



WELCOME to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Spartanburg, SC

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
8:45AM - CHAPEL
11:00AM - SANCTUARY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: I was glad when they said to me,
All: **"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

ACOLYTE (11:00)

CHORAL INTROIT

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Hubert H. Parry

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

All: **Where can we go from your presence?
Such knowledge is too wonderful for us!**

One: Creator God, you know when we sit and when we lie down.
You discern all our thoughts.

All: **Where can we flee from your Spirit?!
Your ways are beyond our understanding.**

One: You formed our inward parts and knit us together, loving God.

All: **Such love is more than we can wrap our minds around!**

In response, we will praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

One: Let us worship God!

(Based on Psalm 139)

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to "Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed."

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.

Hymn 32

In this hymn, we extol the power, wisdom, and goodness of God as seen in the created order. We recognize that it is God who has made all these beautiful wonders, and that it is He who keeps the world in order through His ever-present care.

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 (Unison)

Merciful Maker,

you have given us the amazing gift of free will and allow us to choose our path.

We are here to confess that we take this gift for granted

and that we often behave like stubborn children.

We are set in our own ways and want to have all of the control.

Forgive us, Holy God,

when we do not follow your ways and

do not choose the path that leads to life.

You created us for better use. Remake us now.

When we are distorted, re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up.

Then, by your Spirit, fire our hearts until we shine with your glory.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE

HYMN 829, VERSE 2

OLIVET

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

8:45

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace with each other. Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us share this peace with one another.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

8:45

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

COMMISSIONING OUR LEADERS IN OUR EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *I Bind unto Myself Today*

Charles Villiers Stanford

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Work in Progress

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

At the 8:45 service, all children are invited to the front of the Chapel during The Word for Children. Afterwards, they will return to the pews. Nursery is available for infants through age 3.

11:00

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SERMON

Ways We Experience God: Holy Grace

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

11:00

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† 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

(8:45)

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Jody Lindh

(11:00)

Give God the Glory

Heinrich Schutz

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.

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

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

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 307

This hymn is a prayer, in which we ask for God's wisdom and courage to face the problems of our day. We beg for God's power, confess our fear and pride, and affirm a desire to seek social justice.

† HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 463, VERSE 5

FOUNDATION

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Leslie L. Lang

Rev. L. Craig Foster; Mr. J. Robert Bannan; Mrs. Holly M. Bannan

Mr. Jack R. Foster; Mr. C. Timothy Sullivan, IV

Mr. Wade Cooper Neely, Acolyte

Mr. R. Holt Andrews, Director

Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews, Organist

Genesis Choir

Chancel 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 Mike Martinez by his family.

The Flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William (Cliff) Neal and Margaret Tucker Schoen.

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

9:45AM

CHILDREN

Birth - Kindergarten: Clark Building, 1st Floor

1st - 5th Grades: Clark Building, 2nd Floor

On Rally Day, September 8,

Grades 1-5 will first meet in the Social Hall,
before going to their classrooms.

YOUTH

(6th-12th Grades) 2nd Floor of Family Life Center

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE! Room 2210

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES Room C212

EMMAUS CLASS Room 2207

FAITH DRIVEN Room C210

LIFT (MID)LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER Room 2201

OPEN CLASS Room 2213

PURNELL FELLOWSHIP CLASS Purnell Room

WELCOME CLASS Room 2200

Begins September 15

YOUNG ADULTS Room 2216

LIFE @ FIRST

SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

THIS MORNING...

...REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE!

8:45am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie Hall)

8:45am Chapel Worship Service

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Sanctuary Worship Services

...RALLY DAY!

Children who are in pre-school (K3-K5) should be dropped off in their new classrooms on the 1st floor of the Clark Building at 9:45 and picked up in that same location at 10:45. Children in 1st through 5th grade will gather in the Social Hall at 9:45am and should be picked up in their new classrooms in the Clark building. Check your child's postcard for the location of each age and grade level. *Questions? Please contact Holly Bannan; hbannan@fpcspartanburg.org.*

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Mark your calendars for another season of great food, fellowship, and programming! See the September edition of First News for menus and programming options.

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. Meal costs are \$8 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$7 for Seniors (55 and over), \$5 for Children - limit of \$25 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required.

Children's Choirs meet at 5:00pm in the Clark Building and Choir Room.

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5th grade): 6:15pm, Activity Room.

Nursery Care (6 months to 3K): 6:15pm in the Gym Nursery.

Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship (grades 6-12): 6:15pm, Middle School Classroom.

Sit 'n Stitch: Meets in the FLC Lobby following dinner.

Wednesday Walkers: Burn off those WAF calories on the track.

Adult Programming: 6:30-7:15pm.

NEXT SUNDAY...

...WELCOME CLASS!

This Class is open to anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or members who want to learn more about the church. This class will meet on Sunday Mornings, September 15 - October 13, in Room 2200, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45am).

...CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held at the conclusion of the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, September 15, 2019, 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 2022 and Deacon to the Class of 2020 to fill an unexpired term.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CUBA MISSION TRIP

The Cuba Mission Team is in need of the following items: Feminine hygiene products, Adult vitamins, Tylenol (regular and arthritis strength), Children's vitamins (not gummy), Ibuprofen, Razors (men and women), Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Twin sheet sets (new), and Towels (new). Donations should be marked "Cuba" and dropped off in the mission closet by September 15.

ECHOES (ELDER CAREGIVERS HELPING OTHERS & ENCOURAGING SELF)

Caring for a loved one who is aging or sick is a special ministry. If you are engaged in this and would appreciate Christian encouragement, please join Rev. Ansley Page, Rev. Joanne Hull, and Parish Nurse Beth Cecil on the second Thursday of each month beginning September 12, 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Senior High Room. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy this time of devotion, prayer, and sharing. Let your church family help you in this sacred work.

Register with Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.

UPCOMING BIBLE AND BOOK STUDIES:

Mom Time: Calling all Moms of Teens and Tweens: Let's encourage each other and share some laughter on Sunday, September 8, 5-6pm. Join Ansley Page in the Church Parlor for a little refreshment for the body and soul. It's time to reset our schedules and refresh our spiritual lives. Once a month we will meet to reflect on how Christ wants more *for* you, not more *from* you. Wear comfy clothes and bring a friend!

Tuesday/Thursday Study Group: Led by Tom and Nan McDaniel, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 10, 12:00pm, Arthur Center (Tuesdays) & Church Library (Thursdays), *Peacemakers: Caring for the Planet*.

Christians in the Making: Led by Jennifer Biber and Lynn Edwards, Wednesdays beginning September 11 at 10:30am in the Church Library.

Portraits of Jesus: Beginning September 11, this class, led by Ansley Page, will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm in the Purnell Room. *Register with Ansley at apage@fpcspartanburg.org.*

Tickled Pink: Tuesdays: Sept 17-Nov 5, 9:15-10:30am in Fogartie Hall.

Invitation to John: Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:00am, in the Purnell Room, beginning September 12. An in-depth Disciple study of the Gospel of John. *Register with Ansley at apage@fpcspartanburg.org (\$15.00 study guide).*

Men's Studies: Wednesdays, 12:00pm in the Large Private Dining Room; Fridays, 6:30am in the Small Private Dining Room; Fridays, 7:00am in the Arthur Center.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP 2020

FPC Spartanburg, with the help of Solid Rock International, has made a medical commitment to the people of the DR who do not have access to regular medical services. Over more than 20 years, the medical clinic has grown to be a hospital. Our teams of doctors, dentists, nurses, and just regular people have provided medical and dental services, as well as built construction projects. Our next trip is February 1-8, 2020. Cost is \$1500.

Questions? Contact Leslie Lang; llang@fpcspartanburg.org.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 8

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

*Traditional Worship
(8:45am - Chapel)*

Sunday School (9:45am)

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

Sunday Night Youth Group

Mom Time

SEPTEMBER 10

McDaniels' Study Group

SEPTEMBER 11

Christians in the Making

WAF Resumes

Children's Choirs Begin

SEPTEMBER 12

Invitation to John

ECHOES

McDaniels' Study Group

SEPTEMBER 15

Welcome Class Begins

Congregational Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17

Tickled Pink

SEPTEMBER 19

*"Notes of Love and Wisdom" Shower
for Joanne*

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Church Retreat

SEPTEMBER 20-25

Cuba Mission Trip

FLC HOURS

Monday-Thursday:	6am-9pm
Friday:	6am-5pm
Saturday:	8am-Noon
Sunday:	Noon-4pm

FINANCIAL NEWS

2019 Operating Budget:	\$3,023,835
Received to date:	\$1,457,691
Needed to date:	\$2,035,273

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: Quarterly 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; Kairos Prison Ministry; MLK, Jr. Celebration

Education: Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); 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, 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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