

# THE FOUNTAIN



First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville

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## A Note from Our Director of Music

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“Growing through God’s word” is our theme for Lent this year. This theme began with our Christian Education program on Rally Day back in the fall. Our children have been growing through God’s word by learning the books of the Bible in Sunday School and on Wednesdays. Our Youth have been growing through Confirmation Class, Prayer Breakfast, Youth Fellowship, helping at the Soup Kitchen and leading Vespers. Our adults have Bible study, Sunday School, Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Prayer Shawl Group, FPC Book Club, Blood Drive and the Thornwell Mission Trip. Our committees, staff, office volunteers and Pastor’s Aides are always growing and working. In this new year we have been growing through God’s word with Wednesday Night Suppers, Epiphany, Installation of Officers, Baptism of the Lord, a Hymn Festival, Communion, Confirmation Class, Trent Hill Center Sunday and Youth Sunday.

God’s word can help us grow spiritually if we allow it to renew our minds and transform our lives. God still speaks today – to us and through us. God uses us to carry his message. Throughout the Bible we read about God speaking through angels, creation, signs and wonders, dreams and visions. But more personally, God often speaks to people through other people. God has used prophets, apostles, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to speak His words but he also uses people without titles to speak His truth and encouragement to others.

God’s word can transform us into who God intended us to be. It helps us follow the examples of other believers and set examples for others. God’s word works best in our lives when we are in fellowship with other Christians. We need each other.

God’s word is at work in us. When we respond in faith to God’s message to us, He is able to accomplish amazing things in and through our lives. Psalm 119 is clear about the beauty and power of God’s word. Almost every one of its 176 verses has a reference to the word of God and how it tells us what to do, cleanses us, keeps us from sin, gives us life, strengthens us, restores our hope, comforts us, helps us not to go astray, guides us, and brings us joy.

As we begin our journey through Lent, let us continue to grow together and through God’s word by reading the book of Mark as our Confirmation Class has done during their journey. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the story of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection? May we walk, read, study, listen, obey, pray, love and serve together and open ourselves to God.

In Christ,  
Ronda McElveen

## CHURCH CALENDAR AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

**Sundays Together, March 10**

- 9:45 AM Sunday Funday for Children - Fellowship Hall  
 Confirmation Class - Fellowship Hall  
 S.A.L.T. Class - GRACE RM  
 Busy Adult Class - Conference RM
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship - Fish House  
 (610 Prestwood Drive)
- 6:00 PM Annual Congregational Oyster Roast  
 - Eaddys' Home (321 Lyndale Drive)

**Monday, March 11**

- 12:00 PM Outreach Committee - Midnight Rooster
- 4:00 PM Pastor's Aides Meeting - Conference RM
- 5:30 PM ECEP Advisory Committee - RM 208
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee - Conference RM

**Tuesday, March 12**

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast - Shoney's
- 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group - McAlpine RM
- 5:15 PM Administration Committee - Conference RM
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Committee - RM 208
- 6:00 PM Mission Committee - Conference RM
- 6:30 PM Christian Education Committee - GRACE RM

**Wednesdays Together, March 13**

- 7:00 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Celebration Ringers - Bell RM
- 4:30 PM Genesis Ringers - Bell RM
- 5:00 PM Choristers (1st-5th) - GRACE RM
- 5:00 PM Christian Education (3K-5K) - RM 215
- 5:30 PM Cherubs (3K-5K) - GRACE RM
- 5:30 PM Christian Education (1st-3rd) - RM 215
- 5:30 PM Christian Education (4th-5th) - RM 219
- 6:00 PM Church Family Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir RM

**Sundays Together, March 17**

- 9:45 AM Sunday Funday for Children  
 - Fellowship Hall Classroom  
 Confirmation Class - Conference RM  
 Joint Adult Sunday School with Special Guest  
 - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - PADD Sunday
- 4:00 PM Youth Bells - Bell RM
- 4:30 PM Youth Choir - Chancel Choir RM
- 5:00 PM Chancel Ringers - Bell RM
- 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship - Fish House  
 (610 Prestwood Drive)

**Tuesday, March 19**

- 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group - McAlpine RM
- 6:30 PM Service Committee - Conference RM

**ELDER GREETER**

March: Lindsay Powell

**HEAD USHER**

March: Paula Davis

**GREETERS**

March 10: Alan Norwood

March 17: Dick Porter

**ACOLYTES**

March 10: Cameron Lowery

March 17: Segars Hall

**AUDIO/VISUAL**

March 10: Ken Hughes

March 17: John Henderson

**PRESCHOOL CHILDREN IN WORSHIP  
 (RM 207B)**

March 10: Sonja Gibson, Kevin Norwood

March 17: Katie Liddle, Youth

**ELEMENTARY CHILDREN IN WORSHIP  
 (RM 219)**

March 10: Elizabeth Johnson, Youth

March 17: Wendy Langjahr, Bobbi Nutt

**PASTOR'S AIDES**

Week of March 11: Jane Truett

Susie Beattie

Jane Wheeler

Week of March 18: Cecelia Brown

Perribeth McKorell

**PRAYER BREAKFAST COOKS**

March 13: David Segars, Dean Hall

March 20: Cathy and Jim Hines

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

March 10: Liz Johnson

March 17: Elizabeth Hall

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

March 11: Jane Wheeler, Emma Zold

March 12: Ginny Hays

March 13: Barbara Lee, Becky Vincent

March 14: Meg Clark, Ann Gettys

March 15: Betty Shepard

### JANUARY 2019 FINANCES AT A GLANCE

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Budgeted Income	53,707.21	53,707.21
Actual Income Received	52,424.42	52,424.42
Over(Under)	(1,282.79)	(1,282.79)
Budgeted Expenses	53,707.21	53,707.21
Actual Expenses	38,728.94	38,728.94
(Over)Under	14,978.27	14,978.27
NET TOTAL	13,695.48	13,695.48

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** will begin at 2 AM this Sunday, March 10. Remember to move your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL OYSTER ROAST** will be held this Sunday, March 10, 6 – 8 PM at the home of Vicki and Andy Eaddy, 321 Lyndale Drive, Hartsville. Please bring your favorite dish, appetizer or dessert and your oyster knives. For those who don't eat oysters, we'll also have shrimp and chicken. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Tuesday, March 12, at 8 AM at Shoney's Restaurant. Join us!

**WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER SUPPER:** Join us every Wednesday at 6 PM in the fellowship hall! Menu for 3/13/19: chicken bog, coleslaw, green beans, cheese biscuits and banana split cake. Chicken nuggets will be available for children. Cost: \$7 for ages 10 and up; \$3 for ages 9 and under; \$25 family max. Make your reservation online here! RSVP due to the church office by Mondays at noon.

**PADD SUNDAY is March 17:** First off; on behalf of the PADD Board, our residents, their families and our staff, I thank you all for your continued financial support of the PADD mission. On March 17 a special offering will be collected for this mission. Currently, PADD has two homes in Florence, both caring for women with intellectual disabilities. Please continue to pray for this mission. One specific need we have at this time is to locate caring individuals with a servant's heart who would be interested in joining the direct-care staff in the position of Residential Counselor. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them call me. Thank you for your love. Bob Kearns; Chair, PADD Board of Trustees.

**FPC BOOK CLUB** has chosen *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover for its March meeting. It's an unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University (amazon.com). Join us on the fourth Sunday, March 24, at 3 PM in the conference room as Dr. David Blackmon leads our discussion.

**OUR SOUP KITCHEN DATE** is Wednesday, March 27. Chef Sonja Gibson will be cooking for us. If you can lend a hand with setting up and serving, please notify the church office. Thank you!

**CONFIRMATION 2019** - Please keep our Confirmands, Teachers, Leaders, Covenant Partners and their families in your prayers: Gray Bryan - Lyne Askins; Eliza Byrd - Meg Clark; Ace Gibson - Bo Hill; Sara Preston Hall - Elizabeth Johnson; Paige Higgins - Ronda McElveen; Law Hope - Johnny Williams; Rob Johnson - Lawrence Hope; Brennen Jones - Jay Davis; Dewsy Meadows - Curtis Lee; Bennett Munson - Bert Guerry; Ann Frances Nutt - Graham Segars; Kaiti Nutt - Mary Catherine Stuckey; and, Carver Segars - Dan Miller.

*First Friday Concert Series*  
presents  
*FPC Handbell Choirs*  
*April 5, 2019 - 12-12:30 PM*  
*Sanctuary*  
*Concert is free; public is invited.*

Montreat Congregational Retreat  
In 2 weeks (March 22-24), 58 church members will travel to Montreat, NC for our annual congregational retreat. The theme for the weekend is "A Place at the Table." Rev. Dr. Chris Denny, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC, is excited to lead us in reflecting on God's welcome to the table. We will explore finding our place and inviting others to the table as well.

"Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." - Luke 24:35

We will go deeper with God through games, laughter, music, worship, movie clips, skits, Bible study, crafts, dancing, bread making, hiking, and time with family and friends. As the saying goes, "It's not so much what's on the table that matters, as who is in the chairs." Please keep our Montreat Retreat Team, children and their leaders in your prayers.



**DO YOU WANT TO HEAR** a choir of 100 children's voices singing together? Come to worship on ECEP/Children's Sunday (March 31st) and hear our own Cherubs and Choristers joined by our ECEP Children sing some of your favorites: Father, I Adore You, I've Got Peace Like a River, There's A Little Wheel, and more! Our children will be leading worship in song, scripture, and a skit! You do not want to miss this special event in the life of our church.

**TALENT SHOW:** Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes, or have a magic act? Come share your talent during the Last Wednesday Night Supper on April 10th. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or let Ronda McElveen know!

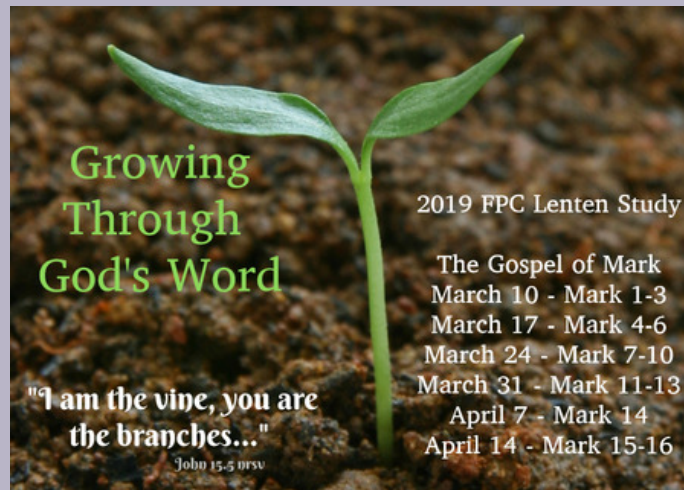
**DURING HOLY WEEK,** we will have a Service of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday. This service follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. The Latin word *Tenebrae* means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death on the cross. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. Join us for this very special service on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

**COME JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR** and sing the Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah" on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in the choir room!

**RONDA MCELVEEN, Director of Music,** asked Newsome Travel of Hartsville, SC to put together a "Scottish Dream" package for church members. You're invited! Dates are August 28 - September 4, 2019. Brochures with itineraries are available in the church narthex, via congregational email or by request at [office@firstpreshart.org](mailto:office@firstpreshart.org).

**OUR LENTEN THEME** is *Growing Through God's Word*. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." - John 15.5.

**THIS LENTEN SEASON** join us in exploring the Gospel of Mark. Spend quiet time each week reading and reflecting on the ministry of Jesus from his baptism by John the Baptist to his death, burial and the discovery of the empty tomb. Postcards with chapter references are available in the narthex.



**PLEASE WEAR** the wooden crosses (lovingly made through the years by Mac Cunningham and Dick Porter) throughout the season of Lent. If you are a new member or visitor who has not received a cross, please stop by the church office and pick up one.

**JOIN THE S.A.L.T. ADULT CLASS** on Sunday mornings now through April 14 as we participate in a DVD presentation of Adam Hamilton's Lenten study, *The Way*. In this six-week study, we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism, the temptations and moving through his ministry to the people he loved, the healing he brought, the parables he taught and the enemies he made. Join us in the GRACE Room at 9:45 AM.

**JOIN THE BUSY ADULTS CLASS** on Sunday mornings now through April 14 for a study of *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton gives us an in-depth look into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. The class meets in the church conference room beginning at 9:45 AM.

**ALL ADULTS AND YOUTH** (who aren't in Confirmation Class) are invited to a special joint Sunday School Class Sunday, March 17, at 9:45 AM in the fellowship hall. We welcome Rev. Elliot Smith, President of Thornwell, as he leads this class and our worship service at 11 AM. The Confirmation Class will meet in the Conference Room.

**THE HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES** will be held on Wednesdays of Lent and Holy Week at St. Luke United Methodist Church (302 Dunlap Drive). Services begin next Wednesday, March 13, at noon with light lunch to follow at 12:30 PM. Cost of lunch is \$5.00. There will be an offering each week for Hartsville Interfaith Ministries.

**REMEMBER** our friends and loved ones on Easter morning with a memorial or honorarium. Donors will be listed on a special insert to be placed in the church bulletin on Easter morning. Forms are available in the church narthex. Please complete the form, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and denote that it is for Easter Gifts. Deadline for donations is Monday, April 8.

**FPC Lenten and Holy Week Schedule****March 10 - First Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service 11 AM

**March 13**Community Lenten Service at and led by St. Luke United Methodist Church  
(302 Dunlap Drive)**March 17 - Second Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service 11 AM

**March 20**

Community Lenten Service at St. Luke UMC led by First Baptist Church

**March 24 - Third Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service 11 AM

**March 27**Community Lenten Service at St. Luke UMC led by Wesley and  
Centenary/Kingsville United Methodist Churches**March 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service 11 AM

**April 3**

Community Lenten Service at St. Luke UMC led by St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

**April 5**

First Friday Concert (FPC Handbell Choirs) 12 PM in Sanctuary

**April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service 11 AM

**April 10**

Community Lenten Service at St. Luke UMC led by St. Mary's Catholic Church

**April 13 - FPC Easter Egg Hunt**

3 PM Memorial Fellowship Hall

**April 14 - Palm Sunday**

Worship Service 11 AM

**April 17**

Community Holy Week Service at St. Luke UMC led by West Hartsville Baptist Church

**April 18 - Maundy Thursday**

Tenebrae Service 6:30 PM in Sanctuary

**April 19 - Good Friday****April 20 - Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil**

6 AM to midnight

**April 21 - Easter Sunday**Breakfast in the Breezeway and Flowering of the Cross 10 AM  
(fellowship hall breezeway near prayer garden)

Worship Service 11 AM

**April 22 - Easter Monday**

Church Office Closed



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## Church Family Birthdays for March

7th - Ronnie Holden, Thor Caddell

9th - Casey Copeland

10th - Patti Gruene, Lyne Askins

11th - Brittany Caddell, Josh Stuckey

12th - Miriam Powell

13th - Mary Hays, Meghan Daniel

14th - Clyde Stuckey, Alan Hubbard

15th - Kathy Moore, Alan Norwood, Ben Holden

16th - Brian Youngblood, Trey Ingalls

17th - Raymond Wilkes, Pat Youngblood, Cannon Mazell, Paiton Higgins

19th - Greg McElveen, Aarrin Shaw, Zach Fuller, Wilson Daniels

20th - Eliza Coker

21st - Calvin Stogner, Louise DeLoach, Brooks Ingalls

22nd - Steve Fagan, Jennifer Webb, Anna Timberlake

23rd - Zach Askins, Nolan Dittenhauser

24th - Vicki Arthur, Becky Vincent, Jon Byrd, Ella Gray Camak

## Please Keep In Prayer

***Our troops as they serve our country:*** Greg Jones (nephew of Anna Hill), COL Will Zemp (son of Sid Zemp), Melissa Miller (daughter of Ronnie Holden), SSGT Kevin Capazzi (son of Joann and Ted Wurzbacher), CAPT Mary Katey Hays (niece of Bob and Ginny Hays), MSGT Steven Turnbach (son-in-law of Bob and Anne Kearns), SGT Patrick Sullivan (brother of Lindsay Powell), and LTJG Kathryn Mitchell-Tyler (friend of Mellany Faes).

***Our church family and friends:*** Beau Curry (father of Annisa Sheffield), the family of Libby Bannister (friend of the congregation), the family of Libba King (mother of Lisa Fagan), Rhonda Jones (cousin of Mellany Faes), the family of Ann Dixon, the family of Don Cuppett (brother of Cathy Cuppett), Virginia Coker, Betty Denham (mother of Mary Jordan), Pam Vaughan, the family of Glenn Carpenter (father of Meredith Byrd), Sara K Wilds, Jason Payne, Olene Sheridan, Emily Zeck, David Wright, Marty Brand (friends of Mellany Faes), Mason (student of Caroline Clark), Jimmy Cannon, Dylan Adams (son of Mike Adams), Herman Casanova (friend of Nancy Bolden), Lee Benoy (father of Candace Smith), Don Dunton, Rejeana Faes (mother of Mellany Faes), Jamie Sicard (friend of Brandi and Cal Wheeler), Vanessa Carter (friend of Theresa and Jane Truett), Jeri Arledge Watkins (niece of Bobbie Kelley), Maizie Prestwich (mother of P.J. McGirt), Elza Stout (mother of Gay Blackmon), Clyde Stuckey, Ted Wurzbacher, Diane Kever (sister of Denise Kelly), Sidney Horton, James Menius, Mark Sheffield, our residents at Presbyterian Communities (Jane Dunlap, Phil and Joan Hart, Mary Jane McDonald, Olive Timberlake, Harold King - father of Lisa Fagan, Sara K. Wildeboer, June Allston); Methodist Manor (Pat and Harry Hill); Morningside (Corky Koonts, Frankie Terry - mother of Steve Terry); and Lee and Wade Hicks.