FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spartanburg, South Carolina
March 1, 2015
Second Sunday in Lent

Rolling the Stones Away

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 1, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
8:45 and 11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude

In Green Pastures
Harold Darke

Acolyte (11:00)
Annie Colbath

† Call to Worship

One: Hear the promise of the Lord our God:
All: I will bless you and make you a blessing.
One: Hear the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ:
All: Take up your cross and follow me.
One: Let us worship God

† Hymn 393
O Day of Rest and Gladness
Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

Prayer of Confession (unison)
We confess that we have sinned,
and although we would like to deny it,
we have forsaken you.
We are horrified by the suffering we cause - to you,
ourselves, and the world you have created.
Open the gates of your forgiveness
and restore us in your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon
One: The good news of the gospel is that Christ calls us to new life.
All: In Christ we are freed to begin again, and to live in joy.
    In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

† Please rise in body or spirit.
† Response to Pardon

Hymn 802, v3

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

† Passing of the Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us now greet one another in the name of Christ.

Life of the Church

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Moment for Mission: Witness Season
Muffet Chapman and Catherine Chapman

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:26-31

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rolling the Stone Away:
Peter’s Denial

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Responding to the Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(8:45)

Even Here
Genesis Choir
Elena Roberts, solo

Mark A. Miller

(11:00)

Would I Have Answered When You Called
Chancel Choir

Roy Hopp
† Doxology

Hymn 821, v4

How Can I Keep From Singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

(11:00) Rev. L. Craig Foster

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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Sharing of the Elements

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Music

(8:45) Here, O My Lord, I See You
William M. Schoenfeld

(11:00) Ave Verum (Jesu, Word of God Incarnate)
W.A. Mozart

Prayer After Communion

Bearing the Word to the World

† Hymn 824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

† Charge and Benediction

† Congregational Response

Hymn 801, v5

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house Forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

Postlude

Fugue on the “Kyrie”
The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jacob Emmanuel Kuntz by Jeff, Janet, and John Kuntz.

A hearing loop has been installed in the Sanctuary. 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 impaired devices, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are available from the ushers upon request.

Some of our hearing impaired devices are missing. Please check your coat pockets, car consoles, bags, etc. and return any found devices to the Ushers’ Stand. Thank you!

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**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 C214)** 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 2210)** 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.

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

**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.

**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.

Interested in Joining?
A six-week Welcome Class begins March 15, 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 on dates, please contact 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, 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).

Pastoral Emergency Phone: 208-2142

Be a Worship Greeter
The Worship Greeters Committee is seeking volunteers to help greet our congregation and guests. Seven greeters are needed each Sunday.

Contact Palmer Ball; 864-591-1324 / palmer.ball@sdsgriffin.org.

Sanctuary Flowers
Dates are available for placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones.

Contact Mary Berry; 542-0796/rhbmmb@charter.net.

Life @ First
March 1, 2015
Complete details at www.fpcspartanburg.org.
Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

Welcome at First - March 4
Enjoy faith, food, and fellowship with your family and friends at Wednesdays at First. Make your dinner reservations by noon on Mondays. Dinner Cost: $6.00 Adults and Youth (12-54); $5.00 Senior Adults (55+); $3.00 Children’s Mini Main Menu (child’s portion of the weekly menu); $3.00 Children’s Corner Café (chicken tenders, mac & cheese, and apple slices); maximum family charge is $18.

March 4 Menu: Spaghetti with Marinara or Meat Sauce, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday Night Schedule
4:30-7:15pm Nursery Care
5:00-6:30pm Dinner Serving Line Open
5:00-5:35pm Joyful Sound Choir (4K)
5:00-5:45pm Children’s Choirs (5K-5th Grade)
5:10-5:35pm First Steps in Music
5:15-5:45pm Healing and Wholeness Service
6:15-7:15pm Christian Recreation for Children
6:30-7:15pm Activities:
   Prayer Series with Dr. Kirk H. Neely
   Family Playtime
   Sit ‘n Stitch
   Wednesday Walkers
6:30-7:15pm Youth Bible Study
7:00-8:30pm Spark Small Groups
7:30-9:30pm Chancel Choir

To Sign Up for WAF Dinner; from the church homepage, click “Event Registration” at the bottom; or contact Didi Terry in the church office; dterry@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531.

Healing and Wholeness Service this Wednesday
This service at 5:15pm in the Chapel provides an opportunity to pray for the healing of oneself and others, reflect on the components of healing, receive communion, and experience God’s blessing.

WAF Prayer Series with Kirk Neely
"Prayer and the Trinity: Cultivating a Deeper Life of Devotion” with Dr. Kirk H. Neely is a new Wednesdays at First series that will meet March 4, 11, and 18, 6:30-7:15pm in the Sanctuary. Help move our church forward through a life of prayer by exploring avenues of prayer that may be unfamiliar to you.

Friday: World Day of Prayer - Service and Lunch
All are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 6, 12:00-12:30pm, in the Chapel. Come pray for our church, community, nation, and the world. A light lunch will follow in the Large Private Dining Room. The cost of the lunch is $5. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 4.

RSVP by contacting Joanie Shackleton; 208-2132 / jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org.
Lenten Devotional Booklets
Devotion books are available throughout the church. You may sign up to receive these devotions by email at: http://goo.gl/HtSabl - or - by scanning this QR Code . . .

Register for the Church-wide Retreat Today!
Join your church family in the beautiful mountains of Montreat, North Carolina for a weekend of fun, relaxation, and spiritual growth - Friday, April 17-Sunday, April 19.
Register by March 16 on My First Pres; registration forms also available in the church office.

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.

Recommendation for 2015-2016
Congregational Nominating Committee
Our church's Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for a slate of seven members of the congregation-at-large to replace the elected congregational members who will rotate off the CNC Committee at the end of May 2015. The current members will endeavor to nominate a balanced and representative slate to the congregation for your approval and election.
The 2015-2016 Congregational Nominating Committee will be charged with the nomination of Church officers and, if needed, any Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.
Please return this form with your suggestions. You may submit any members of First Presbyterian Church, including yourself.
I suggest the following person to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee:
_____________________________________________________________
I believe that this person would be helpful to the important work of this committee for the following reasons:
_____________________________________________________________
Your name: __________________________________
Your telephone number: ________________________
You may submit your suggestion by:
☐ Returning this form to the church office.
☐ Mailing this form to:
  Cathy Bagwell, CNC Chair
  First Presbyterian Church, 393 E. Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29302-1917
☐ Emailing: cathybagwell@att.net

Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 1
8:00 am Genesis Choir
8:45 am MorningSong Worship (Fogartie) Sanctuary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sanctuary Worship
4:30 pm First Steps
4:30 pm Study: Theology of a Loving God
5:00 pm Youth: Real Life
5:15 pm First Steps

Monday, March 2
10:00 am Women's Bible Leaders
11:30 am Women's Ministry Council

Tuesday, March 3
9:00 am Women's Study: Tickled Pink!
10:30 am Bill's Book Club
12:00 pm Study: Encounters with Jesus
6:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Bill's Book Club

Wednesday, March 4
8:15 am Centering Prayer
10:00 am Study: Christians in the Making
5:00 pm WAF (see schedule)

Thursday, March 5
9:15 am First Steps in Music
9:15 am Women's Study: What On Earth
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 pm Study: Encounters with Jesus

Friday, March 6
6:30 am Men's Study: The General Epistles
7:00 am Men's Study: The Kings of Israel
12:00 pm World Day of Prayer Service and Lunch

Looking Forward . . .

Sunday, March 8
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Youth Sunday

Tuesday, March 17
JOY Fellowship Lunch

Friday, March 20
Deadline for Ordering Easter Lilies or Butterflies

Sunday, March 22
Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 25
Evensong

Thursday, March 26
Palm Cross Workshop

March 29
Palm Sunday
Palm Procession with the Advent Children's Choirs present “The Singing Bishop”
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; Miracle Hill Mission; The Haven; 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; Education: Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association; Arcadia Outreach Ministry; Presbytery Unified Funds; The Shepherd's Center

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
Missionaries: Support for 5 missionaries - Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Lesotho; Jo Ella Holman, Cuba and Dominican Republic; Mark Hare, Haiti; 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; Vacation Bible School; 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 Haiti Outreach Ministries.

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION
Class of 2015: Libby Adamson, Fran Bagwell, Wally Barre, Roy Berry, Mark Coleman, Jenny Dunn, Mark Hicklin, Kay McClure, Len Reed, David Tate, Donna Thornton, Joella Utley, John Verreault, Nick Wildrick, Vicki Woodward
Class of 2016: Vic Bailey, Jay Beeson, Jennifer Biber, Billy Blackford, Mark Cann, Paul Coté, Fred Cumbo, Emma Harrill, Ann Jones, Neal Karn, Janet Kuntz, Valerie MacPhail, Darwin Simpson, Penny Wright
Class of 2017: Cathy Bagwell, Colleen Ballance, De Calvert, Cecilia Cogdell, Cliff Gaubert, Brandt Goodwin, Kim Keith, Whit Kennedy, Tom King, Sanders Lee, Sylvia Spears, Monica Threatt, Linda West, Bob West, Elizabeth Young

DIACONATE
Class of 2015: Palmer Ball, Tim Camp, Cooper Cecil, Randall Chambers, Grant Close, Wade Crow, Jennifer Howe, Melissa Morehead, Karen Parrott, Ralph Polson, Jay Reagan, Juli Robertson, Brand Stille
Class of 2016: Orin Beach, Harry Clayton, Mary Deller, Phillip Glover, Ben Graves, Pamela Heath, Laura Hollar, Arthur Jones, Eunice Knouse, Alice Madsen, Kevin Marsh, John Tatham, Rob Usry
Class of 2017: Will Adair, Vic Bailey IV, Gail Ballard, Dawn Bingham, Jason Blanton, Steven Blanton, Carroll Easterling, John Faris, Rob Hammett, Harriet Ike, Robby Kocsisko, Mark Lwin, Laura Ringo, Mary Tygett, Mac White

STAFF
Rev. L. Craig Foster, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship
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Holt Andrews, Director of Music
Jason Moore, Director of Youth Ministry
Beth Cecil, Parish Nurse
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