WELCOME!

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
MARCH 13, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:45 and 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.

Prelude
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Johann G. Walther

Acolyte (11:00)
Jaden Atkins

Introit (11:00)
There Is a Place of Quiet Rest
Cleland Boyd McAfee

† Call to Worship
(8:45) Jason Moore
(11:00) Rev. L. Craig Foster

One: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.
All: Tell of God’s saving power from day to day.
One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
All: Tremble before God, all the earth.
One: Let us worship God in joy and thanksgiving.

† Hymn 35
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Lobe Den Herren

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
What a debt we owe to you, O God.
You have given us all things in Christ
and yet we withhold from You the honor and glory that are Yours.
Instead, we pay tribute to empire,
plot to entrap the innocent,
mock Your truth with empty praise,
and put Your patience to the test.
Forgive us, O God,
and by Your grace restore in us the image of Your face.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ…

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: Listen, so that you may live: The steadfast love of the Lord never fails.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.
Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God’s redeeming grace offered to all people. The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.

† Passing of the Peace
One: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

Life of the Church
(8:45) Rev. L. Craig Foster
(11:00) Dr. Thomas E. Evans

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Word for Children
Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Ellis Louise Brierton
Daughter of Aundie Bishop and Mike Brierton

Savannah Leigh Pinilla
Daughter of Tara and Joe Pinilla

Easton Jeffery Rigsby and Greyson John Rigsby
Sons of Leah and Jeffery Rigsby

Baptism Hymn 482, v3

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God’s children; joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

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

Matthew 22:15-22 Pew Bible Page 857

Sermon
(8:45) Bearing God’s Image Rev. L. Craig Foster
(11:00) Conversations with Christ: Unmasked Dr. Thomas E. Evans

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

All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary during The Word for Children. At the 11:00 service, children 4 yrs–1st grade are welcome to attend Children’s Worship. Pick-up Location: Stepping Stones hallway, Clark Building, 2nd floor.

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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.

The Apostles’ Creed

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† Affirmation of Faith

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Prayers of the People

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(8:45) Thy Perfect Love
K. Lee Scott
Paul MacPhail

(11:00) O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

† Doxology

Hymn 694, v2

Aurelia

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

(11:00) Rev. Christi O. Brown

Hymn 707

Author, William Hiram Foulkes, graduated from the College of Emporia, Kansas, and the McCormick Theological Seminary. He served as pastor at several Presbyterian churches and as the moderator of the General Assembly (1937).

† Hymn 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

† Charge and Benediction

† Congregational Response

Hymn 748

Tallis’ Canon

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
arr. David N. Johnson
Come to Sunday School at 9:45am

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Nursery (Birth-2K)  
1st Floor Clark Building

Preschool (3K-5K)  
1st Floor Clark Building

Elementary (1st-5th Grade)  
2nd Floor Clark Building

Youth (6th-12th Grade)  
2nd 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.

Spark (Room 2216) This class is made up of young adults in their 20’s and 30’s, both single and married, with and without children, who are interested in connecting and building relationships with each other, while exploring Christianity and the Bible and their applications to life.

Spiritual Life Class (Room 2201) This class is for adults who seek to apply the Bible to life and grow spiritually.

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.
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, check the church website or see one of the Worship Greeters, holding the baskets.

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 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For pastoral needs for our youth, contact Jason Moore (804-9244).

Today
Musical
This morning, the Senior Choristers (grades 3-5) will present “The Tale of the Three Trees” on at 10:00am in the Social Hall. And on Wednesday, there will be a repeat, command performance at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Join us in support of our talented children as they present this moving Lenten story.

Youth Fundraiser
Staff vs. Youth Basketball Game today at 12:30pm in the Gym. Come cheer on our youth and church staff and help raise money for the Sr. High Bahamas Mission Trip this summer. Your $5.00 admission gets you a hot dog, chips, drink, and popcorn to enjoy during, what is sure to be, an entertaining game!

Wednesdays at First - March 16
Wednesday Night Schedule
5:00pm Dinner Serving Line Open; Children’s Choirs
   Meal Cost: $7.00 Adults/Youth (12-54); $6.00 Senior Adults (55+); $4.00 Children’s Mini Main Menu (child’s portion of the weekly menu) or Children’s Corner Café (chicken tenders, mac & cheese, and fruit); max family is $20.
   Menu: Salad Bar, Irish Stew, Irish Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Dessert

6:30pm Children’s Musical (see article above),
Spark Lenten Study Group (Men and Women), Recreation Book Study, Family Playtime, Sit ’n Stitch, Wednesday Walkers

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

RSVP for Dinner: on the church homepage, click on the My First Pres Celtic Cross Banner beside the Calendar icon, or fill out the “pink reservation card” in the Fellowship Pad, or contact Didi Terry in the church office; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531 by noon on Monday.

Next Sunday - March 20 - is Palm Sunday!
Palm Sunday Brunch
Enjoy brunch with us on Palm Sunday, after the 8:45 Worship Services, in the Social Hall! Bring your favorite breakfast food to share -- coffee cake, fruit, breakfast casserole, muffins, biscuits, etc. After a delicious brunch, head out to Montgomery Commons for the Palm Procession (there will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday).

Palm Sunday with the Episcopal Church of the Advent - 10:40am
Next Sunday we will join with the Episcopal Church of the Advent for a “Blessing of the Palms”. Come to Montgomery Commons at 10:40am for a brief service (Montgomery Commons is bordered by the Advent, the Mary Black Foundation, First Presbyterian, and the Piedmont Club).

Palm Procession
8:45 Sanctuary You will receive palms as you enter the Sanctuary. Please be seated. There will be a Palm Procession at the end of the Children’s Choir Performance.
   MorningSong You will receive palms as you enter Fogartie Hall. There will be a procession during the service.
11:00 Sanctuary After the service in Montgomery Commons (10:40am), there will be a Palm Procession, with a real donkey, up to the Sanctuary. And hold on to your palms - there will be a procession at the end of the Children’s Choir Performance.

Palm Cross Workshop This Thursday
On March 17, 9:30am-12:30pm, join the Sanctuary Guild in Fogartie Hall to make crosses out of palm fronds for each person who will worship with us on Palm Sunday. Bring your clippers or scissors. Come at your convenience and stay as long as you can. A potluck lunch will be served at 11:30am. Bring sandwiches, salads, or dessert to share - or just be our guest.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Hill; sharonhill822@att.net.
Lenten Organ Recital on Wednesday
Marcia Andrews will be in recital along with Brennan Szafron on Wednesday, March 16 at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, as part of their Lenten Music and Word series. The program begins at 12:05pm and will feature organ duets. A light lunch will be served following the concert at 12:35pm. All are welcome!

Order Easter Butterflies and Flowers!
The Deadline to Order Butterflies and/or Easter Flowers is Friday, March 18. Memorial and honored names will be listed in the Annual Butterfly / Easter Flower Booklet.

To order: Pickup an Order Form in the Church Office or order Online through MyFirstPres (click the Celtic Cross on the church’s homepage).

Women’s Basketball Fundraiser, March 20
On Sunday, March 20, there will be a Women’s Basketball Game between the Church of the Advent and First Presbyterian Church at 4:00pm at Wofford College. This will be a Fundraiser for the Missy Turner Fund (mammograms) and the Cancer Special Needs Fund in memory of Chapman McMeekin at Gibb’s Cancer Center.

Tickets can be purchased during WAF or at Launch Something (351 E Kennedy St).

4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen - Next Week
Please help us feed and clothe those in need at the 4th Tuesday soup kitchen March 22. Our meal is a Pot Luck!

Please Bring: your favorite casserole, side dish, bread, or dessert. We also need individually wrapped food items, razors, toilet paper and other toiletries and spring clothing - such as shorts and t-shirts.

For more information on how you can help with this mission, please email:
Tina Hamilton, Beth DeLaney, or Will DeLaney: 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.

Church-Wide Retreat at Montreat, April 15-17
Registration for our annual Church-wide Retreat is now open! This year’s program will be “Life Planning” led by Dr. Kirk Neely and will give all a chance to set some short- medium- and long-range plans for each of our lives. There will also be plenty of time for relaxation and recreation as we enjoy the beauty of God’s creation around Montreat. Sign up by March 15 in order to avoid late fees.

For more information or to register,

Witness Season Update
Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Witness Season "Roots of Peace" project this year. Our project is benefiting both the Haitian reforestation project and the education of 200 Syrian refugee children. Our total amount raised to date is $14,833. We still need your continued support to make this complete. If you have not donated, please send a check to FPC marked "Witness Season". We will have a follow-up presentation in June to talk with missionaries from The Outreach Foundation, who will be visiting the refugee camps this spring. We cannot wait to hear about how these funds are helping these children!

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Monday, March 14
10:30am Women’s Circles 3, 5, and 11
2:00pm Women’s Circles 2&4
6:30pm Women’s Circle 12

Tuesday, March 15
9:15am Women’s Study: Tickled Pink
12:00pm Study: The Secret Message
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Looking Forward...

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Worship led by:
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8:45 & 11:00 Sanctuary - Dr. Tom Evans
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7:30pm Communion

Good Friday, March 25
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MISSION THAT SELVES 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; 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; 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 4 missionaries - Jo Ella Holman, Cuba and Dominican Republic; 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; Philippines: Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children; Witness Season: Bread for the World

This week, please pray for the Synod of the Covenant (Michigan/Ohio) – and these partner churches and organizations in Japan:

Reformed Church of Japan, United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan), Council on Cooperative Mission, Kinjo Gakuin Junior College, Korean Christian Church in Japan, National Christian Council in Japan, Shikoku Gakuin University, Okinawa Christian Junior College, Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, and Yodogawa Christian Hospital.

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