

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 "If With All Your Hearts" Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome Curtis Fussell

*Opening Litany

Leader: Let us come to God our refuge, to worship our Lord.
People: We take refuge in the house of the Lord where blessings abound.
Leader: The Lord's table is set, and all people are invited to share in God's grace.
People: All who call on God's name will be blessed and renewed.
Leader: The Almighty does not seek vengeance or rejection.
People: The Lord we worship is quick to provide steadfast love and mercy.
Based on Psalm 91

***Processional Hymn #396** HOLY MANNA
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we know we cannot make a stand based on our own merit. The truth is too obvious to us: we have gone astray. We have thought that you favor only those who are worthy. Yet, the truth is you pour out grace and acceptance on all people. Help us to put off the haughty idea that you embrace only those who we count worthy of your blessings. Lead us to practice your grace and steadfast love towards others. Open our hearts and our hands with the truth of the suffering love given in Jesus Christ. (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 Emily Wilmarth

Anthem American Folk Tune
The Gift of Love arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,

and have not love; my words are vain
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.
Based on 1 Corinthians 13

Scripture Reading Luke 4:16-30

Sermon "Jesus' Hometown Blues" Curtis Fussell

*Affirmation of Faith

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. Despite human sin, the Holy Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.
The Confession of 1967

***Gloria Patri** GREATOREX

*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.)

Prayers of God's People

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Charles H. Gabriel
Jacob Plaisted, *Baritone*

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11:00 A.M.

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

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*

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. *Refrain*

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. *Refrain*

***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**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give thanks and praise.*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer *(insert)*

David Haas

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(We serve gluten free bread & grape juice)

Ministry of the Farthest Pew

Go In God's Name To Serve

***Hymn #852** "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" I'LL FLY AWAY

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** "La Rejouissance" G.F. Handel

Participating in Today's Service:

Michael Lancaster, Director of Worship/Music
Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

Our Greeters today are:

Marc Hehn, Gerri Tulley, Brenda & Butch Woodward

Flowers for the sanctuary are presented by Don and Betty Fisher to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mattie Z. Crawford, mother of Betty and Don.

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:

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), Ashley Turner Leverett (daughter of Peggy and Scott Turner), 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, Feb. 3	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, Feb. 4	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —See announcement
Tuesday, Feb. 5	4:00	Book Club— <i>Stop 'n' Go</i> by Michael Parker and <i>Past Perfect Continuous</i> by Dounia Choukri —The Ugly Dog Public House —See announcement
Wednesday, Feb. 6	10:30	Women's Bible Study —Church Library —See announcement
	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Feb. 7	5:30	ESL/GED Dinner & Class —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall —see announcement
	7:00	Women's Horizon Bible Study —Fisher Home —See announcement

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30 Adult Education Class —Library
11:00 Morning Worship Service —Sanctuary
Ian Jeffress, *Alto Saxophonist*
Lillian Pierson, *Pianist*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of February is Marc Hehn.

Special thanks to Jacob Plaisted for singing a solo during today's service. Jacob is from Charlotte, NC, and is currently a Vocal Performance major at Western Carolina University. At WCU, he has been a member of the University Chorus, Catamount Singers and Electric Soul, Opera Scenes, Chamber Singers, Roadworks, and Early Music Ensemble. He is also a member of the Concert Choir which recently headlined a

performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City, where he was a featured soloist. Jacob has spent his last two summers singing bass with the *Junaluska Singers*. He has been a soloist in several choral masterworks, and was a winner of the 2018 Jackson County Civic Orchestra solo competition. Jacob serves as an Intern in the Chancel Choir.

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.

Women's Bible Study—On Wednesday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. 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.

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.



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