellmann

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. L. Craig Foster  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang  
Mr. R. Holt Andrews  
Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews  
Genesis Choir  
Summer Choir

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*The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed Walpole by Betty and his children and grandchildren.*

*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.*

# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM

## CHILDREN

Birth-age 2 – Clark Building, Room 105  
Completed 3K-5K – Clark Building, Room 110  
Completed 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Clark Building, Room 201 (red door)  
Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will join the youth classes for Sunday School.

## YOUTH

(Rising 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Family Life Center

*We will have two youth Sunday School classes this summer led by Robert, our youth interns and other volunteer teachers. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the Middle School Sunday School class. Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the High Schoolers as well. In July, both groups will look at "Friendships and Peer Pressure" through the Book of Proverbs. In August, they will do a series called "Busting Myths" and, guided by the book of Ephesians, tear down myths about being a Christian.*

## ADULTS

**EXPERIENCING GOD (Room 2201)** *This Summer Series will explore the ways that we experience God.*

*July 14: Karl Rogozenski, Spartanburg Opportunity Center*

*July 21: Housing: Chris Story (City of Spartanburg), Joe White (Christmas in Action),  
Lee Close (Habitat for Humanity)*

*July 28: Foster Care: Chamlee Loscuito (Hope Center) / Jonathon Sampson (Thornwell)*

*August 4, 11, 25: Tom Evans, Experiencing the Holy*

*August 18: Experiencing God through Youth Mission*

**GOING TO THE GOOD BOOK (Room 2200)** *This summer open your Bible!*

*Led by Ansley Page, Jason Loscuito, and John Lefebvre.*

### ***Kicking it Old Testament***

*July 14, 21 & 28: Minor Prophets*

### ***James: Faithful Living***

*August 4: James 1 Faith and Wisdom*

*August 11: James 2 & 3 Faith without Works / Words Matter*

*August 18: Joint Class with Youth Mission Report*

*August 25: James 4 & 5 Patience and Faith*

**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.*

# LIFE @ FIRST

JULY 14, 2019

Complete details at [www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://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 10:00am. 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.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE!

**8:30am** Chapel Worship Service  
**9:30am** Sunday School  
**10:30am** MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) and Sanctuary Worship Services  
**11:30am** Fellowship/Summer Sizzles: July 14, August 11, and August 25.

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

## TODAY! UNDIES SUNDAE SUNDAY SUMMER SIZZLE

After the 10:30am worship services today, come to the Social Hall and cool off with Sundaes! If you brought a new pack of underwear to donate to our local missions, there are containers available in the Social Hall, as well as the Tower Room and FLC Lobby.

## SUMMER HANGOUTS WITH HOLLY

Come and spend some time with our new Children's Director, Holly Bannan. Be ready to play games in the gym/outside, share a special snack, and talk about your Summer "God Sightings!" We will meet from 1:00-3:00pm on the following dates:

**July 18:** For rising Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**July 25:** For rising 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade

**August 1:** For rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Please drop your kids off and pick them back up in the gym.

## YOUNG ADULT ICE CREAM SOCIAL – SUNDAY, JULY 21

Next Sunday, July 21, all young adults are invited to Happy Hollow Park in Converse Heights (3-5pm). Ice cream provided - Bring a topping to share!

*Questions? Contact Rev. Leslie Lang; [llang@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:llang@fpcspartanburg.org).*

## HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN - WEEK OF JULY 28!

SPIHN's mission is to help temporarily homeless children and their families become self-sufficient by bringing together community resources to provide essential needs and life skills in a compassionate environment. Our next SPIHN week is **July 28 - August 4**. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction.

We are specifically in need of meals for: Mon, July 29; Tues, July 30; Thurs, Aug 1; and Friday, August 2 . . . and overnight hosts for: Monday, July 29.

*If you have any interest, please contact:*

*Meals: Katherine Burns; [marchk2b@yahoo.com](mailto:marchk2b@yahoo.com)*

*Overnight Host / General Questions: Crystal Workman; [workman06@charter.net](mailto:workman06@charter.net)*

## CALENDAR

**JULY 14**

*Traditional Worship  
(8:30am-Chapel)*

*Sunday School (9:30am)*

*MorningSong Worship  
(10:30am - Fogartie Hall)*

*Traditional Worship  
(10:30am-Sanctuary)*

*Summer Sizzle: Undies and Sundaes*

**JULY 18**

*Hangouts with Holly (rising K-2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**JULY 21-27**

*Montreat Youth Conference*

**JULY 22-25; AUGUST 5-8**

*CAST Camp*

**JULY 25**

*Hangouts with Holly (rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>)*

**JULY 28-AUGUST 4**

*SPIHN Guests*

**AUGUST 1**

*Hangouts with Holly (rising 5<sup>th</sup>)*

**AUGUST 11**

*Summer Sizzle: Dog Days of Summer*

**AUGUST 25**

*Last Day of Summer Worship Schedule*

*Summer Sizzle:*

*Wet and Wild Back-to-School Bash*

**SEPTEMBER 1**

*One Worship Service @ 10:30am*

**SEPTEMBER 8**

*Regular Sunday Morning Schedule*

**SEPTEMBER 20-22**

*Church Retreat*

**SEPTEMBER 20-25**

*Cuba Mission Trip*

**OCTOBER 27**

*Kirkin' o' the Tartans*

**NOVEMBER 3**

*Ecumenical Blood Drive*

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

## WEEKDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

The Weekday School at FPC is still looking to hire a few more teachers and substitute teachers for the 2019-2020 school year.

*Interested? Contact Kris Graham ([kgraham@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:kgraham@fpcspartanburg.org) / 864-706-0460).*

## HELP WITH OUR CHILD POVERTY INITIATIVE

The Faith Summit on Child Poverty held in April was only the beginning of a long-term initiative in Spartanburg to end child poverty. Four focus groups are in the process of forming now, so you can choose your preference: Childcare, Generational Literacy, Living Way, and Neighborhood Isolation.

*If you would like to be involved moving forward and were not able to attend the Summit or to put your name on the follow-up list, please contact Caroline Goodman ([cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:cgoodman@fpcspartanburg.org)).*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

If you are looking for a way to serve that allows you a flexible schedule, with once-a-week interaction with someone who is desperately in need of some Christian caring, this is the place for you! The new class starts Monday, August 5 at 5:30pm.

*Interested? Contact Dana Halliday; [danahalliday1@charter.net](mailto:danahalliday1@charter.net) / 864-237-0330.*

## RECOMMENDATION FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Your Congregational Nominating Committee needs the help of our members in nominating members of the church to serve as Elders and Deacons. Please return this form with your suggestion of one name. You may submit additional copies of this form with additional suggestions for Elder or Deacon. You may suggest any member of First Presbyterian Church, including yourself.

I suggest the following person(s) to serve as  Elder or  Deacon:

\_\_\_\_\_

I believe that this person(s) should be considered because:

\_\_\_\_\_

Your name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

You may submit your suggestion(s) by:

- Returning** this form to the church office.
- Mailing** this form to: Michael Pack, CNC Chair  
First Presbyterian Church, 393 E. Main St Spartanburg, SC 29302
- Emailing Michael Pack:** [mpack@dSDLegal.com](mailto:mpack@dSDLegal.com)

*Deadline for submittal is noon, Wednesday, July 31, 2019.*

## **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. Ansley B. Page**, Pastoral Associate; **Mr. R. Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Mrs. Holly M. Bannan**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Mrs. Carrie H. Coleman**, Youth Program Administrator; **Ms. Beth S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Mrs. Colleen M. Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Mrs. C. Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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