



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

JULY 29, 2018

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Michael Burkhardt

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together to *remember*,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God -
stories we have heard many times before,
and passed down from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of miracles and new life.

All: We tell these stories over and over so that we don’t forget.
We tell these stories to remember who we are - people of God.
We tell these stories so that our children and our children’s children
can also come to know and love the God we serve.
We worship together!

(Psalm 78:1-4)

† 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.

Hymn 35

The last psalm in the Bible, Psalm 150, ends with this invitation: "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." German composer Joachim Neander gave us words to do just that when he wrote his most well-known hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

† HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God,
we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.
We have complained in the face of your mercy.
We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice.
We have not done your will.
Teach us humility.
Teach us gratitude.
Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you.
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 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: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us;
let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ.
Peace be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Joel 1:2-4

At the 8:30

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

At the 10:30

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.

ANTHEM

(8:30)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Dodd Lambertson

(10:30)

The Image of God

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

What Shall We Tell the Children

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

Today we welcome Dr. J. Lewis Johnson to the pulpit. Lewis and his wife, Janet, came to First Presbyterian two years ago. Lewis has served as a minister in various places throughout the South. Afterwards, they moved to the Spartanburg area to be near their family. Lewis has been generous to share his preaching gifts with us and we are glad he is doing so again today.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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

Morning Has Broken

Lani Smith

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 462

"I Love to Tell the Story" is one of two hymn texts derived from a long poem on the life of Christ written by A. (Annabelle) Catherine Hankey in 1866. Hankey wrote the poem during a long period of convalescence following a serious illness.

† HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 541, VERSE 1

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again*

RANDOLPH

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Bristol

Healy Willan

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown

Ms. Beth Burris

Mrs. Suzanne H. McDaniel

Genesis Choir

Summer Choir

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

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the West families by Ann and Jack West.

Many thanks to Bruce Campbell, organist, and Janet Kuntz, conductor for their worship leadership while Marcia and Holt Andrews are away.

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL THROUGH AUGUST 26* AT 9:30AM

* no Sunday School on August 12

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-3K) and Preschool (3K-5K)
1st Floor Clark Bldg

Elementary (1st-4th Grades)
2nd Floor Clark Bldg

Youth (5th-12th Grades)
2nd Floor FLC

ADULTS

Summer Sunday School Combined Class
(Room 2201)

Lessons from the Old Testament
by Amy-Jill Levine, professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School

Each week we will dip into a part of the Old Testament with a video lecture, followed by a discussion led by one of our own FPCS teachers and pastors. Come whenever you're in town this summer. Dr. Levine is a superb teacher and her insights into the Old Testament are well worth hearing and discussing.

FAITH DRIVEN
(Room C210: Schedule on Classroom Door)

OPEN CLASS
(Room 2213)

PURNELL CLASS
(Purnell Room)

LIFE @ FIRST

JULY 29, 2018

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 10:00am. 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 Bldng 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 - WE CELEBRATE Ms. B!

Our Director of Children's Ministries, Beth Burris (or Ms. B, as the kids know her) is retiring. Today, we will have an opportunity to thank her and wish her well at a reception after the 10:30am worship service. Mark your calendars and make a point to be part of this special celebration.

SPIHN - JULY 29 - AUGUST 5!

Our SPIHN Guests will be here Sunday, July 29 - Sunday, August 5. Please pray for the families we are housing this week.

MOBILE MEALS FAN CLUB

Many of our Mobile Meals recipients do not have the luxury of air conditioning in their homes. To assist them, we have established the MOBILE MEALS FAN CLUB. We are asking our FPC members to take box fans, oscillating fans, or any fans, and drop them off at Vivian's desk in the volunteer office at Mobile Meals (419 E Main St, Spartanburg). These fans will be distributed to those in need by the volunteer drivers. Fans are relatively inexpensive but bring priceless relief to those without AC in their homes in the hot Southern summer.

For more information contact Jimmy Trout; 864/680-0049.

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE - AUGUST 6-17

There will be a planned power outage, this time affecting the entire side of the street that includes the Main and Clark Buildings, on August 6-17. This is to allow the replacement of some aging electrical panels that power that entire side of the street. All activities in the Main Building, Clark Building, Chapel, and Columbarium will be relocated or rescheduled during that time. During this time frame, our staff will be also be relocated. If you feel the need to meet with our staff, please make an appointment in advance.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

WORSHIP IN THE GYM

SUMMER SIZZLE "BLACKOUT BREAKFAST"

Due to the Planned Power Outage, on Sunday, August 12, Worship will be in the Gym - at 8:30am and 10:30am, with a Summer Sizzle "Blackout Breakfast" at 9:30am - Yogurt Bar, Muffins, Fruit, and Donuts in the FLC Lobby! *No Sunday School or Nursery on August 12.*

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST(S) NEEDED

If you can answer a phone, please consider becoming a Volunteer Receptionist. From time-to-time, we need someone to cover the Receptionist's desk during work hours – sometimes for a half day and sometimes for just an hour or two. The phone system is not complicated and Didi is more than happy to train you.

Interested? Contact Didi Terry; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531.

CHURCH RETREAT “FINDING REST” – SEPT 14-16

Over-committed? Over-scheduled? Over-programmed? Over-stressed? Today's world is fast-paced, crazy, and often relentless. Take a break from your weariness and find rest in Jesus among your church family in beautiful Montreat, NC. Over the weekend, we will learn about and practice the biblical concept of Sabbath, seeking that promised rest that can go with us down the mountain into our daily lives.

For more information: www.fpcspartanburg.org/retreat.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:30am Chapel Worship Service and MorningSong (Sanctuary)**
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30am Fellowship/Summer Sizzle - July 15, August 12, and August 26.

There will be One Combined Worship Service on Sunday, September 2 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The regular Sunday morning schedule will resume on Sunday, September 9.

*** Due to construction in Fogartie Hall, MorningSong will be held at 8:30am in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

MOBILE MEALS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Mobile Meals of Spartanburg is looking for volunteers to pick up and deliver meals to our homebound neighbors throughout Spartanburg County! Take up a regular route or substitute when you can.

Contact Vivian at Mobile Meals for more information; 573-7684.

WIRELESS AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian has a Wireless Network that you are welcome to use. Find the Network: “FPC–Guest”. No password required; just agree to the terms.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, July 29	Job 22, 23 / Psalm 85
Monday, July 30	Job 24-26 / Luke 21
Tuesday, July 31	Job 27, 28 / Luke 22
Wednesday, August 1	Job 29, 30 / Luke 23
Thursday, August 2	Job 31, 32 / Psalms 86, 87
Friday, August 3	Job 33, 34 / Luke 24
Saturday, August 4	Job 35, 36 / Philippians 1

CALENDAR

JULY 29

*MorningSong Worship
(8:30am - Sanctuary)*

*Traditional Worship
(8:30-Chapel & 10:30am-Sanctuary)*

Sunday School (9:30am)

Celebration of the Ministry of Ms. B

Youth Sunday Night Fellowship

JULY 29 - AUGUST 4

SPIHN Guests Onsite

AUGUST 6-9

CAST Camp

AUGUST 6-17

*Planned Power Outage;
All Buildings on Westside
of Chestnut Street*

AUGUST 12

*Worship in Gym
"Blackout Breakfast" Summer Sizzle*

AUGUST 26

Summer Sizzle: Back to School Bash

SEPTEMBER 2

*Fellowship at 10:00am
ONE Combined Worship at 10:30am
No Sunday School*

SEPTEMBER 9

*Rally Day
Return to Regular Worship Schedule*

SEPTEMBER 12

WAF Returns

SEPTEMBER 14-16

Churchwide Retreat

OCTOBER 28

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at 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**

***This week, please pray for this PC(USA) Missionary:
Doug Tilton (South Africa/Southern Africa Region).***

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2018: Bert Barre, David Berry, Jennifer Biber, Mark Cann, David Cecil, Fred Cumbo, Sally Dover, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Stan Lummus, Eric Nease, Richard Strasburger, Winnie Walsh, Tom Webster, Lewis White

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, Dawn Bingham, Leslie Calicutt, Muffet Chapman, Mary Dixon, David Ellis, Sloan Evans, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Michael Pack, Jennifer Parker, Carter Smith, Septima Smith, Pat Tatham, Mary Helen Wade

DIACONATE

Class of 2018: Katherine Burns, Harry Clayton, Molly Colbath, Mary Deller, John Donovan, Phillip Glover, Carol Gutman, Marsha Hagins, Anne Hicklin, LeAnne Holcombe, Eunice Knouse, Tommy Rudeen, Denise Stevens, John Tatham, Alan Workman

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, Hannah Lane, Cheryl Lang, Jack Mason, Beth Neidenbach, Ryan Reynolds, Frank Waters

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Communications/Operations; **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; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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