Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to “Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed.”

Opening Music

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Moment for Mission: Youth Century Club

Children’s Time

Scripture: John 6:33

“The Lost Diamond”

Matthew 26:26-28

Dr. Kirk H. Neely

Communion

Offering

Closing Prayer

Benediction
Today’s Scripture
Matthew 26:26-28 (NRSV)

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon Notes


Participating in Today’s Service

Dr. Kirk H. Neely
Rev. Ansley B. Page
Mr. A. Mark Ashby
Mr. Landon K. Hammett
Mr. Scott A. Mitchell, II

We welcome to the pulpit today, Dr. Kirk H. Neely. Dr. Neely has served on staff at First Presbyterian as Pastoral Counselor since September 2014.
**Sunday School**

9:45-10:45am

**CHILDREN** (Birth-5th Grade): Classes in the Clark Building

**YOUTH** (6th-12th Grades): 2nd Floor of 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.

**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.

**LIFT: (Mid)Life In Fellowship Together** (Room 2212) This new class is made up of those in the center of their lives with older children in and out of the house. Each week will be a stand-alone, Bible-based study from 10-10:30. Join us to find a lift for your spirit and deepen your connection to Christ. Come early at 9:45 for delicious coffee and extra connection!

**Open Class** (Room 2213) A small-group discussion of Christian themes in literature; open to all ages and points of view. They are currently studying “Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians”.

**Purnell Class** (Purnell Room) For a hymn sing and an excellent Bible lesson, join this faithful group of men and women.
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**

Staff: Dr. Tom Evans, Senior Pastor; Rev. Craig Foster, Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications; Rev. Joanne Hull, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; Rev. Christi 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, Recreation Director; Jane Mullins, Hospitality Director

MorningSong Musicians: Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals; Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, bass; Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violinist; Jeff Key, acoustic guitar/bass; Leigha Pace, vocals.

Need to Step Out During the Service? If possible, please use the door in the back of Fogartie Hall.