

Gather in God's Name

Please silence cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst

Childcare is available in the nursery
Large print hymnals available—see usher
***Indicates that those who are able may stand**

Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude "Song Without Words" from *Opus 62, No. 25* Felix Mendelssohn
Sarah Harkins, *Flutist*
Jonathan Wilkes, *Pianist*

Welcome Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

Leader: This is the day that God has made:
People: Today is filled with signs of God's presence;
Leader: The Spirit's breath permeates every moment;
People: God's grace fills each experience;
Leader: God's promises move within event, pulling us toward hope.
People: This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn #14** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Do we make you laugh or weep, gracious God? We sing that we are one in your Spirit, but cannot tolerate those who disagree with us. We talk of being one Body, but fight over music or Bible versions. We affirm the giftedness of each person, but we heap honor on just a special few. Forgive us, creative God, that we dismember your Body so easily. May the words of our mouths speak peace to the brokenness in our world; may the hopes of our hearts bring wonder to those in despair; and may our love embrace all who are around us, even as we have been welcomed by your grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (Moment of silent individual confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Moment Curtis Fussell

Solo "Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth
Carol Criminger, *Mezzo Soprano*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see;
Unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown, which God alone can see.

Scripture Reading Psalm 19

Sermon "Words and Meditations" Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.
Confession of 1967

***Gloria Patri** GREATORIX

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.
Hymn 581

Give Thanks To God

Celebration of Ministry and Membership

(Please sign and pass the friendship registry pad
and then return it so you can know your neighbors in God's household today.)

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 27, 2019

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

11:00 A.M.

Weekly

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship
Communion
first Sunday
of each month

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Dedicated to the Glory of God on September 13, 1885
Highlands, North Carolina

Prayers of God's People and 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.*

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "Polovetsian Melody" Alexander Borodin

***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDETH
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*
Hymn 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Go In God's Name To Serve

***Hymn #39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

Congregational Meeting

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** "The Heavens Declare" Benedetto Marcello

Participating in Today's Service:
Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

Our Greeters today are:
Kay Callaghan, Donna Philips, Dick Grier & Gerri Tulley

*The flowers are given by Karen and John Sullivan to the glory of God
and in honor of Blanche Fenner, Karen Sullivan's mother.*

WE WELCOME GUESTS who are worshipping with us today.

If you are seeking a church home and would like to follow Jesus Christ through the fellowship of this congregation, we invite you to full or affiliate membership. For more information, please speak with one of the ministers after worship, or call the church office.

Please keep in your prayers these members and friends of the congregation:

Clayton Anderson (Gail Carpenter's brother),
Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece), Steve Castellaw, Wayne Coleman,
Kathryn Dohn, Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan's mother),
Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother), Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland's sister),
Makenzie Howard (Pam & Bill Peacock's granddaughter),
Linda Lancaster, Ethan Lassiter (grandson of Marianne & E.G. Lassiter),
Elizabeth Mauldin (Bill Mauldin's daughter), Celia McCullough,
Terry McMahan, Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page),
Beth Sellers (Anne Sellers' daughter-in-law),
Veda & Jimmy Sherard, and Kay Smith.

Please keep in your prayers these members in the community and beyond:

Harriet Bauknight, Mike Bobo, Caroline Cook, Jodie Cook, Lyle Cox,
Agnes Crowe, Steve Foster, Jackson Hall, K.C. Hembree, Billie Jean Hendrix,
Jeff James, Donna Kneeland, Cherry Martin,
Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy, Melanie Nix,
Eliza Parish, Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon,
Gene Talley, Lil Waller, and Woodrow Wilson.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 27	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, Jan. 28	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —See announcement
Tuesday, Jan. 29	4:00	Book Club— <i>Lucky Dragon</i> by Viet Dinh —The Ugly Dog Public House —See announcement
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, Jan. 30	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Jan. 31	5:30	ESL/GED Dinner & Class —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall —see announcement

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30 Adult Education Class - Life & Teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
—Library—see announcement
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Jacob Plaisted, *Baritone*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of January is Gerri Tulley.
Elder for the month of February is Marc Hehn.

Special thanks to today's guest musicians:

Sarah Harkins is a graduate of California Institute of the Arts School of Music where she studied piano and flute. Her principal teacher there was Leonid Hambro, who was formerly the pianist for the New York Philharmonic for 16 years. She did her graduate work at Florida Atlantic University under Judith Burganger. She has lived in Highlands for the past 20 years teaching and performing in festivals, church functions, benefit concerts and weddings in the area. Currently, she is director of the Franklin consort and a member of Harkins and Heller.

Jonathan Wilkes is a composer who grew up in Highlands, N.C. He received his bachelor of music in Piano Performance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and holds his doctorate in theory/composition from the University of California, Davis. In addition to being a fellow at the Wellesley Composers Conference last June in Buffalo, his works have been performed by the Empyrean Ensemble, the Arianna String Quartet, the New York Music Ensemble, and Composers, Inc. Jonathan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilkes of Highlands.

Gratitude is extended to **The Matthews Music Fund** for underwriting today's guest musicians.

Men's Prayer Group—The Men's Prayer Group meets every Monday at 8:00 a.m. in the Highlander Room. Meetings begin with devotion and prayer, and are followed by breakfast at a local restaurant. All men of the church are invited to join.

The Beyond the Walls Book Club meets every Tuesday, at 4 pm, at The Ugly Dog Public House. We are currently reading *The O. Henry Prize Stories 2018*, edited by Laura Furman. Books are available at Amazon.com or in the church office for \$12.00. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

Dinner for ESL/GED classes—FPCH will be providing dinner for the students of the Literacy Council's ESL and GED classes on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in signing up on your own or with a team of volunteers to provide food and hospitality to our guests (one time or many times!), please contact Emily at the church office.

The Adult Education Class is currently studying the life and teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Using videos and a study guide, the class reflects on Bonhoeffer's efforts to advocate for the Christian faith in the early 20th Century. Bonhoeffer's life and spiritual insights still resonate today providing inspiration and challenge for living the Christian life. Please join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the church library for this engaging study.

The Food Pantry is collecting egg cartons. Please recycle your egg cartons by bringing them to the church and placing them in the labeled box located in the Ravenel Room.

The 2019 Flower Calendar is now available. To provide flowers in honor of a loved one, please fill out a flower leaflet and the flower calendar located upstairs in the main hallway. Contributions to the flower fund are always appreciated.

Mission Co-worker Visit—On Friday, February 15, our mission co-workers, Brian and Sandi Thompson-Royer, will be visiting First Presbyterian Church of Franklin to share their mission work in Guatemala. Any one interested in attending, please contact the church office for details.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting today immediately following worship for the purpose of voting on the Pastors' terms of call.

Women's Bible Study—On Wednesday, February 6 we will meet in the church library to discuss Lesson 8: "Joy Even in Suffering" from our book *Jesus Always, a Joy-filled Life*. No previous study is necessary and books are available at the study. Please bring a sandwich and something to share for lunch. All ladies of the church and friends are invited to join us.

Women's Horizon Bible Study—The Horizon Bible Study, "God with Us When We Seek God," Lessons Five and Six, will be the topic of discussion for our group on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 P.M. at the Fisher home at 351 Cheney Lane. All ladies of the church and friends are cordially invited to participate.

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