

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

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

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.**

† *Please rise in
body or spirit.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz

(11:00) ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks and praise to you, Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all,
given the name above every other name

**All: Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

One: King of righteousness, King of peace,
enthroned at the right hand of Majesty on high

**All: Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

One: Great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us;

**All: Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

One: Pioneer of our salvation,
you bring us to glory through your death and resurrection;

**All: Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

One: Every knee bows to you;
every tongue confesses, you are King of kings and Lord of Lords,
to the glory of God the Father.
Let us worship God!

The festival of
Christ the King
(or Reign of
Christ) ends
our marking of
Ordinary Time
after the Day
of Pentecost,
and moves us
to the threshold
of Advent, the
season of hope
for Christ's
coming again at
the end of time.

† HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Sovereign God,
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where you lead.
You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence, the Lamb upon the throne.
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!

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

† RESPONSE
HYMN 336, v3

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

KREMSER

Hymn 367

This hymn was written in rural England in the mid-nineteenth century, when the life of the village during the winter depended on the bounty of the autumn harvest. While the first stanza of this hymn rejoices over the harvest, the last three stanzas expound on the reminder this image gives of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds in Matthew 13. The hymn concludes with a prayer that the final harvest at His Second Coming would happen soon.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet each other as we share the peace of Christ.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

(8:45)

He Leadeth Me

arr. Dale Wood

(11:00)

Beautiful Savior

F. Melius Christiansen

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 16:3

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Wisdom for Life: A Committed Will

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Page 35

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.

At the 8:45

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

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: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

All of today's organ pieces are based on a hymn that we often associate with Thanksgiving. However, it's first two stanzas originated as a family prayer during the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). Today's settings come from composers who were each born in a different century: 1685, 1877, and 1919. Can you guess which is which?

Hymn 37

Much of the popularity of this hymn comes with its paring with the buoyant Welsh folk tune, THE ASH GROVE. The roots of this melody may be found in the eighteenth century. Hymn Author, Katherine Davis's use of the tune brought it to broader denominational prominence in the United States.

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

† DOXOLOGY

HYMN 643, V3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

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 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Christi O. Brown
Mr. Foster Neely, Acolyte
Mr. R. Holt Andrews
Chancel Choir

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Chapman, Jr. and Mr. Robert H. Chapman III by Sadie Chapman Jackson and John Chapman and their families.

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. Thank you. For the Chapel service, please ask an usher for a hearing aid device and return when you exit.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45AM

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

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 young children and seeks to learn more about the Bible and how to apply its truths within the workplace and the home.*

FELLOWSHIP CLASS (Room 2212) *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 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

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

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 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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST- NOVEMBER 29

Dinner: The dinner line is open 5:00-6:15pm. **Menu:** *Salad Bar, Fried Chicken & Gravy, Copper Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Dessert.* Dinner costs are \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children - with a limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more. ***Dinner Reservations need to be made prior to noon on Monday via our website (Grow/Registrations...).***

CRC (Christian Recreation for Children) starts at 6:15pm in the Activity Room.
Youth Coffeehouse - meets in the Middle School Class Room at 6:15pm.

Signs, Symbols, & Architecture: The Gifts of Liturgical Needlepoint at FPC, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Learn how the paraments that hang from our pulpit each week, and the other needlepoint works found in our Sanctuary, were made and how they can enhance our experience of worship together.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3

HELP RELIEVE HUNGER IN SPARTANBURG

Next Sunday, please bring canned goods and loose change to Worship to benefit Total Ministries of Spartanburg. As we celebrate Communion together, let us serve others through our gifts for hunger relief. Containers are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fogartie Hall (MorningSong). **All nonperishable food items are welcomed!** Some suggestions: Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Soup, and Family-Size Beans and Rice (not 20+lb bags).

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

On December 3, from 3:00-5:00pm, join us on the 2nd Floor of the Clark Building for this food-free event of puppets, games, singing, and crafting designed especially for children and their parents. Make a simple advent wreath or a gift to give, learn a carol to sing by heart, and hear the nativity stories which sustain us on our journey to Christmas. Come when you can, leave when you need to.

We need your toilet paper rolls (for a craft)! Bring them to Beth Burris' Office.

If she isn't there, please put them in the basket on her desk. Thank you.

Questions? Contact Beth Burris; bburris@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531.

CHAMBER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Chamber Singers Christmas concert, *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, will be held in the Chapman Center on Sunday, December 3 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds go to benefit Mobile Meals of Spartanburg.

Tickets are available in the church office, during the week.

JOY FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DEC 5

Join the JOY Fellowship on **Tuesday, December 5 at 12:00 noon** in Fogartie Hall for a delicious lunch, fellowship, and Dr. Kirk Neely's wonderful storytelling. Stay after lunch for a Christmas carol sing-along! All are welcome and invited.

RSVP by Fri, Dec 1; Joanie Shackleton; jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2132.

4TH TUESDAY SOUP KITCHEN - NOVEMBER 28

We will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal and need volunteers to help serve; please arrive 4:15-5:00. We will serve dinner at 5:15. Donations are needed:

For the meal: Turkey, Dressing, Macaroni & Cheese, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans or Peas, Rolls, and Pies for dessert.

To decorate the dining tables: Thanksgiving-themed disposable tablecloths, nice paper plates and napkins, and table decorations.

For our guests to take with them: Food: juice bottles, water bottles, granola bars, crackers; Hygiene: shampoo, soap and lotion, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, baby wipes; Clothing: all clothes, including gloves, hats, socks, shoes, coats, scarves for men, women and children! Other items: blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks, large bags to store their personal items, toilet paper, band aids, flashlights with batteries, hand warmers, *These Days*, devotionals, Bibles, etc.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE - DECEMBER 6

Please join us for our annual White Gift Service on Wednesday, December 6 in our Sanctuary at 6:30pm. The service features our children's choirs, but culminates in the giving of gifts, wrapped in white for three local missions: Mobile Meals, Hope Center for Children, and Thornwell.

Gift ideas may be found at www.fpcspartanburg.org/events/whitegifts.

REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT

On Saturday, January 27, join your sisters in Christ as we learn and discuss healing through faith. This on-site retreat will be in Fogartie Hall, 8:30am-1:30pm. The \$25 cost includes lunch. We will learn how our faith factors into our daily living, as well as how can we be open to the work of the Spirit in our lives, our homes and churches, especially during the storms of life. Our speaker, Gail Henderson-Belsito, is a writer, teacher, student, mother, wife, and fearless solo traveler. She is a second-career seminary student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. This retreat makes great Christmas gifts for the women in your life!

Register online at fpcspartanburg.org/events/retreat or with a form (church office)

Questions? Contact Crystal Workman; workman06@charter.net.

KEY-CARD ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Please bring your Sonitrol Card on Wednesday night – and other days during the work week. During WAF, the doors to the Family Life Center will be unlocked and monitored, but other outside doors will be locked. This may be a little bit of an inconvenience for all of us, until we get used to it, but if you have your Sonitrol card with you and the church is open, the doors to the Tower Room, the Chestnut Street Door, the door near the elevator/Purnell Room, and the door to the Clark Building are accessible. Also, if you have lost your card, please let us know.

To obtain a Key Card, see Didi Terry in the church office during the week.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling, with Dr. Kirk Neely, is offered by the congregation for First Presbyterian Church members. There is no fee; a contribution may be made to underwrite the ministry. Counseling is by appointment on Tuesdays.

*To make an appointment, please contact Didi Terry;
583-4531/dterry@fpcspartanburg.org.*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

MorningSong Worship (8:45&11am)

Traditional Worship (8:45&11am)

Sunday School (9:45am)

DECEMBER 3

Family Advent Celebration

Chamber Singers' Concert

DECEMBER 5

JOY Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 6

Last WAF; White Gift Service

DECEMBER 10

Christmas Oratorio

DECEMBER 15

Poinsettia Orders Due

DECEMBER 17

MorningSong Lessons and Carols

Moravian Love Feast (4&6pm)

DECEMBER 20

Service of Comfort and Light

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Services:

MorningSong Worship (11:00am)

Sanctuary Worship (11:00am)

Family Service (4:00pm)

Candlelight Services (6:30&11:00pm)

DECEMBER 27

Sanctuary Renovations Begin!

DECEMBER 31

MorningSong Worship (11am)

Chapel Worship (11am)

JANUARY 27

Women's Retreat (on-site)

A complete calendar, including Weekly Bible Studies, Committee Meetings, Recreation Classes, and AA Meetings, is available at fpcspartanburg.org/calendar.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2017 Operating Budget: \$2,828,008
Needed weekly: \$54,385
Received 11/19: \$30,512

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: Tyler and Rochelle Holm (Malawi) and for Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2017: Fran Bagwell, David Beacham, Roy Berry, Leslie Calicutt, Mark Coleman, Mary Dixon, Ken Frick, Mark Hicklin, David Ike, Kay McClure, Nan McDaniel, Kam Neely, Susan Oldham, Carter Smith, Pat Tatham

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

DIACONATE

Class of 2017: Marjorie Appiah, Randy Barre, Budge Bean, Margie Beckett, Randall Chambers, Erin Chastain, Max Hyde, Brenda James, Donna Kennedy, Andy Lancaster, Lisa Lefebvre, Melissa Morehead, Juli Robertson, Joy Shackelford, Brand Stille

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

STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **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; **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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