



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

OCTOBER 7, 2018

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:45AM - Chapel

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

*Choral*

Joseph Jongen

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

All: **We gather with them in heart and mind.**

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

All: **As part of that body we join in its unity.**

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

All: **We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

One: Let us worship together; let us share God's bounty!

† Please rise in  
body or spirit.

The first Sunday  
in October is  
designated as World  
Communion  
Sunday, which  
celebrates  
our oneness in  
Christ with all  
our brothers and  
sisters around the  
world. Paul tells  
us that we are  
to “discern the  
body” when we  
partake of Holy  
Communion,  
mindful that  
we note our  
relationship to all  
our brothers and  
sisters in Christ in  
the celebration.

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.

The popularity of this late-18th-century hymn may be attested by the fact it appears in hymnals with as many as three different tunes: CORONATION, DIADEM and MILES' LANE. Each tune reflects a different cultural and denominational context in which this text is sung.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God,

whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ;  
we pray for the unity of your Church.

Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith,  
which are the causes of our divisions.

Deliver us from narrow-mindedness,  
from our bitterness,  
from our prejudices.

Save us from considering as normal  
that which is a scandal to the world  
and an offence to your love.

Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace  
among all those who call upon you  
and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## † RESPONSE

*Praise God the Lord who hears the captives' prayer.  
Like birds escaping from the fowler's snare  
we are set free; our praises now ascend:  
"Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend."*

TOULON

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Welcome each other.

Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come.

As Christ welcomed everyone,

no matter what their background,

no matter what their social status;

as Christ welcomed enemies and friends,

outcasts and leaders,

foreigners and neighbors,

let us open our hearts and homes and lives.

Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with the peace 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

8:45

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*The Lord's Supper is a Day at the Beach*

Mr. R. Holt Andrews

11:00

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:38-42

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 21:22-24

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*Awkward Bible Verses...An Eye for An Eye*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

(8:45)

*Acquaint Now Thyself with Him*

Raymond Haan

(11:00)

*Many Colors Paint the Rainbow*

Robert Hopp

#### † DOXOLOGY

HYMN 327, VERSE 1

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We welcome to the Chapel pulpit today, Holt Andrews, our Pastoral Musician and a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

During the Word for Children, all children are invited to come to the front. Afterwards, at the 8:45 service the children will return to their pew, and at the 11:00 service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are welcome to attend Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Clark Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

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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If you have a loaf of bread to offer, you may bring it to the table prior to the service or as you come forward to receive communion.

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

(11:00)

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Gwyneth Walker

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 837

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWALTER

### Hymn 837

This hymn is the result of an epiphany based on the text of Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (KJV).

† 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

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

Dale Wood

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## PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Mr. R. Holt Andrews, Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown, Rev. L. Craig Foster, Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Mr. John N. Mullen

Miss Sara Catharine Evans

Mr. Bert D. Barre

Miss M. Helen Colbath, Acolyte

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 Mr. and Mrs. James A. Chapman by the family.

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.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

**CHOIR CLASS (Room 2208)** *This class uses the Uniform Lesson Series to frame their study and application of Bible texts to daily living. They meet from 10:00 to 10:30am to accommodate choir members, but anyone can join.*

**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.*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Clark Building. Room numbers in the 2000's are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Building. The Purnell Room is on the first floor of the main building.

# LIFE @ FIRST

OCTOBER 7, 2018

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 10:30am. 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.

## TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION: BREAD OFFERING

Today is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. This year, celebrate World Communion Sunday by bringing bread to the communion table. **You may bring your loaf to the table prior to the service or as you come forward to receive communion.** Following the service, we will share the bread with those in need in our community.

## TICKLED PINK

Are you looking for a little extra joy, a little more hope, or connection? Tickled Pink is a women's Bible study with optional homework and stand-alone lessons that focus on lifting spirits and looking to God for encouragement and direction. If you are a woman between the ages of 22 - 99, you are invited to join this group of faithful, fun loving women on Tuesdays (**9:15am-10:30am in Fogartie Hall**) to share coffee, explore Scripture, and connect in faith. This fall they will focus on New Testament women and their encounters with Christ. Give them a try and be prepared to be inspired.

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST - OCTOBER 10

**Dinner:** The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Breakfast for Dinner!* Meal costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. No Reservations Required, but you can **Avoid the Line, by Pre-paying Online.** We take credit/debit cards online and in the line, and also welcome cash and check.

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

**CRC (Christian Recreation for Children, 4K- 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Vaccination Clinic:** If you would like to receive your flu shot or other vaccination, contact Beth Cecil to pre-register ([bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org); 864/208-2136). Skin screenings will be available on a limited basis.

**Prayer - Finding our Way Home:** 6:30pm in the Chapel. This class, led by Dr. Kirk H. Neely, is based on the book by Richard Foster, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*.

**Weekly Sermon Study:** 6:30pm in the Parlor. Led by Tom Evans, this time frame is for those that cannot attend on Thursday mornings (**7:30-8:15am in the Church Parlor**). During this study, prayer and fellowship are shared and then you will dive into the text (based on the sermon 10 days from the study date). Together, we explore the passage and wrestle over what it means for our lives today.

## REGISTER TODAY FOR CHURCH BASKETBALL

Registration for Church Basketball is open for boys and girls in grades 1-12. Practices will begin in mid-November. Cost is \$75. Deadline is October 31.

*For more information or to sign up online, visit [fpcspartanburg.org/basketball](http://fpcspartanburg.org/basketball).*

## REGISTER NOW FOR THE DR MISSION TRIP

Please join other members and staff of the church on our annual international mission to the Dominican Republic, February 2-9, 2019. Partnering with Solid Rock International, FPC Spartanburg sends a team of doctors, dentists, nurses, and just regular people to provide medical and dental services, as well as build construction projects.

*More Info? [www.fpcspartanburg.org/serve/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/serve/a-world-in-need/dominican-republic)*

## HELP NEEDED AT SPIHN!

Our next SPIHN week is Oct 28-Nov 4. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction. If you have an interest, please contact:

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

*Evening Host: Hannah Lane; [hannahlanedc@gmail.com](mailto:hannahlanedc@gmail.com)*

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

*Overall Questions: Alan Workman; [aworkman@aromacreation.com](mailto:aworkman@aromacreation.com)*

## COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Cookies are needed for the upcoming fall Kairos Prison Ministry weekend. We need dozens of home-baked cookies for the 4-day weekend at Tyger River Prison (no powdered sugar topping or raisins please). Brownies and cookie bars are welcome as well. Please place in disposable packaging (zip lock bags or closed paper containers or sealable plastic containers). No aluminum foil. Please bring cookies to the church office before noon on Wednesday, October 31.

*For More Information: Doug Baker; 864-494-0301 / [dougbaker@bellsouth.net](mailto:dougbaker@bellsouth.net).*

## WINTER WARMTH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS

On the morning of Saturday, November 10, our congregation will distribute winter coats to children in Spartanburg County during our Winter Warmth Mission. **It takes many people** to assist with this event, and we need your help with set up, registration, fitting children with coats, managing traffic, or clean up. **Donations of** new or knitted caps, scarves, and gloves are also needed to give to the toddlers of Winter Warmth families.

*To volunteer, register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8924mwu>.*

*Donated items may be brought to the All In Mission Closet, located across from the church library.*

## 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.

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 7

*World Communion*

*Morning Song Worship  
(8:45am - Fogartie Hall)*

*Traditional Worship  
(8:45-Chapel & 11:00am-Sanctuary)*

*Sunday School (9:45am)*

*Fellowship  
(10:30am - The Perrin Room)*

### OCTOBER 24

*Kirkin' Rehearsal*

### OCTOBER 25

*Prayer Coffee*

### OCTOBER 28

*Kirkin' o' the Tartans*

### NOVEMBER 4

*All Saints' Day Observed  
Fellowship*

### NOVEMBER 10

*Winter Warmth Distribution*

### NOVEMBER 11

*Youth Sunday*

### DECEMBER 5

*White Gift Service*

### DECEMBER 16

*Moravian Love Feast*

### FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

*Women's Retreat*

*A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at [fpcspartanburg.org/calendar](http://fpcspartanburg.org/calendar).*

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## READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR

This week's readings:

Oct 7	Jeremiah 7-8 / Psalm 114-115
Oct 8	Jeremiah 9-10 / John 4
Oct 9	Jeremiah 11-12 / John 5
Oct 10	Jeremiah 13-14 / John 6
Oct 11	Jeremiah 15-16 / Psalm 116
Oct 12	Jeremiah 17-18 / John 7
Oct 13	Jeremiah 19-20 / John 8

## 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 these PC(USA) Missionaries: Rachel and Michael Weller (Ethiopia).***

## 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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