FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, South Carolina
January 24, 2016

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
JANUARY 24, 2015
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  Allegretto from Sonata IV  
Felix Mendelssohn
ACOLYTE (11:00)  Margaret Phillips

INTROIT (11:00)  As Morning Dawns  
William Knapp

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Speak to us this day, O Lord;  
All: we are gathered to hear your Word.  
One: Empower us with your Holy Spirit  
All: to speak good news to the world.  
One: Let us worship God.

† HYMN 441  Hear the Good News of Salvation  
Hymn 441  The tune of this hymn, NETTLETON, is also the tune of the Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
God our Redeemer,
we confess that our lives do not reflect Your glory.
You offer us Your living Word, but we do not listen to Your voice.
You call us to be one in your Spirit, but foster division in Christ’s body.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Open our hearts again this day  
to the liberating truth of Your Word  
and the life-giving power of Your Spirit.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ…

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
All: Thanks be to God.
† Response to Pardon

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

† Passing of the Peace
One: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and love and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace with one another. Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

Life of the Church

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Moment for Mission: Spark Ministry (8:45) Vic Bailey / (11:00) Julie Martin

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Word for Children

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

Sermon Good News Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith (11:00) Rev. L. Craig Foster

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

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal Page 35

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.
Hymn 721
Hymn author, Monseñor Cesáreo Gabarrón, was one of the best-known composers of Spanish liturgical music following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). The hymn entreats us to follow Christ with the same obedience and commitment as Jesus’ first disciples. The refrain is a call to surrender to Jesus in response to His command to follow Him.

Offertory
Lord Jesus, I Love Thee
Holt Andrews

(8:45)

The Spirit of the Lord
Chancel Choir
Phil Stopford

(11:00)

Doxology
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

Bearing the Word to the World

† Hymn 721
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
Pescador de Hombres

(Please join in singing, upon direction)

Refrain / Estribillo

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

† Charge and Benediction

† Congregational Response
O Wal y Wal y

Eternal Father, guide our way, Eternal Light, within us shine.
Eternal Son, show us your peace, Eternal Spirit, make us Thine.

Postlude
Allegro maestoso from Sonata IV
Felix Mendelssohn
The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John-John Costanza by Mom, Dad, Travis, and Brandon.

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 and large-print Bibles are available from the ushers upon request.

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**Come to Sunday School at 9:45am**

**CHILDREN and YOUTH**

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**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.

Joining First Pres...
If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please come to the Church Library on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am. The Church Library is located on the first floor of the main building, on the hallway near the Chestnut Street Door. Ministers and members of the Session will be there to greet you. Additionally, a Welcome Class is held twice a year, which is open to all visitors interested in joining our church or to anyone wanting to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA).

For more information, please contact Rev. Joanne Hull; 208-2125/jhull@fpcspartanburg.org or Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132/jshackleton@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 and your call will be returned as soon as possible. For pastoral needs for our youth, contact Jason Moore (804-9244).

Enjoy faith, food, and fellowship with your family and friends at W.A.F. Make your dinner reservations by noon on Mondays.

Meal Cost: $7.00 Adults and Youth (12-54); $6.00 Senior Adults (55+); $4.00 Children's Mini Main Menu (child's portion of the weekly menu); $4.00 Children's Corner Café (chicken tenders, mac & cheese, and fruit); maximum family charge is $20.

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Wednesday Night Schedule
5:00pm Dinner Serving Line Open
5:15pm Family Worship
6:15pm Christian Recreation for Children
6:30pm Opportunities:
Flower Arranging Class - Class #2
This hands-on three-session class will cover basic design techniques for 2-3 different floral arrangements. Sign-up by calling Didi Terry at the church office. Questions? Please contact Jan Williams, 415-4436.

What to Do When There is Nothing Else to Do
This 3-week series, by The Health Committee, will discuss end of life physical, emotional, and spiritual issues. Week 2: Dr. Steven Corso will reflect on end of life and the importance of spirituality

Youth Bible Study, Spark Women's Small Group, Family Playtime, Sit 'n Stitch, Wednesday Walkers
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen - Donations Needed!
As an expansion of our Homeless Feeding Program, the Fourth Tuesday Soup Kitchen will serve a meal this Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30pm in the Arthur Center. They have volunteers to serve, but need donations towards the meal and for the cold:
For the Meal: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rice, Gravy, Cornbread, Rolls, Dessert, Tea.
For the Cold: Hoodies, Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Gloves & Hand Warmers, Scarves & Toboggans, Individually-wrapped Food Items, Book Bags, Razors, and Toilet Paper.
Call Tina Hamilton (908-8753) or email: 4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com.

Help Needed at SPIHN Next Week
Our next SPIHN week is Jan 31-Feb 7. These families need assistance by providing meals, supplies, and positive interaction. If you have an interest, please contact:
Meals: Katherine Burns (burnskath@hotmail.com)
Overall Questions: Alan Workman (aworkman@gracemg.com)
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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS...
Check out UKirk, our college ministry! We meet every Tuesday night, 5:30-7:00pm, at Second Presbyterian Church, 438 N Church St (across from Wofford).

For more information, please contact Penny Wright; pwright@fpcspartanburg.org. or check online www.spartanburgukirk.org and on Facebook: Spartanburg UKirk.

WIRELESS AVAILABLE
First Presbyterian has a Wireless Network that you are welcome to use. Find the Network: “FPC–Guest”. No password required; just agree to the terms.

PRAYER REQUEST BOXES
Confidential Prayer Boxes and Prayer Request Forms are located in the Hall outside the Tower Room (across from the Receptionist's Office) and in the Lobby of Fogartie Hall. Prayer requests submitted on this form will be seen and brought to God in prayer by our ministers. They will only be shared if permission is given.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Hours: Sun 2pm-6pm; Mon-Thurs 6am-9pm; Fri 6am-5pm; Sat 8am-12pm
Classes: Boot Camp Blitz: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7:15am, 8:15am, 9:15am, and 11:15am Express Bootcamp: Tuesday and Thursday, 12:15pm; Morning Yoga: Check web calendar; Yoga/Pilates Fusion: Thursdays, 11:15am; Zumba: Tuesday, 6:00pm; Community Open Basketball: Monday and Friday, 1-3:00pm

Need a key card? Come to the FLC desk to request your card. (one-time fee of $20/card)

For more information, contact Colleen McCullough, Director of Recreation; cmccullough@fpcspartanburg.org/208-2152.

FOR PARENTS
Nursery care is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you.

Nursing Mothers: Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15am through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers.

Rainbow worship bags are provided at the doors for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today’s scripture and message.

Games for your children are available at: www.Games.Childrensbulletins.com. Enter the secret code found printed at the bottom right of each Child's Bulletin in the Rainbow Worship Bags. This code is unique to our church and the games will reinforce today’s sermon message.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
7:30am Men's Breakfast
8:45am MorningSong Worship
8:45am Sanctuary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship
3:00pm JOY Fellowship Event
5:00pm Youth Real Life

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
9:15am Women's Study: Tickled Pink
12:00pm Study: The Secret Message
5:30pm 4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen
6:15pm Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
10:00am Study: Christians in the Making
12:00pm Men's Bible Study
5:00pm WAF (see article for details)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
12:00pm Study: The Secret Message
12:30pm Spark Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29
6:30am Men's Study Group
7:00am Men's Study Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
8:30am Women's Retreat

AA meets 3 times per week - Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7am in the FLC.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

JANUARY 31
Worship led by:
8:45 MorningSong - Dr. Tom Evans
8:45 Sanctuary - Jason Moore
11:00 Sanctuary - Dr. Tom Evans

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 6
Dominican Republic Mission Week 1

FEBRUARY 3
Healing and Wholeness Service

FEBRUARY 6-13
Dominican Republic Mission Week 2

FEBRUARY 7
Souper Bowl of Caring; UKirk Sunday

FEBRUARY 10
Ash Wednesday Worship

FEBRUARY 14
First Sunday of Lent; Communion

FEBRUARY 20
Youth Mission Fundraiser
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; 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 Tampa Bay Presbytery – and these partner churches and organization in Honduras: Presbyterian Church of Honduras and Heifer International.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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