



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

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

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

Dove of Peace

Gilbert Martin

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of our failures,
All: **we stand in God’s grace.**
One: In the midst of our struggles,
All: **we boast in our hope through Christ.**
One: In the midst of our suffering,
All: **we claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.**
One: In every part of our lives,
All: **the love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.**
One: Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship!

† 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 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of infinite mercy,
when we trade your peace and calls for unity
for conflict and violence,
forgive us.

When we forsake our good character
to join those who scoff at your ways,
forgive us.

When we ignore your truth
and turn away from your wisdom,
forgive us.

Forgive us and heal us, Lord,
that we may abide in your grace
and your love forever.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE

HYMN 240, VERSE 4

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."
Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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 9, at
the 11:00 service
only.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

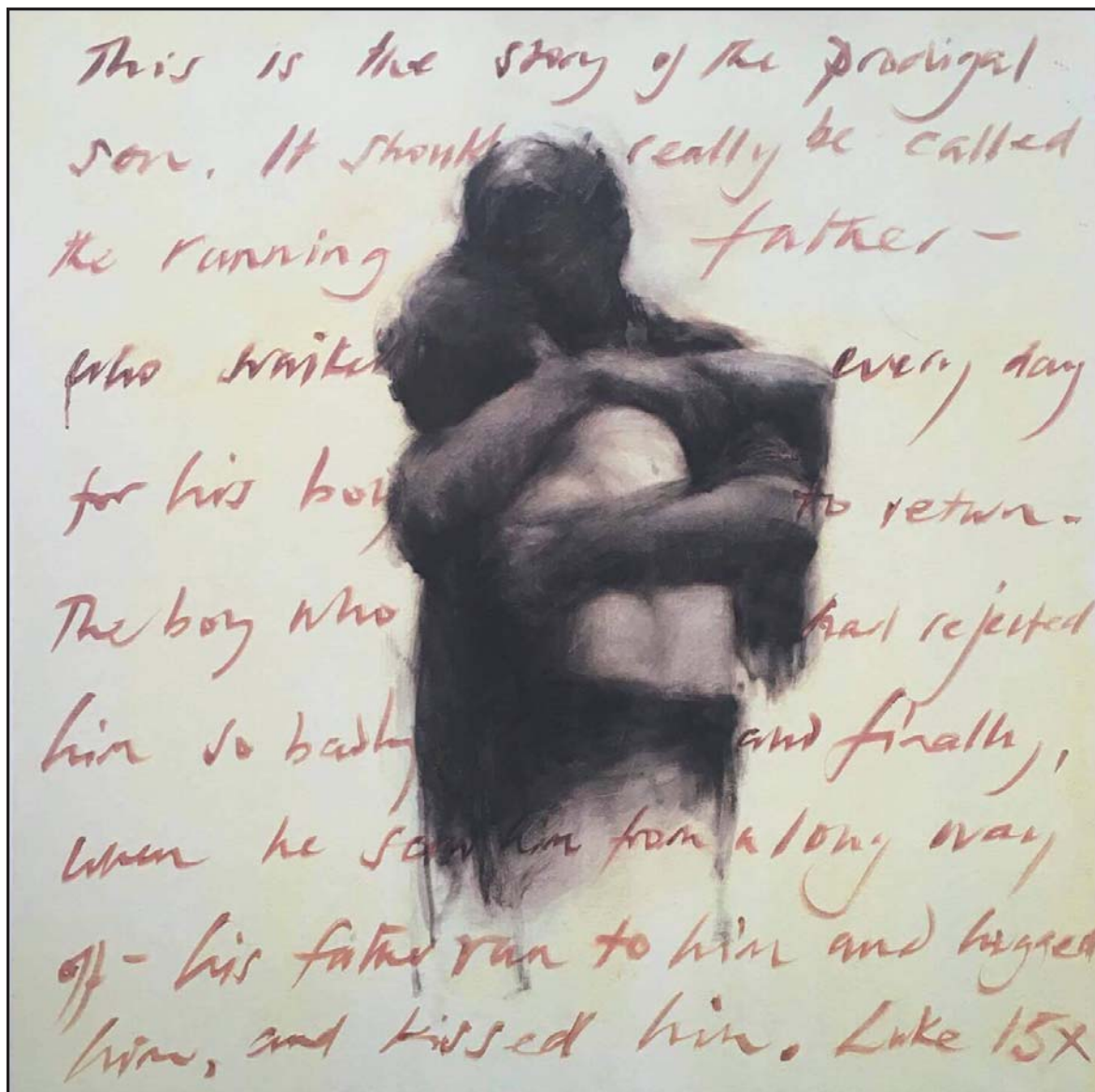
One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Finding Peace: In the Bible

Dr. Thomas E. Evans



"Prodigal Son"

Artist: Charlie Mackesy (1962-)

The story of the prodigal son is central to him: "It is subversive and flies in the face of religion, religious sensibility and moral high ground. It suggests we are loved not for what we do but because we exist. It cannot be earned; it is a gift. This is the most liberating truth in existence, that we are loved, known, forgiven and free."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Who at My Door Is Standing?

K. Lee Scott

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 607

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

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!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Bread of Life

Herring/Ward

He is Lord

Tom Fettke

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN

Be Still My Soul

arr. Kari Jobe/Jason Ingram

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God to order and provide. In every change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake. All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

In You I rest; in You I found my hope. In You I trust; You never let me go.

I place my life within Your hands alone. Be still, my soul.

Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord.

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past; all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

In You I rest; in You I found my hope. In You I trust; You never let me go.

I place my life within Your hands alone. Be still, my soul.

Be still, my soul. Be still, my soul.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

CRIMOND

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Be Still My Soul

arr. Kari Jobe/Jason Ingram

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

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Summer Choir
MorningSong Band
Anna Harkey, Violin

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hedi Bolliger and her son Chris Bolliger by Markus and Stephan Bolliger, on the happy day Hedi married Markus 58 years ago.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

(Beginning September 9)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

<u>Nursery</u> (Birth-2K) 1 st Floor Clark Building	<u>Preschool</u> (3K-5K) 1 st Floor Clark Building
<u>Elementary</u> (1 st -5 th Grade) 2 nd Floor Clark Building	<u>Youth</u> (6 th -12 th Grade) 2 nd 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)

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)

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

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 10:30am. 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.

CHESTNUT STREET PARKING SAFETY CONCERN

Please make a point to remove ALL parked cars from the Chestnut Street parking spaces before 11:45am each weekday. Parked cars in the pick-up line create a dangerous situation both for children and motorists.

TUES/THURS STUDIES RESUME SEPTEMBER 4 & 6

Nan and Tom's McDaniel's fall study will begin with a study of the book *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* by Adam Hamilton. Classes meet at Noon on Tuesdays in the Arthur Center OR Noon on Thursdays in the Library. The books are available from Shannon Stewart in the church office for \$11.

LOCAL MISSIONS LUNCH-N-LEARN – SEPTEMBER 6

On Thursday, September 6, at 12:00pm in the Large Private Dining Room, learn more about our local mission partners, as well as enjoy a delicious lunch cooked by Jane Mullins. Lunch cost is \$7. Special panel guests will be senior staff from: Hope Center for Children, Children's Advocacy Center, Angels Charge, St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic, SAFE Homes/Rape Crisis Center.

RSVP by Sept 4 for Lunch (\$7): www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/lunch-n-learn or contact Katie Resumovic; kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE - NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 9

- 8:45am Chapel Worship
- 8:45am MorningSong (Sanctuary or Fogartie Hall?? - stay tuned!)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Sanctuary Worship

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, September 9, 2018, for the purpose of receiving and acting on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee relative to the election of Ruling Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2021.

YOUTH FALL BLOCK PARTY – SEPTEMBER 9

On the evening of Rally Day (Sept 9, 5:00-7:00pm, in and around the FLC), we will kick-off the youth program for the semester with a block party! There will be party favors, a GIANT gutter sundae (it is as it sounds!), an inflatable obstacle course, a Jacob's ladder, a video game trailer, and more! This will be a HUGE outreach event! All youth are invited! So, pass the word and invite your friends!

APNC NEEDS YOUR INPUT

The APNC would like your help to find an Associate Pastor of Young Adults and Mission. Through your own connections, many of you know potential candidates. Please give one of our Committee members the name and contact information and we will follow up. APNC: Mac White, Chair, Cathy Bagwell, Andrew Darr, Kellie Foster, Laura Stille, Alan Workman, Hannah Zimmerman.

Send information to APNC Chair Mac White at MWhite@holcombebomar.com - OR contact any committee member via the [ShelbyNext Portal](#) (on the church website, click the Member Login Button and then the ShelbyNext Portal graphic).

SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg and the search team need your help to find the Director of Children's Ministries we seek! We know the very best candidates are often already linked in some way to the congregation they will serve. Please give one of our search team members the name and contact information and we will follow up! [Search Committee](#): Cesily King, Arthur Jones, Callie Hammett, Anne-Marie Glover, Tim Camp, Celia Cogdell, Craig Foster, Emily Neely.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES RESUMING

[Christians in the Making](#) resumes Wednesday, September 12 at 10am in the Library. [Tickled Pink](#) resumes Tuesday, October 2 at 9:15am in Fogartie Hall.

FIRST STEPS & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS - REGISTER TODAY

FIRST STEPS: Are you interested in learning how to sing and play with your baby? Do you long for some quality one-on-one time with your toddler? Join us for this 8-week class filled with fun and music for Newborns through Age 3. Classes begin mid-September. Space is limited to the first 10 people (per class).

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: Children's Choirs (4K-5th Grade) meet on Wednesday evenings during the school year. Choirs for younger children concentrate on providing fun and enriching musical experiences with beginning vocal training and an introduction to the music of the church. Choirs for older children continue this emphasis while adding specific musical and vocal training, hymn education, instruments, and opportunities to sing in worship. Choirs will begin September 12 - when WAF begins.

First Steps: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/first-steps-in-music-registration

Children's Choirs: www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/childrens-choir

Want more info? Marcia Andrews; mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org / 864/208-2135.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Sunday, September 2	Song of Solomon 7, 8 / Psalms 99-101
Monday, September 3	Isaiah 1, 2 / 1 Timothy 6
Tuesday, September 4	Isaiah 3-5 / 2 Timothy 1
Wednesday, September 5	Isaiah 6, 7 / 2 Timothy 2
Thursday, September 6	Isaiah 8, 9 / Psalm 102
Friday, September 7	Isaiah 10-12 / 2 Timothy 3
Saturday, September 8	Isaiah 13, 14 / 2 Timothy 4

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
ONE Combined Worship
(10:30am-Sanctuary)

No Sunday School

SEPTEMBER 3
Labor Day
All Church Facilities Closed

SEPTEMBER 4
BBC with Kirk Neely:
The Last Castle, by Denise Kiernan

SEPTEMBER 9
Rally Day
Return to Regular Worship Schedule
MorningSong Worship
(8:45am - Location TBA)
Traditional Worship
(8:45-Chapel & 11:00am-Sanctuary)
Sunday School (9:45am)
Congregational Meeting
Youth Block Party

SEPTEMBER 12
Christians in the Making Resumes
WAF Returns

SEPTEMBER 14-16
Churchwide Retreat

SEPTEMBER 16
Welcome Class Begins

SEPTEMBER 19
Evensong Worship

SEPTEMBER 27
Prayer Coffee

OCTOBER 1-5
WDS Book Fair

OCTOBER 2
Tickled Pink Resumes

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: Leslie Vogel (Guatemala).

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; **Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Director of Recreation; **Jane Mullins**, Director of Hospitality



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